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Work Activities

Week 1 – August 1-4

- Several days in Cotonou returning Christine's parents to the airport for their return trip to the States. We had a wonderful two weeks with them and of course the boys loved having their grandparents around.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji. People weren't back from the farms yet. Visited two other villages, Gbigime and Sezanhoue talking to them about the possibility of evangelizing in their villages. I was able to witness about God's power over evil in the village of Gbigime. Both of these villages are within walking distance to Ekpoji.

Week 2 – August 5-11

- Worshipped with Ainahoue. I taught a lesson from John 14 on "Faithfulness to the Lord." We don't need to be troubled, we need to trust Jesus.
- Two days language study. Joseph and I began translating the book of James. We completed chapters 1 and 2.
- Evangelistic lesson in the village of Bokonhoue. Felicien and I taught a lesson on Noah and the flood.
- Tried to have a maturation meeting in the village of Kindji. They forgot that I was coming and therefore were still at the farm.
- Prayer Warrior correspondence.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. Meeting cancelled because of farm work. I went to the fields with one of the leaders from Ainahoue and spent time with him as we harvested his corn together.
- Picked up the Vaughns from Cotonou.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji. Meeting cancelled because of farm work. This is a tough month for meetings due to farm work. I visited the leaders (those that were home) in the villages of Sezanhoue and Gbigime and continued discussions about preaching God's Word in their village.

Week 3 – August 12-19

- Worshipped with Tcatechoue church. I taught a lesson from John 1 and 5. Jesus came in the flesh and showed us the Father. Also, I used the story in John 5 to illustrate that God wants to bless us, we need to have faith in Him and receive His blessings.
- Two days language study. Continued translating James into Aja.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. Not many showed up due to rain but we had a meeting anyway. I taught a lesson from John 5, receiving God's blessings.
- Christine tried to have her women's meeting at Kindji. Most of the women were at the farm due to the previous rain so the meeting was cancelled.
- Two meetings (men's prayer time and business) Office work, reports, etc.
- Maturation meeting in the village of Kindji cancelled due to farm work.
- Evangelistic meeting in the village of Ekpoji canceled due to a death in the village.

Week 4 – August 19-25

- Worshipped with Kindji church. I taught again from John 5, receiving God's blessings through faith.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting at Bokonohoue and a maturation meeting at Kindji. Both cancelled due to farm work. I visited with those who were there and encouraged them.
- Tried to have an evangelistic meeting in the village of Koffihoue. Someone had fallen in the fields and most of the village had accompanied them to the clinic.
- Taught a maturation lesson on "Eternal Life" to the church at Hounkemey.
- Visited Joseph Latte in prison and tried to encourage him.
- Christine taught a lesson to Christian women from Kindji and Dodohoue.
- Two meetings (business and prayer)
- Traveled to Togo for the weekend.

Week 5 – August 26-31

- Worshipped with Watchi church in Togo. I taught a lesson on being faithful to God. He loves us and will take care of us.
- Two days in Cotonou. Shopping, banking, etc.
- Koku and I rode our bikes across the river to an Aja village in Togo named Sendome. We met with village leaders discussing the possibility of teaching God's Word there. After we returned from greeting the leaders there was a crowd gathered to hear the first lesson. The village leaders asked us to wait until they confirmed the church's registration in Togo before we began teaching. I gave the crowd of people a short lesson on God's love and power and told them that we were working to set things up to begin teaching in their village.

Thank you for your encouragement and prayers for our ministry among the Aja. We love you and ask God's blessings upon you.

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