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"Serving the Church in Muslim West Africa"

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### **Please Pray**

- For the Matching Funds campaign;
- For the Lord to provide the urgent workers' support;
- For all NHMI upcoming meetings and activities;
- For the Lord to keep working in the hearts of church members in West Africa;
- For the Lord to heal the lands of Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Nigeria and their people from Ebola virus and bring peace and hope among its people;
- For the Lord to stand against the persecution of Christians in West Africa and come against the acts of Boko Haram in West Africa:
- For the church to grow strongly, even in the midst of persecution.

If you would like to contribute to any of our ministry needs, please make a check out to New Harvest Missions International or NHMI.

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In His service till He comes



# **2014 Third Quarter Newsletter**

#### Dear Friends and Supporters,



As we write this newsletter, we hope that our loving Father who cares for all has remained faithful to you in all your undertakings. We want you to join us in thanking God for what has been accomplished through our ministry in Togo since the last time we updated vou.

The period May, June July and August has been full of many ministry activities. We face huge and unprecedented challenges on the spiritual frontlines!

## Ministry in the States

Since our last newsletter I have visited various churches and attended missions' conferences to share our ministry's challenges and needs. I have continued to recruit various ministry teams for construction, mobile medical clinics, Christian entrepreneurship, church leadership development, etc. I have also been trying to raise funds for various projects we have been working on the ground, leading NHMI board meetings, and holding conference calls to follow up on day-to-day ministry activities both in U.S and West Africa. Immediately after my trips in the U.S, I traveled to West Africa with U.S church leaders and partners from Texas and Maryland for almost three weeks. It was a time of refreshment and God's presence.

## West Africa: Children Sponsorship in Action.

In early June a workshop was held at the NHMI head office in Lome, Togo. Six fieldworkers were in attendance. The workshop highlighted the need to work together effectively with churches and communities leaders as well as public school teachers. Also we discussed the tools and skills needed to be in readiness to mobilize Christian communities in taking better care of vulnerable children.

A few months ago, we sent you our children sponsorship booklet and have asked you to prayerfully consider sponsoring a child of **Bridge of Hope**. So far we have only 10 children who have found sponsors. We are still praying for sponsors for the remaining 130 children. Please be a catalyst for change in the life of a Togolese child by offering him or her the gift of sponsorship. Your gift of \$30 per month provides the child with spiritual, educational, health care, and leadership opportunities that they would otherwise not benefit from. We believe that sponsorship not only transforms the life of a child but also the families and communities and families they are a part of. Again, please prayerfully consider helping NHMI-Togo fulfill its vision of transforming lives, families and communities in Togo, West Africa.

## Commissioning of new church planters in Togo

Late June: In partnership with our sister church, the Global Evangelical Church in Ghana, a commissioning service was held on Sunday, June 22 in Accra. Six of our church planters were commissioned by the moderator of our sister denomination. We continue to pray for the Lord to bless their ministries in the next two years before their ordination.

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### **Bringing Hope through Small Businesses Initiatives**

July-early August: One key area the NHMI ministry focuses on is helping church planters and church members establish self-sustaining Kingdom-focused businesses to create platforms for the sharing of the good news of the gospel. In partnership with the Chalmers Center in Togo, NHMI has seen a tremendous positive impact upon various impoverished communities and villages where NHMI churches have been established. This was not the case three years ago. This growth shows that the wonderful work being done by the partnership of Chalmers Center, local churches and NHMI-Togo is showing its fruits as small businesses are being initiated. We are happy to report that in Togo alone, through the work of our Project Director Pastor Avivi, we now have over 70 Christian 'savings groups' in our churches. Most of the group

members are men and women, predominately young people, who are church members. These are people who before joining the saving groups had no independent financial means. Today, they are testifying about how this ministry is addressing their physical needs. Lives are being changed, communities are being transformed, more people are joining churches, and offerings and tithes are increasing in these local churches.



### Leadership Conferences in Togo

August 4-16: In Early August, NHMI had a wonderful leadership development conference opportunity. It was held in Kpalime for over 90 key national church leaders of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo. The conference highlighted the need to encourage faithful biblical shepherding by ministers in the church through spiritual formation and renewal. Dr. Steve Simmons from Tyler, Texas, and Rev. Willard Larose of Centerville, Maryland, were the keynote speakers. This was one of the few conferences in its kind in the history of a 175 year-old denomination. The participants were so grateful for the opportunity to deepen their personal relationship with the Lord and gain more knowledge with ministry skills anchored in the Scriptures.



The conference held in Kpalime was followed by another leadership seminar in Lome from August 11-16 for NHMI leaders. Dr. Steve Simmons ministered to about 60 NHMI ministry leaders in attendance. He taught the Book of Hebrews, deepening our leaders' understanding relating to ministry issues.

The highlights below are a summary of what the Lord has done with us the past three months. Thanks for your support and prayers. It surely takes your support for God to accomplish His work through us.

Date	Month	Events/Activities
May- August	May-August	Nathaniel's activities in U.S. and Africa
10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	June	Bridge of Hope workers workshop
22 <sup>nd</sup>	June	Church planters commissioned
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	July	Chalmers Center - Togo leadership training
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	August	Chalmers Center - U.S. vision trip and training
4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	August	Leadership conference for Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15	August	NHMI church leaders seminar in Togo
20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	August	Church planters and pastors retreat in Kpalime
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	August	Evangelism outreach in Annie & Nyamassila

## Appeals to help us meet our needs

You may feel God leading you to help us:



### • NHMI is looking for Christian Entrepreneurs to help in Togo West Africa for 2015

Are you looking for a place to use your skills and experience in business? NHMI is looking to engage seasoned Christian businessmen and women to utilize their spiritual gifts for Kingdom work in Togo, West Africa. You could consider taking a week-long trip to come alongside the NHMI ministry and local church in Togo:

- relational leverage within their communities.
- Serving as a teacher, mentor or business coach.
- Helping to formulate business financial planning: evaluation of funding and how to secure it
- Helping with clear direction for ministry once a business is established

• Children Sponsorship Program support

We have a booklet with children's profiles and response sheet if you decide to sponsor a child. Please let us know if you would like us to send it to you. We have 130 children awaiting sponsorship in our **Bridge of Hope** ministry area.

• Need to send support to our workers on the field in Togo

As of now we have not gathered sufficient monthly support to cover our church planters and pastors in Togo. We are currently in need of raising \$5,000 so we can meet the support of all 45 workers. Would you prayer fully consider helping?

### **Upcoming Events**

- Ebola virus preventive training seminars to church leaders in Togo
- Visiting MTW's new Coordinator in Atlanta on September 30th
- Upcoming NHMI second annual Board of Directors meeting in Florida
- West Africa Theological Institute class in October (last class for 2014)
- October-November NHMI-Togo will be interviewing candidates and recruiting new workers.
- Togo leaders' retreat at the end of November

### • Opportunity for *Matching Funds Campaign* for the year 2014 for Togo

One NHMI donor has just offered us a grant of \$25,000 to accomplish several needed ministry projects in Togo, but only if this grant is matched 1:1 by December 2014, making a total of \$50,000. This would be a real help to strengthen our work in Togo, enabling us to achieve completion of some of the critical projects we recently have established. Would you prayerfully consider if God would have you be involved? If you are not able or led to give funds, could you pray for God to raise up these funds? \$50,000 does not meet all the needs of the projects we have in Togo, but it would hugely help.

- Training of and consulting with nationals to enhance business profitability, thereby helping to gain more

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