

SENEGAL MISSION PROGRESS REPORT (JULY - DECEMBER 2010)

INTRODUCTION

We want to seize this opportunity to express our profound gratitude to the Almighty God for his providence and protection from the beginning of this year 2010 to date. We're so grateful for all that he has done for us since the beginning of the year. Everything is moving on well. Below is the report of the past year 2010.

Dakar Church of Christ

The year began well with renewed zeal and commitment on the part of everybody. Attendance has seen some improvement. We now have regular attendance varied between 80 and 90 and our highest attendance so far is 112. Our 31st night meeting was extraordinary, with singing competition between the men and the women. It was so lovely. The men did their best but the women, though few, carried the night. We pray that the 31st night enthusiasm and gaiety continue through the year 2011.

The Youth: The youth group has been reorganized and more active than before. It was lovely and encouraging. Their end of year sketch was very interesting.

Women: The women also change their regular meeting day from Thursday to Saturday. The women are still active and doing their best. They are equally preparing for a quiz competition in the Gambia come April 2011.

The challenge facing the women is how to help the needy ones among them. Some are maidservants on a very low income so they find it very difficult to meet their needs. We wish some economic activity can be organized for the needy ones. This requires some initial capital which we don't have as yet.

N'Diaganiao Church of Christ: By God's grace we have completed raising the walls of the meeting place. This was realized through the help of Bro Douglas Boateng (elder, Nsawam Road Church of Christ, Accra, Ghana). This has brought another reawakening in the entire church whereby most of those who have not been coming have all started to come to church. This confirms the assumption that most of the members stopped coming to church for they said no serious church worships in a rented room. The adults' attendance which fell below 10 has quickly risen to 20. We hope the remaining brethren will come back into the sheepfold. We continued with the building we now completed the metal work we're left with the roofing. A picture is here by attached. We need your support to complete.

Bro Douglas helped us with 5 million francs cfa, the Dakar congregation has also spent 3 million francs cfa, all totaling about \$17800. We need about \$6500 more. In fact, we didn't give the work to entrepreneur, it'll have cost us more than this. We bought the material ourselves and supervise the work being done by some of the experience brothers.

Goudeguene congregation: We have asked Bro Paul Faye to try his best and be visiting and organized the over 15 baptized in this town. They're no longer organized since Joseph has come for the training in Dakar.

Sedhiou Church of Christ: This congregation continues to grow steadily with more baptisms. We have managed to give them money to buy a plot for the construction of their meeting place. I just received the preacher from Sedhiou with me. The congregation is doing well was his remark with about 12 baptisms. The total membership of the congregations is about 85. We just want to thank God for all that he's doing for this new congregation.

About 3 young men want to come to Dakar to be trained as preachers; they need financial support for the 3 year training program. For your information I have already about 8 students waiting for the commencement of the new program come January 2012.

Elinkene Church of Christ: This congregation is also doing very well. A native of Elinkene has been baptized. This constitutes a great breakthrough for the congregation. We pray that through him a lot more shall come to know the Lord.

Zac Mboa Church of Christ. By the grace of God we started another congregation at Zac Mbao, the Healing Hands International project site. We started with 12 members on the 27th of June 2010. Attendance was 23 on the 11th of July that is about 11 visitors. We need your prayers for the new congregation. It currently meets under a rented tent on the church plot.

Our end of year Bible campaign has given 3 new members to the new congregation. In fact, we're impressed about the visitors coming into the congregation. The attendance on the last Sunday of the year 2010 was 30. The challenge facing us now is to quickly get a meeting place for the congregation. People are getting interested in the congregation we need to do everything possible to maintain the interest. For your information the Church already has a 3200 meter square plot in the zone and the government wants to see us develop the plot or else the government will take for another use.

We need a complex building on the plot to house a meeting place for the local congregation, the Bible School, a primary school from Day Nursery to stage 6 and health clinic. The estimate for the building is between \$80000 and \$100000. But this can be done in stages. The most important is to start the meeting place for the local congregation.

The Bible College: The Bible school enters its final year. By God's grace the 6 students shall graduate by November this year. Remember us in your prayers. The school needs about 5 computers to help introduction course in data processing for the students.

World Radio Program: The radio program is still in progress. The appeal for the program in one of the local languages, Wolof, Serel or Dioula cannot be over emphasized. There is a local radio station at N'Diaganiao. We have contacted them to allow us broadcast on their station. They've no objection but it's not free. We hope to receive some positive sign from our sponsors to make a definite move in that direction.

Let's Start Talking: We received three man team in May and June for only three weeks. This was woefully inadequate. The urge for the English language cannot be over emphasized.

The appeal is that the team should not remain only in Dakar. The suburb of Dakar is also requesting for the team since they can provide a suitable place of meeting outside Dakar.

Preachers: For your information all the 3 preachers being supported by Bro Ronald Haker are doing very well. Norbert is visiting with us. He will go back by on Friday. I visit Paul Faye very often since we started the metal work on the building. He is doing well together with his wife and children.

Joseph is completing this November and may go back to assist the work at N'Diaganaio and Goudeguene.

Needs:

- 1) Meeting places: We need fund to complete the roofing and furnishing at N'Diaganaio. Picture attached. About \$6000 is needed to complete the roofing, plastering and furnishing. Please help us complete this as soon as possible to create confidence and trust in the people to let accept Christ.
- 2) The Dakar congregation has helped Sedhiou congregation to get a plot of about 1600 meter square.
We now appeal to you all to help us get a building on the plot for their worship so that the enthusiasm and zeal of the members shall be encouraged and maintained. We need about \$24000 for the building, the same plan as the one for N'Diaganaio.
- 3) We need at least 3 double deck beds to house our resident students.
- 4) We need computers to train the students.
- 5) We're praying for some support to get a motor bicycle for Norbert who does a lot of movement, for his area is very vast. We equally need either a motor bike or a bicycle for Paul Faye at N'Diaganaio.

Conclusion: We're so grateful to you all, more specially to the Frederick Church of Christ and Bro Douglas Boateng for their tremendous support for the Lord's work in Senegal. We equally pray for God's bountiful blessings on Bro Terry Richard, J.P. Hulett for their generosity and Bro Ronald Hawker and his family that are supporting our 3 young preachers. We thank the Ghana Church of Christ in Maryland for their interest and support for the Senegal Mission. We need more hands on deck to carry out the Lord's Mission work in Senegal to the highest level to the glory of God. Let's keep in mind that this is a new mission field and there is therefore a lot to be done so let's all make a little more efforts in supporting the work. No one should be discouraged or give up too soon. The work has just begun. The field is ripe let's pray to the Master to send more laborers onto the harvest.

His Mission, my passion.

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