



NEWSLETTER

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West African Kingdom Expansion (W.A.K.E) Ministries

West African Kingdom Expansion Ministries was born after we returned from our summer mission's trip to Togo, Africa. W.A.K.E. Ministries is now a recognized non-profit organization in South Dakota and has received 501c3 status with the IRS so we are a tax exempt organization, meaning all donations made to W.A.K.E. Ministries are tax deductible. The goal of our ministry is to have as close to 100% of the funds as possible that we bring in go directly to the region of West Africa.

While in Togo, God really placed on our hearts the local churches as well as local pastors in that region. Matthew 28:19 says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This tells us to make disciples which takes time, making the local church and pastor a key component in spreading the gospel across the globe. We were able to meet local pastors and see firsthand the impact these people and the local church is having on the advancement of God's kingdom. We also saw firsthand the needs that the local churches have as well. These would include the need for planting more churches, the need for training more pastors, and the assistance in getting facilities for the church to meet in. These are all areas that W.A.K.E. Ministries wants to help through partnering with the local churches. We want to help preserve the indigenous church model while still being able to partner with them to assist them in the work they are doing. Some of the projects include; "Barrels of Blessing" which is a program where individuals and churches in the US help fill and send barrels full of goods to churches in West Africa, scholarship programs to help individuals receive the training they need to become pastors, church planting projects where a church in the US will partner with a church to help plant a new church in West Africa, and finally helping with church building projects where needed to meet the needs of the local church. The one thing we saw was the spread of Islam across this region and the battle is fierce for this territory. When meeting with church leaders we were told of the race to get churches planted in remote villages before Islam gains a stronghold in those same villages. If the church can get there first, the success rate is extremely high but if they don't it is a struggle to ever win those people back. Our goal is to help expand God's kingdom through the region of West Africa by helping local pastors and churches gain the resources necessary to fulfill the Great Commission.

"Barrels of Blessing"

This project is designed to help send needed supplies and materials to churches in West Africa. Individuals and churches in the US would fill 55 gallon barrels with needed items and then those barrels would be shipped to Togo or other countries in West Africa. We currently have a contact from Togo in Davenport, Iowa who can help us

ship the barrels for \$150 per barrel. If we were going to ship them from South Dakota, it would cost about \$600 per barrel. We are currently working to fill barrels and hope to ship some in the next month or so. We are currently working with the Evangelical Mission for the Restoration of the Nations churches in Togo and hope

that some of these items will also be able to be used for evangelism in villages and communities in the region of West Africa. This would help attract people from the surrounding areas and they could hear the gospel while getting some of their basic needs met at the same time.



Items Needed for Filling Barrels Heading to Togo, Africa

BASIC NEEDS

Gently Used Clothing

Gently Used Shoes

Socks

Baby Clothing & Shoes

Baby Blankets

Baby Formula & Bottles

Used Medical Glasses

Used Cell Phones

Shampoo & Soap

Paring Knives

Soap for Washing Clothes (Bar)

Dish Towels/Rags

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Notebooks

Pencils/Pens

Pencil Sharpeners

Erasers

Markers

Rulers

Pencil Bags/Pouches

Backpacks

OTHER

Soccer Balls

Hand Air Pump

Extension Cords

Old Microphones

Old Laptops for Pastors

Small Toys for children

Candy that won't melt

These items will be going to a French Speaking Country.

Kpalime Church Building Project

One thing that we saw that broke our hearts while in Togo was the church facility we worked with for four days in Kpalime. It is a basic stick and reed type structure that has no possible way to be secure. The church property sits right on the edge of the Muslim neighborhood in the city and actually sits right across from the new Koran school. The Muslim community wants to buy the property the church sits on but the church won't sell because they strongly feel God has called them to that place to be a light in that part of the city. Since the church won't sell, the Muslim people will break into the

church and steal everything inside. This has forced the church to rent a secure storage facility to store as much as they can but that also creates a lot of work transporting and setting everything up each time they want to host something at the church. They had started trying to build a church on their own out of brick but after almost 4 years they haven't accomplished much and what they did get done is starting to fall over. We would like to help this church and since our visit they have been able to hire an architect to help them engineer a plan for a new facility that will meet their needs as

well as accommodate growth. It will also help them have a secure facility that won't require moving everything before and after every event. The facility would be a really nice building with a balcony and would cost around \$28,000 to build. We are currently working to secure funds to get this project started with Phase 1 which will cost about \$7,600. We have raised a little over half of that to date and hope to have enough funds to start this project in the next month. We are trusting God to provide for this project.

See photos below.



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***"THEREFOR GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE."
MATTHEW 28:19-20***

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