



TOGO TRIP REPORT

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TRIP AIMS

1. Come to Lomé, Togo on first visit with biblical teaching on stewardship and point ministries to AfCAA (African Council for Accreditation and Accountability) standards.
2. Collaborate to spread Stations of Generosity training with the Regional Facilitator and Country Coordinator to equip and activate trainers.
3. Cultivate relationships in Togo with key people at meetings and meals and through prayer, fasting, and confession together.

TRIP VERSE *Acts 20:18, 35*

When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia... In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Act 20:18, 35

Gary Hoag (GTP President & CEO) and Samson Adoungbe (GTP Regional Facilitator for Francophone Africa) traveled to Lomé, Togo from 9-12 March 2023 with 3 aims in view (listed at left). This picture above features the 31 Christian workers who convened onsite to experience the "Stations of Generosity" training. Praise God many plan to replicate it with their networks. This report shares the fruits of this first-ever GTP trip to Togo.

AIM #1 – COME TO LOMÉ, TOGO ON FIRST VISIT WITH BIBLICAL TEACHING ON STEWARDSHIP AND POINT MINISTRIES TO AFCAA STANDARDS

We report 5 fruits. **Fruit #1 – Fire.** Gary delivered biblical teaching from the Apostle Paul on Stewardship and Standards from 1-2 Corinthians and Romans. Murielle translated. God's Word set their hearts on fire. **Fruit #2 – Foundation.** Dr. Comlan Prosper Deh (pictured at right) shared a summary of the AfCAA story and standards. The 31 participants were not aware of AfCAA or the standards and were excited to learn of them. **Fruit #3 – Fellowship.** Samson facilitated rich discussion on the AfCAA standards. Many passionately spoke about wanting to get accredited. **#4 – First fruits.** Praise God, Wisdom Media, InsectGO, Africa Translate Consulting, and Eglise de la Generation Royale want to lead the way for Togo and get AfCAA accreditation. **#5 – Follow up.** Samson will help maintain the momentum by working with these interested ministries to help one or more get accredited in the next 6-12 months.



After hosting many webinars related to AfCAA's standards, I experienced a new approach with GTP. The event welcomed a wide range of people. Most were new to AfCAA. The event combined biblical teaching and group interaction. The outcome of this approach is momentum which has been created. People expressed interest in the AfCAA standards. We need to water what has been done today so that the outcome will move from intentions to accreditations. It was a very good experience in terms of partnership with AfCAA and GTP. I thank God that it happened and GTP for coming to Togo.

*– Dr. Comlan Prosper Deh
AfCAA Regional Representative
for Francophone Africa and Former
Founding AfCAA Board Member*

AIM #2 – COLLABORATE TO SPREAD STATIONS OF GENEROSITY TRAINING WITH THE REGIONAL FACILITATOR AND COUNTRY COORDINATOR TO EQUIP AND ACTIVATE TRAINERS

We report 4 fruits. **Fruit #1 – Teamwork.** Prior to our visit, Koffi Nyamadi replicated Stations with 18 groups in Togo. On our visit, he co-facilitated with Samson, Gary, and Murielle (who translated for Gary). **Fruit #2 – Thrilled.** We welcomed 31 participants for the Stations training. Many expressed an eagerness to share it with others. **Fruit #3 – Transformation.** Many commented on our visit and this training as catalyzing mindset change and mapping a generous way forward for them. **Fruit #4 – Translation.** Everyone loved the "Palmful of Maize" video. Junias can help with French subtitles. Gary will work with him on this.



It's a privilege to work with Gary and Samson. I learned many things. They both worked tirelessly, sleeping late and waking up early, to serve us. The biblical teaching and Stations training changed the mindset of participants. They say they are on a new journey and they are committed to work hard to pursue AfCAA accreditation and to replicate the Stations training. Our country team, Gary, Samson, Murielle, Junias, and me, worked well together to impact pastors, ministry administrators, and Christian business workers! And the video of the "Palmful of Maize" inspired us to give God what we have. I am very excited to work with GTP as a Country Coordinator for Togo and ready to serve anytime! My vision is to see 5-7 ministries in Togo get accredited with AfCAA soon. And my prayer is also to see all of God's people in Togo practice biblical generosity and to hear that all the trainees replicated this training all over Togo.

*– Koffi Nyamadi
Executive Director, Wisdom Media
GTP Country Coordinator for Togo*

AIM #3 – CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS IN TOGO WITH PEOPLE AT MEETINGS AND MEALS AND THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING, AND CONFESSION TOGETHER

We report 4 fruits. **Fruit #1 – Koffi Nyamadi.** Gary met Koffi in South Africa in October 2022 (pictured at right at Gary's arrival in Lomé). Koffi grew to love GTP in Cape Town. Though familiar with Stations, on this visit he experienced our biblical teaching on Stewardship and Standards and the GTP Diagnostic Tool and Templates. Praise God, he has agreed to serve with Samson as GTP Country Coordinator for Togo. **Fruit #2 – Dr. Comlan Prosper Deh and Afiwa Allahare.** Gary has interacted with Dr. Deh for years. What a joy to connect face to face and to meet Afiwa who helped translate the GTP Templates to French (pictured below)! **Fruit #3 – Murielle Hundjo-Akakpo.** Murielle aided Gary with French translation and joined Koffi, Samson, and Ines (Samson's wife) for prayer for Togo at our opening country team dinner (pictured below). **Fruit #4 – Junias Hoglonou.** Junias runs Africa Translate Consulting. He's expressed interest in translating Gary's ECFA Press Books into French for Francophone Africa. Thank the Lord! Gary shared English copies. Samson will follow up.



I bless the Lord for GTP and for the GTP teaching which addressed some major challenges like scarcity mindset and crisis of trust within local churches. Personally, I feel more equipped to fulfill the mission of God. The training gave us a powerful reminder that we are stewards. We must carefully manage God's resources with integrity to serve the purposes of God who owns it all. I hope to replicate the training and include more youth workers to impact the grassroots level.

*– Junias Hoglonou
Manager, Africa Translate Consulting*

GTP in Togo was a great experience. It was an eye opener to generosity. We can give proportionally even when we think we cannot totally meet our needs. God is the Provider of all our needs and worrying will not change anything. I thank God GTP came to Togo.

*– Murielle Hundjo-Akakpo
Entrepreneur and Farmer
GTP French Translator for Togo*