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*As you are  
going, make  
disciples,  
baptize, and  
teach  
obedience to  
what Jesus  
taught...*

*Matt. 28:19-20*

*(condensed personal translation)*

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# Africa Update

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Greetings friends,

The Great Commissions tells us to 1) make disciples 2) baptize 3) teach. Jesus knew these three areas were critical to the stability of the Church. The need for discipleship and teaching are massive in Africa. We are working to put a foundation under the rapid church growth by 'training the trainers' so that we can multiply our efforts in discipleship and training. Related to that, two projects are very important to training in Africa:

- 1) Gabon Bible school – I have been working closely with the Gabon AG to build a Bible school in their capital city. The library and classroom blocks are up; and foundations for the cafeteria and administration buildings are in. Thanks so very much to those who have helped to get us to this point. We still need funds to complete this first phase.
- 2) PATHS campus – PATHS is fulfilling the Great Commission by providing the 'trainers of the trainers.' Our students are Bible school teachers and leaders. This strategic ministry builds capacity in others to do the work (teach fishing rather than giving fish). PATHS meets twice a year... two months at WAAST in Togo, and two months at EAST in Kenya. At our main campus in Togo, WAAST is building a 4-story building. We are raising funds for the construction of a 2nd floor in this building for PATHS to occupy. It will consist of 3 classrooms, a cafeteria, dining hall/chapel, and office space. This construction will cost \$100,000 for materials and \$53,000 for furnishing.

Both projects are related to training, the area of my call and focus. This is the best investment an individual or church can make for the future of the church in Africa, because it is all about the African church training their own pastors, evangelists, church planters, missionaries, and teachers. Our graduates plant churches and win the lost, but they also use that platform to build orphanages, and help the needy. That is what we train them to do... to be Christ's hand extended!

Please pray for three special needs:

- 1) We had to cancel our last PATHS session due to Ebola. Our students would have faced restrictions or quarantine if they had traveled. Ebola is being watched closely so the virus does not spread, but it does affect things. One of my students in Liberia said the economy is as bad as when the war was on. There is little food, no work, and everything is shut down. Pray for the end of this epidemic!!
- 2) Over 15 of our AG churches have been burned in Niger. This is has been devastating for our young church in Niger. Another of my students wrote that everything he had built over the last 15 years was burned in one afternoon. Islamic militants, reacting to their own Islamic leader and their government's support against the terror attack in Paris, burned churches, orphanages and schools.
- 3) PATHS is adding a Doctor of Ministry degree to our program. This is a huge undertaking, but a very important step to give our Bible School teachers the opportunity to pursue this degree. Our PATHS team is overworked and stretched already, so this additional program is indeed a challenge.

We deeply appreciate your concern and involvement. Without your help, what has been accomplished would have been left undone. Please accept heartfelt thanks from us and our brothers in Africa.

Sincerely,  
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