

## **Hello from Daniel Timofte from the continent of Africa!!**

After the conference in Baltimore I visited briefly the **church in Paris**; it was a great blessing to see the Body in Paris with P. Texier going forth with the Lord shining the glorious Light of the Gospel!

Returning to **London** I spent 3 weeks with the Body in services, fellowship, evangelism...great was my rejoicing to see disciples continuing in the Lord under the tender leadership of P. Tony Morley; times of evangelism under the leading of P. Larry Speedy were great occasions to be mocked, despised and utterly rejected by some along with sweet times of sharing the good news with others, often evangelizing with my sister Cristina, who just got baptized a few days ago while I was in Africa! Praise God for the 2 weeks job that was waiting for me in London after Baltimore (I drive a 17m reach telescopic forklift on building sites), great provision to cover expenses in Africa almost for 4 months!

Being in **Africa** is one experience in a million...people are very very open to the Gospel; there are many Christians but not many have teaching, for example *Beloved* is a young Togolese man who goes to a Catholic church and prays to Mary to intercede to God as a secretary intercedes to the boss...great was his amazement as I told him that the boss is my Father therefore I don't need the secretary to intercede and read to him 1Tim2/5, after a 45 min conversation he asked me to visit him home. *Situ* ('reconciliation' in local language; in Togo most speak French in the capital, others ewey, a local language) is a Muslim that in fact believes Christ died for the sins of all people, we shared Christ with him from Moses' books and the prophets and his face shone, he prayed with us to accept Christ as Savior.

Our **church in Togo** is a great oasis, rivers of living water flowing through an arid desert of religion and tradition; we go daily in the streets to speak with people and really it is one of the greatest experiences...I call Togo the heaven of the evangelist, people are very open and available to talk, not one has refused me so far, I sometimes miss the mockery and rejection and being laughed at (I am joking of course). Often people stop to talk to us as long as 30-50 minutes, and not just with us 'yovo' ('white ones' in local language) but also with the Togolese men from the church! Christians often don't have the understanding of grace; many call themselves Christians but as we talk they realize they are lost, having a lie in their hands; often proverbs 4 comes in my mind when evangelizing: get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding for it shall promote thee, it will bring you honor, an ornament of grace and a crown of glory, many years of life (even eternal!), a straight path with shining light, life and health for your flesh, springs of life flowing out of your heart, eyes that look right on (a cleansed conscience) – so this is the glorious message we have and spread around!

Now in Togo there is a rainy season, weather is not hot so in fact transition from London to Togo was not difficult at all. The fear of malaria-charged mosquitoes made me look like a paranoia in the first 2 days, spraying inside the car before getting in, the outside of the car when getting out...covered with repellent gel at all times...paranoia lasted some 3 days :) A praise report regarding my health: my peanuts allergy I just developed in the States 3 months ago that nearly killed me (another reason of paranoia for me always asking if any peanuts in foods) went away here in Togo as I started to eat peanuts little portions every day (the best peanuts in the world) and little by little the allergy went away!

I arrived in Lome – Togo in the middle of summer classes that culminated with a great conference with over 1000 people from Togo, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Niger, Ivory Coast, Zambia, Liberia, Gabon, France, Northern Ireland, America and Romania! Being part of the team for Benin (together with P Luigi Palmieri and his wife Isabelle, also Paul and Christine) we will be in Togo for about 4

weeks visiting the churches in Togo and then we launch into the deep of Cotonou – Benin (in Benin, Togo, Ghana, people belong to the same tribe, ewey, that was split in countries by colonialism).

We had a great time at the **Togo conference** (called “Treasure the Cross”) with different portions; just to give you a glimpse of the great time in the Word:

**P Scibelli's** messages on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday:

1. “**Behold the Lamb**”, we are not beholding ourselves, our sin or others sin, the president or anything else but the God that changed Jacob into Israel by beholding Him alone at Peniel.
2. 'I have **no greater joy** than to hear that my children walk in truth'
3. “Not '*what* is truth' but '*who is Truth*' because Truth is a Person – Christ whom the world can't receive but whom the world gave a cross; is there anything more important to you and me than truth?
4. **Agape love** changed Peter when after resurrection he goes back to his fishing job; you can't preach without loving the people you preach to, for God will not anoint the preacher that just loves to preach instead of loving the people he is preaching to; It's Agape!
5. God has placed **an open door** before the church of Antioch, not just before Paul; P Stevens: 'something that once was a small vision in the heart of someone has become a living reality and gone way beyond'
6. '**None of these things move me**', said Paul in the face of all kind of situations while strengthened by God in his position in Christ; David was moved into committing adultery and crime but was not moved from believing in the grace of God; 1Pet5/12 stand in this grace for we have received a Kingdom that can't be moved; very lively exhortations during pastors' meeting not to be moved from: the Bible, grace, the Finished Work, the Body, the Gospel, the eternal purpose, mercy and forgiveness, prayer, our call and vision, friendships, family, heavenly things.
7. '**Can these bones live?**' You could count the bones of Christ on the cross but none was broken and He rose again, even though in the eyes of the world He is a criminal! The bones of Jacob went through the Dead Sea, through the Jordan, through Canaan by faith; can the bones of Cotonou (Benin) live? Can a church be planted in Jerusalem where the Lord was crucified?

**P Daniel** from Niger spoke on our need to receive constantly the unconditional love of Christ revealed at the cross.

**P Daniel** from Nigeria spoke on walking by faith looking at Jesus not at situations and this faith look saved the 3 Hebrew boys and the same faith look changes us and motivates us daily.

**P Alfred** from Liberia spoke on 'no greater love' - the cross that does not set us free from political tyranny but from the tyranny of sin;

**P Koffi** from Togo: the wisdom of the world is an enemy of the cross

**P Ben** from Ghana: our greatest gift from God is the joy we can have looking at the Finished Work, we rejoice for our names are written in heaven

**P Renaldo** from Zambia: it is no surprise to God that we fail often and we have hardships but we can rejoice in His way, a 'new and living way'

**P Luigi**: treasure the cross that works in my life; even though the cross looked like defeat it turned into victory, also in our life it looks like defeat at first but it brings resurrection life

**P Bamouni** from Burkina Faso: man is natural and tries to evaluate God; Jews look for miracles, Greek for wisdom but we preach Christ crucified; we wouldn't have chosen weak things but God did!

**P John** from Ghana: the cross is the greatest manifestation of the love of God, a love that we did not merit, a sacrificial love that delivers and motivates.

Thank you for taking time to read this my first report and I would kindly ask you to please **pray for:**

**-my study time;**

-that we would be an **encouragement for the churches in Togo** during these about 4 weeks while in Togo; we plan to visit every Sunday one church of the total of 12 and one during the week while on Wednesdays we would attend the services of the main church in the capital town Lome;

**-protection in health;**

**-evangelism and disciples;** I think in Romanian, study in English and share in French and at times someone translates in the local language ewey, but in Lome most people speak French so pray my French improves more and more;

-the **Benin** vision: trips and when moving there in some 4 weeks, pray for salvations, disciples, location, team house for rent, divine protection and guidance for the team.

Also please pray for the Togolese ministries:

1. Lome church with P Paul helped by P Didier, P Robert, P Fufu, P Klement, P Antoine
2. Tjevier church with P Adodo
3. Atakpame church with P Atchou and P Augustin
4. Tablebo church with P Messan
5. Tchocpo church with P Akuete
6. Kagome church with P Koffi and P Francois
7. Bekpora church with P Jean
8. Sevagan church with P Samuel
9. Kpatime church with P Arnold
10. Defale church with P Gregoire
11. Ameguran church with P Bernard
12. Leo2000 with P Paul

Thank you all for your love and support!

In Christ,

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Paris church above and London church below with the new hall rented recently





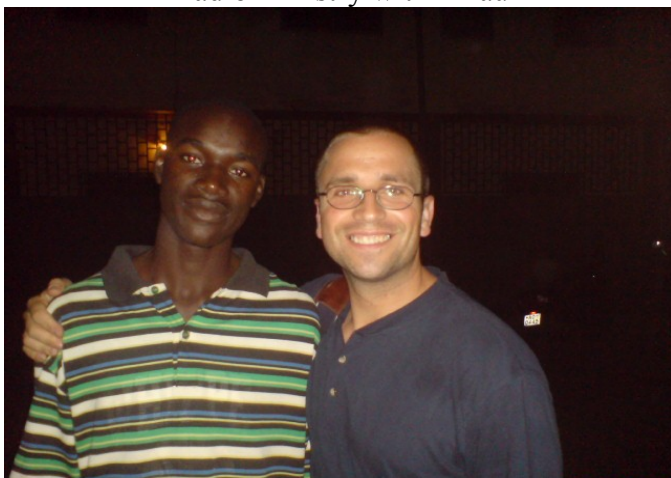
45 graduates: 2-3-4 years diplomas and associate pastors



Radio ministry with P Paul



Evangelism



Michael, son of P Bamouni from Burkina Faso



Don't we look like spies?...



Local food 'fufu', to be eaten with fingers; and snake soup (do you really believe that?)



Open Gym!

Open people to the Gospel

Local taxi

