

Christmas 2009/10 - Bauchi State

A church/mission station begins

A good thing about the team at CFI is that each person is different. Each one brings a different deposit from the Lord to the whole.

Take Henry Diamond for example. He is much more the evangelist type. He has an office at CFI but he threatens to burn his desk and escape to some unreached people to preach! ☺ He went to Egypt in June/July. He went to an interior region of Bauchi State, northern Nigeria last August. He jumped at the chance to go to hold a pastors conference in Chad over Christmas and asked if he could go back to Bauchi State also.

Mission Station

So Henry set off in December with ten students from CFI. They didn't know what they would be doing exactly, but wanted a station set up from where we could reach out to isolated interior regions with the gospel, to reach people who have not yet been "civilized" (who are unclothed) and not yet reached with the gospel, to have a permanent church established among them.

The day they arrived in Bauchi State two unexpected things happened. A man gave them the use of his compound for as long as we need it. Henry's team immediately set out renovating the buildings inside and out and restoring the compound. At the same time they started preaching and have established a church there. Also a Muslim leader gave the team a plot of land to establish a mission station in a second region. Eventually we refused this offer as we wanted a plot of land that comes with legal papers of ownership.

While they were there, there was a religious riot in Bauchi State and several people were killed, but it did not affect our team. The team preached door to door, at night meetings and day church services and in discipleship classes. We have a team of graduates staying on there now. From this base we will reach into interior regions establishing other churches.



Graduate/converted son of an Islamic Emir with a convert at the mission



Mission station entrance



Plastering the compound wall



Plastering, then painting the outside building



Gospel painted on the inside wall



Before renovation



Plastering the inside of the building



A meal break



Delivery of sand to make cement to plaster the mud building to protect it from rain in wet season



Renovating the yard



A night church meeting



Night evangelistic meeting



Day discipleship meeting



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Typical transport



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