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Greetings from the front seat of our car as we hurdle down the road at a high velocity...Sandi is driving [Editor - I will allow you to draw your own conclusion on that first sentence.] We are on our way for a few days of camping with the grandchildren and their parents.

I am now back from my trip to Togo which was very encouraging. Here are some of the things that happened.

The main thrust of this trip was to begin a training program for three men who would be our live announcers. This has been our goal since 2021. All of my preceding trips to Hope Radio have been building to this point. In order to be able to have live announcers, we needed enough equipment and we were able to take care of that in May 2022. We also needed to remodel all the studios as well as designate one of the studios as an on-air studio. All of that took place last year.

The three men who will be live on the air are: Luc (10:00 - noon), Josue (noon - 2:00), Eli (2:00 - 4:00). Eli progressed quickly through the training and felt confident enough to do a one hour live shift on my last day at Hope Radio. I was so thrilled. Luc and Josue will begin their shifts June 12th. Please pray for these men as they continue to familiarize themselves with the software and as they seek to implement the principles they've been taught.

One of the other aspects of the live announcing is that from 10:00 - 11:00 am we will have a one hour block of music and programs in the Gangnam language and from 3:00 - 4:00 pm will be in the Anufo language. Broadcasting in several of the key local dialects has also been one of our goals.

This first picture is Eli (pronounced A-Lee) on his live shift. The second picture from left to right: Koami (who helps with the training), Eli, Peter [Editor - we listed Peter as being in the picture because he was wearing a shirt that Peter's Muslim friend Ali had tailored for him and that allows him to blend in with the locals], Luc and Josue.





There was also exciting news regarding the electrical system. The new solar panels are all installed and wired. I was so excited to see that. I was hoping the batteries would be in place, but they were still in port. Since I've returned home, the batteries have been released by Customs and have been filled with battery acid...and they might just be on a truck headed toward Hope Radio by now. As much as I was hoping we could have made the switch to solar while I was there, it will happen all in God's time.



I made a short video about the solar panels, so please click "Play" so you can see what has been accomplished up to this point.

Thanks for your prayers, we are seeing God do great things at Hope Radio. Please pray for Eli, Luc and Josue as they prepare for their live on air shifts. This is also an act of faith on my part as I'm turning these guys loose on the air and I won't be there to monitor the situation. However, I will be having weekly video conferences with Koami and Andy and they will be my eyes and ears. Please also pray for the final part of setting up the solar electrical system. We can't have that installed and functioning fast enough.

In Christ,

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