

# Flame\* Project West Africa

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Here you will find the latest news, stories and prayer requests from the Flame Project and people. Find out how God has used your generosity to transform lives!

## 'We must have the whole Bible as soon as possible'

The Flame project personnel state that they remain determined to have the whole Bible as soon as possible, in order to revolutionise the people with the gospel. Pastor Paul reports: '*Certainly "the sword hangs over the heads of some of us" – to use a local metaphor – because of our level of commitment to proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Our efforts are having an impact in the lives of those who accept the Saviour of the world. It is difficult, but at the same time there is great joy when we see the growing number of people who are being saved. This motivation makes the work go well.'*



One of the literacy teacher refresher courses that are run by the team.

## 'I see the Spirit moving...'

The team works in their community by running training courses on how to read and write the Flame language. At a workshop held in the regional capital, they welcomed 51 participants. They had only planned for 30 to attend, but nobody wanted to miss out on the opportunity.

The Flame team gave out around 40 New Testaments at the event. They were given discreetly, to give participants the opportunity to practise their reading.

Pastor Paul said: '*I see the Spirit moving among the Flame people. While conducting the seminar in the capital city in June, we heard remarkable reports of Flame speakers converted to Christ: more than 15 new converts in less than a year, people determined to follow God no matter what the cost.'*



The reading and writing workshop, attended by 51 people



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### 'The challenge of persecution'

Since the New Testament was released, along with the efforts of the team to preach the gospel through teaching and practical care for people in the community, many people are interested in the gospel and are coming to Jesus, but greater persecution is the result. Some new Christians have had to leave their homes and families.

Local churches are not in a position to meet these increasing needs; they need more resources and people on the teams to help.

The Scripture engagement coordinator reports:

*'In spite of slowness and shyness, we thank God that little by little we manage to distribute some New Testaments and other documents, knowing that faith comes from what we hear and that there is joy in heaven for one sinner who repents.'*

### Translation news

A new translator recently joined the team, and she has been meeting with other team members to get some training.

The translation team has tried dividing up the work to give each translator a point of focus. This has worked well, and progress is being made on the translation of the books of Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.



Some of the team training the new translator.

### Praise and prayer

#### Give thanks for:

- I the new Flame believers who are coming to the team for help
- I the success of the reading and writing seminar
- I the opportunities that the seminar gave to distribute New Testaments
- I the new translator who has joined the team.

#### Please pray for:

- I more opportunities to teach people to read the New Testament
- I the new converts who have had to leave their homes and families
- I wisdom for the team as they try to help these people
- I Pastor Paul as he faces ongoing spiritual attacks.

Thank you for partnering with the Flame community in prayer and support.