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Description: Statistics — numbers of members of the community 6 (excluding the members of the Asante family). Communicants: 4 Children: 2 Non-communicants: 4 Catechumens: 2 Heathen pupils in the school: 10 Teacher: Samuel Ohene. Travelling has been frustrated by heavy rains - the paths have all been knee-deep in mud, and were still in a bad condition in December. Besides the difficulty of working with the Akim people, missionary work in the district is particularly handicapped by the condition of the paths, and the fact that the villages are small and very scattered. 'The roads in Akim are, even in African eyes, very very bad.' In his street preaching, he once said that Europeans, too, had been, 3000 years before ignorant, half-naked, but had become what they were through 'the good word of Jesus'. At which a youth turned round and said to his elder that they should follow this good word and throw away their idols - the elder however replied that the word had come too late for him. He also explains about street preaching that the attentiveness of the hearers depends partly on the quality of the preaching. The community increased in the year only through Asante's rescue of a child assigned to death. Four of the excluded Christians have applied to be re-admitted. The full members of the community acted in such a way the whole year that if the continuation of the station came into question again, they would not bear any of the blame for this. Asante remarks that the members of the community can pray, though with tautology.

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