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Description: Reports about a 2-day journey which he made with Ramseyer preaching along the path between Abetifi and Kwahu-Tafo. At Bukuruwa the king was building a new house, and invited them all to come and live in it when it was finished, since it would be big enough. At Tafo they found that the king and many of his people were away fishing. The hut where Ramseyer had slept in Tafo while a prisoner was in ruins - and Ramseyer remarked that all the huts where they had stayed which he had seen since his return were in ruins. In this case they heard that the owner of the hut had poisoned his wife, and then himself committed suicide. In the evening in Tafo they collected the majority of the inhabitants for preaching. Ramseyer talked about the reliability and kindness of God, and gave the example of his own life. The feared Asantes had been able to do nothing to him but in fact had helped to spread the gospel. At Borukuwa on the way back they found that a fetish priestess had collected the people, but she drew back then she saw the missionaries and thus allowed them to preach. It was on this journey that the missionaries first heard of and saw the water-fall at Amama. In his final comment Glatzle describes the people of Kwahu as enslaved, presumably this is a cliché about their religious situation. In Osino on the way back to Begoro his sleep was disturbed from about 11p.m. by a smith working next door.

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