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Description: Written by David Asante. The Boso community had built a new swish-wall chapel, and this has shamed the Anun community into starting a similar chapel. The Anun community lost 2 members by exclusion, and 1 through death (a child). It gained 5 by Christians coming to live in Anum and 5 from the birth of children. There were five baptisms out of a class of 9. Only one of them was a woman, an ex-fetish priestess. Asante gives a relatively satisfactory picture of the life of the community. Services have been more regularly attended, and the members has exercised a stricter discipline among themselves. The adults excluded were excluded because of adultery, which was promptly reported to him so that appropriate action could be taken. Otherwise married life was conducted in a manner better than he expected; only their ideas of how to bring up children are still rather undeveloped. In Boso there have been 17 adult baptisms, and 17 child baptisms. (6 catechumens lapsed). Preaching has been carried out by Teacher Asiedu in the surrounding villages To, Tonko, Pareman and Dodi. From Pareman there are Catechumens who come regularly to Boso services, and boys who come regularly to the Boso school. Asante himself claims to have travelled for 78 days in the year. 6 of them in the Akwamu villages, the rest in Buem-Nkonya-Salaga-Obooso district.

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