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Description: Nsawam, a new out-station, is seven hours from Aburi, four hours from Nsakyee, on the border towards Akyem and on the river Densu. The inhabitants of the village are Akyems who have settled at the extreme edge of Aburi territory with the permission of the Aburi chief. The Nsawam chief attended our school in Akropong for a short while and is a brother of Dompere the well-known general in the war of Asante against Krepi and Anum. He is very happy that we have founded an out-station in Nsawam and has given over the house he is currently building to the Evangelist for the first few months. The whole community was happy at the arrival of the Evangelist and his family. The first baptisms took place on 13th July - six adults with their four children. When I visited this small but pleasant congregation, I felt very happy to be with them and these first Christians made a very promising impression. I was delighted with the work of the Evangelist, too, James Opare. He has had very little schooling and knows relatively little about reading and writing. But he does know enough to teach in his village school. He has his heart in his work and although he earns less now than in his earlier post. He puts all his energy into what he does in Nsawam. I wish we had more like him.

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