

# Mawuli Togbi-Wonyo



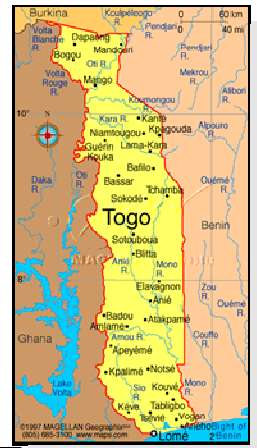
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Our Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Greetings to you from the churches of Togo! We trust that the year is going well for you. Our prayers are continually with you: we ask the Lord to sustain and bless you in everything that you do.

This year started very busy for us. Early into the year, we tackled a lot of things that were left undone last year. First-off, we have cleared the church property in Sanguera. We felled all the coconut trees that were on the land. As you can see in the photos below, we have constructed a temporary tent-like structure where we can hold services on Sundays. Worshipping in the house that we have rented is yielding no good results as far as attendance. Hopefully, we will start using this place for Sunday worship starting this April, Lord willing. Several people have already expressed the desire to join us for worship on Sundays once we are able to make the move. Please pray that the Lord bring all these people and those others with whom we will share the gospel.

The construction, as you can see it in the attached photos (Images 3 & 4), cost about \$1,250 to build. Now, we are praying that the Lord would provide so we can plaster the ground and fence around the structure. The ground is very dusty and very uneven. Worshipping there without a plastered ground would be very disturbing to many. We need \$900 to do these. Would you please pray and consider helping with this need. We also need 30 wooden benches for people to sit on. The plastic chairs that we have cannot be used there now as they would be stolen. One bench costs about \$10. We now have enough money to make 12 benches to start with. Please pray about being a part in this as well.

Our architect finally delivered the final draft of what our Chapelle Baptiste permanent building should look like. I have attached a photo for you (Image 1). It will be a big and expensive undertaking but we are serving a Mighty God, who still answers prayer. According to the architect, the temple alone will cost about \$150,000 to build. The Sunday school classes and other facilities are in the structure to the left of the temple. Of course, this is a long-term project and we will build as the Lord provides. I firmly believe what one of my favorite Psalm verses says, *"I am the LORD thy God... open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it."* (Psalm 81:10). We serve a very BIG God. We will trust both the provision and the construction of the Chapel Baptist Temple to His care. Please pray with us regarding this project.

We started the year with baptism (See Image 2). We baptized two new believers. One of the two was Koudjo, the young man of whom I mentioned in my last newsletter and for whom you prayed. He received Christ in December. I saw him break into tears one Sunday morning while we were singing "Silent Night." I spoke to him after the church service and he gave his life to Jesus. He has not missed one service since! I baptized him with another young man on January 2. Please continue to pray for him. He lives a long distance from where we worship. He walks for about an hour to come to church and walks an hour back. Please pray that the Lord would sustain him.

Please pray for my father, Pastor Kwame. His health has considerably deteriorated over the past few days. He had been hospitalized for about three weeks in extensive care. He suffered a stroke and is in a serious condition.

He was discharged from hospital last week but he is completely bedridden with very little mobility in his legs and arms. Please remember him in your prayers. The doctors are doing what they can but we trust the Lord to take care of him.

Also, continue to pray for our vehicle need. We desperately need a car for ministry use. Now with my dad's declining health, there is a big responsibility on our shoulders. We have three churches in the North of Togo that are 331 miles away. And there are several other churches in the south that are also far from us. All these churches need to be visited on a regular basis and it is very difficult, costly, and tiring to do this without a car. There are 15 churches under our joint ministries. Please pray that the Lord would provide the \$5,000 needed for this need.

Once again, thank you for your continued interest and prayers in the Lord's work in Togo. The needs are many but we know that the Lord hears our prayers together. May He provide yours and our needs and bless our efforts together as we strive to minister to both lost and saved souls. Amen!

The Lord is in control always,

*Mawuli & Stella Togbi-Wonyo*

*Serving in Togo, West Africa*



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4

*That they might set their hope in God...because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world Ps. 78:7, Acts 17:31*