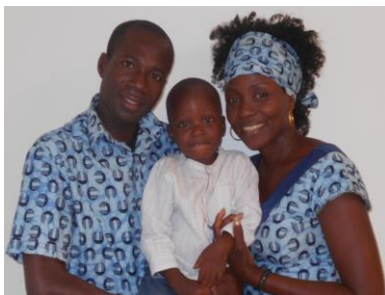


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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from Togo! We trust that the Lord is being good to you as He is being to us. Thank you for your continued prayers for us. Your faithful support and prayers are of tremendous help to the ministry here.

As I have shared in my February email update, I was able to travel to Dapaong (about 390 miles north) from February 11 to 15 in order to visit our works there. There is a great thirst and hunger for the Word of God and for His work in that region. I did a lot of preaching and teaching during the weekend there. I spoke on Friday night from 8:00 to 9:45 pm, on Saturday 9 am to 12 pm, then from 4 pm to 6 pm, and Sunday afternoon from 3 pm to 6 pm. On Sunday morning, I preached in two of our three churches there. There was always a good attendance including women and children. I went there to be an encouragement to them but they ended up encouraging me instead.

There is no running water or electricity in those areas where our churches are. They use lamps to illuminate the church at night. The lamps weren't bright enough but that was no discouragement to them. What was important was the Word of God. We're praying that the Lord will provide so we can get them some solar panel kits (about \$300) for illumination. There, 68 souls trusted Christ as Savior.



They did not have much. I saw some of our church kids there playing with old, torn soccer balls (see photo) and I got them a new one. They need chairs (\$9 apiece) to sit on in church. They use benches (see photo above) that are old and have got holes in them). Their other needs include French Bibles and copies of our Baptist hymnal (\$3 apiece).

While there, I also took a trip to the country of Burkina Faso (North of Togo) which is about an hour drive from Dapaong. The Lord is currently opening a door for us to start planting churches in this country. Burkina Faso is one of the neglected countries in the 10/40 Window where many simply have never heard the message of the Gospel. It is a landlocked country with a population of over 17 million people. It is predominantly Muslim (61%). Roman Catholicism is about 23%, over 7% for traditional beliefs and only 6% for the Protestant faith (that is all non-Catholic ministries including false Christian works). Very few missionaries go there as many have never heard of the country. Please pray for us as we start to make preparations to launch evangelism and church planting in this unreached country. I may be taking another trip up there soon.



The Lord is also laying on our hearts to start a radio ministry in order to expand the ministry and enhance the scope of the influence of the Gospel. A lot of false teachers are exploiting the media for their own selfish gains. We are praying that the Lord will help us so we can secure our radio program. We need \$200 monthly. We have noted 139 souls saved in the south this quarter but we can reach much more people through the radio. Please help us with this need!

Our annual Easter Convention is almost here now. It's going to be our 20th. It will be held April 25-27 in the capital city of Lomé. Please help us pray that the Lord bless greatly. Preparations are still underway. The theme this year is "Prosperity and the Christian" The idea is to teach what Biblical prosperity is for the Christian and counter the false teachings that have permeated our country, destabilizing true Christian ministries. Please pray for us. Pray for me as I will be preaching the Easter morning message.

The time to prayerfully start considering and preparing to help our children ministry through the packing of Christmas gift boxes (or just Ziploc bags) is now. Receiving these through other programs is proving to be a hassle and costly. And the kids don't get their Christmas gifts until March. We're prayerfully asking churches, families, and individuals to help us with this program and pack shoe boxes or Ziploc bags with gifts (toys, crayons, pens, socks, non-perishable items, hard candies, small flashlights, toothpaste and toothbrush, hair brushes, stuffed animals, hair bands, hair comb, wrist watches, etc. things you find in a Dollar Store). We prefer Ziploc bags as they are less bulky and easier to handle. Please pack things for girls and boys separately and have them sent to our mission board by the **end of September**. We want to ensure that the gifts reach us in time so we can in turn distribute them to the kids around Christmas. Accompanying each box/bag with \$5 will help us take care of the overseas freight and other expenses. This will greatly help our children ministry and help us reach many homes, including parents, for Christ.

The Lord has provided for the construction of a church building for our work in Tsevie (please see photos showing the old building first and then the new solid cement building), a motorcycle for one of our local pastors, and for the purchase of a plot of land for one of our works in Dapaong. We praise the Lord for these! Please help us pray for provision for the construction of our other churches (\$3500 apiece).



We are also praying for you. May the Lord continue to encourage and bless you!

Other Things to Pray For:

- Our vehicle should be arriving late this month. We still need about \$300 for customs
- Our church in Agoe is in dire need of a plot of land or will have to be closed down (\$30,000)
- \$600 to put doors on and paint the newly-constructed church in Tsevie

The Lord is at hand,

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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