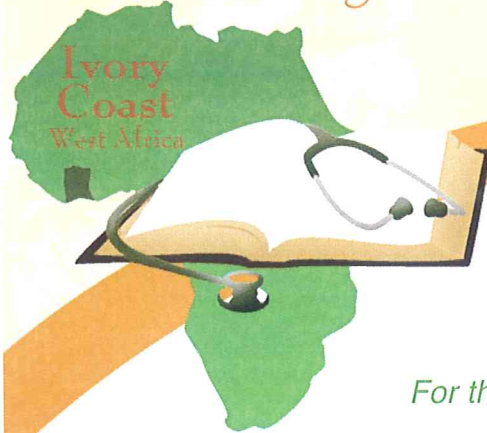


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Making **Nursing** a tool for **Church Planting**



And this is life eternal, that they might know thee
the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
John 17:3

– January - February 2012 –

For the redemption of their soul is precious. -Ps. 49:8

Dear Praying Friends,

January 11th was a date that we looked forward to with much anticipation. Sign-up lists had been completed, medications purchased, and village meetings had been held in preparation for an evangelistic medical day in the village of Agban. Twenty-two of our own church people had volunteered to work alongside us, and we all met early that morning. Vehicles were loaded high and hearts were full of expectation as we set out on the dusty, dirt road that leads to the Bingerville villages. Thirty minutes later, we arrived and began setting up plastic chairs under a tent while huddled groups of curious villagers looked on. Missionary Bob Mach gave a salvation message, and we began medical consultations and individual evangelism. The Lord blessed us greatly. We were able to treat 178 patients, twelve accepted Christ as their Savior, and eighty villagers indicated that they would like for us to return to discuss salvation further. In addition, Chief Raphaël Démoïn expressed his gratitude by granting us permission to do future ministry as a church in Agban.

This is incredibly exciting to us as the village of Agban was entirely closed to our evangelistic efforts in the past. The Ébrié villages in our area have been traditionally hostile toward outside religious beliefs. The answer to opening these villages for Christ has come in the form of evangelistic medical care. I cannot adequately describe to you the joy there is in coming alongside the sick when they are hurting, treating them physically, and finally giving them Christ Who can heal their souls for all of eternity.

It is so rewarding to see "full-circle missions" on the field. That is, the lost are saved, they grow in Christ, and then they themselves share Christ with their neighbors. Mr. Abel Odji, our choir leader, worked alongside us evangelizing the lost in Agban (pictured left). Joy was on his face as he later shared a testimony of the blessing he had received that day. Mr. Judichaël Kouassi, in registration that day, told me, "I cannot explain to you what it means to me to see an Ébrié listening to the Word of God. These villages had their churches and were closed to us." ***We have open doors right now in three villages – Agban, Brégbo, and Anan. Would you pray with us that the Lord will give us wisdom in the village ministry as well as continued favor with the village leadership?*** We have a great task ahead, and we are excited about what God will do.



The household utilities have become increasingly unstable here recently. As I am writing to you today, the water is off, and the electricity was cut three times this week. The lack of consistent electricity leads to food spoiling. This also poses a problem at night as the threat of robbery is increased if the lights are off. It would be difficult to bring a generator through customs here, but I could purchase a diesel generator in Abidjan for \$3,950 which would be very helpful. (Contributions designated "generator" may sent to account #1333 at BIML.)

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in praying for and supporting me. It is truly a privilege to partner with each of you all in reaching West Africans for Christ!

In love and praise to Him,
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