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Dear Friends:

God's been doing some pretty exciting things here in Togo over the past couple months! Since our last letter the church building has been completed and we are hoping to have an official dedication service sometime soon. On New Years Eve we held a special church party and packed out the building. We had a time of prayer, singing and games. Adie and I had a list of questions and then we asked them to groups of men, women and children. It was so much fun to see how excited the people got when they gave a correct answer! Here, where people have so little, useful items such as bags of pasta, small cans of tomato paste, bars of soap and candles make great prizes. We handed them out for correct answers and everyone was thrilled!



In January, Adie and I traveled down south to Lomé to be part of a pastor's conference on leadership. I and two other missionaries spoke during the week. We had nine pastors and their wives present for the three day conference. It was a huge success! We all enjoyed the sessions, eating together, and even playing games in the afternoons. Prayerfully, we will be able to organize and meet with these men and women annually for conferences such as this one.

While down in Lomé for the pastor's conference, we had our truck worked on. It is 11 years old and has had the diesel engine rebuilt three times. Our mechanic told us we were on borrowed time and would need to replace the engine completely. We seriously began looking for an engine in early January. After much prayer, God opened the door and gave us a salvaged drive train with less than 30,000 kilometers on it. This was much better then we could have ever hoped for. The alternative was getting something from Ghana and really not knowing anything about its history or its mileage. We had the new drive train installed and thankfully it works perfectly. The AC was also fixed in the process which we are so thankful for! Especially going into the hottest part of the year here in Togo!

In February, we've had several new visitors come to our church and have had many opportunities to share the gospel. I cannot recall how many times people have come to my house and we have sat under the gazebo where I have shared with them God's word and what Christ did for them on the cross. Please pray that God will work in hearts and that more people will get saved. There is so much religious confusion here that sometimes it is really tough for people to understand their true need for a Savior.

Adie and I have also had the opportunity to participate in two different evangelistic film nights. One of these nights was at our own church in Lassa Bas. Our normal church attendance on a Sunday morning varies between 60-80 but on a film night it is possible for that number to double. Many people in our neighborhoods would never set foot in our church on a Sunday no matter how many times we invited them but they would show up to see a movie! We showed the "Jesus" movie going through the entire life of Christ from birth to the resurrection. Half way through the film we paused and I stood up to share the gospel with everyone. We handed out tracts and bibles to everyone to help reinforce what was taught. After an invitation we finished the movie. Please pray that God will use these movie nights and our churches visitation program to effectively reach our neighbors living around the church.

In closing, we want to thank you for your gifts and prayers. Without your help it would be impossible to serve the Lord here in Togo.

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