

JJ Alderman - December

Togolese Politics

We have been in a delicate season in Togolese politics. The last three months have been filled with political opposition marches, tires being burned in intersections, schools on occasional strike, 16 Togolese killed throughout the country, and the calling for the current president to step down. While he is in his twelfth year as president, his father served for 38 years before him. Togo has not had term limits for the president since 1992, when his father was president. This political tension has altered and limited our travel for ministry. Our prayer is for peace in Togo and that the gospel will continue to be propelled. Please pray for the Togolese people.

Ashley Siler

Ashley Siler visited us for the first time while in college in 2009, and has now moved here as a full time missionary. Her next few months will be filled with French education before she moves into children's ministry with the new church plants in Aneho. We are anticipating the arrival of four more team members in the next six months. We are extremely thankful for the team that God is sending us.

Church Plant

God has been working in and through the second Aneho church plant since it's launch in June. This past week, Pastor Ben was invited to share the gospel with a voodoo priestess. This priestess was known as the lady who could communicate with the demonic world when the witch doctors could not get results. The invitation was already a stretch because the priestess had a reputation of running any God followers out of the house at the first mention of God. To the amazement of the household and community, the priestess trusted Jesus as her Savior. The family picked up a phone and called her son who lives in Ghana to tell her about her decision to follow God. The community has started to believe in the authenticity of the gospel based on her immediate change. She was a very mean lady who yelled at everyone... until that encounter with Jesus. She is now having a problem with the very demons that she used to worship. Ben is making sure that she learns how to pray right away. Her daughter has since trusted Christ as her Savior and has been very faithful in church.

We have also mentioned the witch doctor named Mouda who lives across the street from the second Aneho church plant. His daughter and daughter-in-law have both become Christ followers in the last two months.

Alderman Family

Melissa and I are in such an enjoyable season with three daughters that are five, four, and almost two years old. Raising third culture kids always brings its challenges and its delights. Every Tuesday, a young man named Aziz brings a horse to our home to teach

them how to ride. While Mia and Aubrey were carrying on a conversation in French with him, they found out that Aziz believes in Allah and not in Jesus. They have been compelled over the past few weeks to share the message of the gospel with great clarity to Aziz. After hearing the story of Joseph again last week, Aubrey told me that she would go tell Aziz so that maybe this would help him understand how God died on the cross for him. It is humbling and encouraging to hear them care about people's souls. Please be in prayer for Aziz' salvation and our daughters as they witness to him on a weekly basis.

Ouidah Project

God has been pressing on my heart for the past few months of the need to reach the city of Ouidah with the gospel. It is a city in Benin about 40 miles away from Aneho. Ouidah is a city filled with darkness that is in desperate need of the light of the gospel. Will you begin praying with us that God will send people to Ouidah? I will send the project outline as our next letter.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.
JJ and Melissa Alderman