

The Whites

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December was an exciting month for our church! We held our first baptism at the new site and had seven baptized! They all arrived on Christmas Eve morning with guests and stood, giving their testimonies of how God has worked in their lives and saved them. It was an awesome way to spend Christmas Eve!



One precious and faithful elderly woman, Ramadam, was among the ones being baptized on Christmas Eve. In keeping with tradition she talked to the elders of her family about the decision. This is a common and expected practice in the villages. They gave their consent but said she needed her older brother's permission too. Sadly, he practices in fetish and refused to give his approval. Despite this, she showed up on Christmas Eve morning ready to be baptized. Later, she told me that she wasn't able to settle things with her brother but decided to obey God despite his opposition. In this culture, where so much influence and even security comes from family, I was really encouraged that she showed such obedience to the Lord. Please pray for Ramadam's family that they might see Christ through her example and be saved!

We have made more progress on our church construction project in January. We were able to build about 200 yards of wall that stands about three feet high around most of the property. We are praying that God will provide the funds to complete this project. We would like to extend the wall three more feet, add two gates, and an outhouse for our members.

Our family is doing well. We are so thankful that we've remained healthy except for a cold we all shared recently. The dirty air blowing down from the Sahara desert can wreak havoc on everyone's health and we don't take good health for granted! The political climate seems to be stable for the moment. We've been told that the opposition party and the government are in talks. Please pray those talks are productive and help keep the country stable.

Adie and I want to thank all those who sent personal notes, cards, and gifts for Christmas. It was so thoughtful and we were touched to be remembered! We truly appreciate you all and are thankful for your partnership as we work in Togo!

