

 **Mission: Côte d'Ivoire**

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"... 'Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit says the Lord Almighty.'" (Zechariah 4:6 b)

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Dear Family and Friends,

We are thrilled at what God has done over the last six months and are grateful that he has affirmed in us our calling to be here in Cote d'Ivoire at such a time as this. We are witnessing God's miracles on a weekly basis and have been inspired by seeing people won to the Lord, healings, and through testimonies from church members of how God has allowed them to see victories in their personal lives. To our supporters, thank you for your continued support both financially and prayerfully. We feel privileged to be a part of this but know that it is the hand of God at work through many people to make it all possible.

New Church Plant in Abidjan

In July, we began to pray with a local congregation nearby about planting a church in an unreached neighborhood (Bessikoi) in our community. Church members visited homes door to door and distributed **5,000 salvation tracts** that we provided. The event culminated with Tim preaching a one-time evangelism service on a soccer field. That evening, 45 people responded to accept Christ! Now, **after 6 weeks, we have 100 in attendance with 58 new converts.** We have rented a facility and are discipling new believers and training church leaders in the newest church plant in the Ivory Coast, **Bethel Assembly of God!** Please pray. We need land. We will need a building. We need just about everything else in fact, but we know it is by God's Spirit, not our power, that we can do ALL things (Philippians 4:13!)



Evangelism in Facobly

We were invited by a local AG church in nearby Cocody to participate in the evangelism of six villages and the town of Facobly in far western Ivory Coast. We joined 105 believers in preaching,

film projections, and door to door evangelism. On the first night that Tim preached in Facobly, **more than 200 people came forward to receive Christ**. During the following nights, many more came to Christ as all the evangelical churches in the region joined in this effort. **Local pastors report that there are now 5,300 new believers** being disciplined in this region.



The people of this region are enslaved to the “religion of the mask” that involves ancestral worship and idolatry. **The chief religious leader has announced publicly that on the first night of the event he heard the preaching as he hid in the forest, and he gave his heart to Christ**. He understood that he could no longer stay on the road of death and destruction but on the road of life and truth ([Matthew 7:13-15](#)). He broke his masks, burned his idols, and is now being disciplined in his new faith. May God be praised! Our might could never break the power of ancient beliefs and religions, but the Spirit of God can and will if we pray!

Pastoral Institute in Daloa

Tim enjoyed teaching future pastors *Introduction to Missions* in June at one of the four Bible Institutes in the Ivory Coast. **The goal of the national church is to plant 5,000 churches in 10 years**. This cannot be done without a new generation of equipped leaders.



Kristy has launched a library project to help this institute and the other three in the country. The book collection is very aged and extremely limited. In addition, the facilities and equipment are in need of repair and lacking. **WE NEED BOOKS!** It is hard to study without them. Please visit online: GoFundMe.com/TeagueFamilyMissions (Daloa Library, Books for Africa) to help. We will be returning in November to teach another course. The students are in great need. ***If all of our supporters gave \$30 to this campaign we could meet our emergency need of \$10,000 by Christmas!*** You could equip men and women who have given everything to become heralds of the Gospel. Most pastors sacrifice a month's wages to buy a Bible. Together,

let's help meet this need as we are reminded again that it is by God's power and not of ourselves that we are able to do the impossible!

Reflections

From Kristy...

As we write this letter, today marks our six-month anniversary of being in the Ivory Coast. It feels like time has flown by, but looking back, there have been many long days and busy schedules. Our family has been challenged to adapt and grow, always remembering in the back of our minds how much we miss our loved ones back home in the States. Every minute of every hour of every day is a sacrifice of time and freedom we bring to the Lord for being in missions and living far away from home. Please join with us in prayer for God's continued protection over us every day, for wisdom and discernment, and for increased effectiveness in French and a new culture.

From Lilly...

It feels challenging being an MK (missionary kid) to Africa, but I've gotten used to the hot weather and the changes. I'm thankful to have a bed and a roof over my head. Not many people here have that.

From Luke...

During my first six months in Africa, I have learned a lot about the Ivory Coast. I've enjoyed traveling to African churches and telling people about God. The hardest part is probably learning French!

From Tim...

We are living Hebrews 11:1 -- people are finding salvation in Christ and having their lives transformed. We have already witnessed testimonies of God's healing, his provision, and his providence; yet, my heart is heavy. There is a person missing in this newsletter, our beautiful and talented daughter Sarah, who has just turned 21 and is a journalism student in America. Thank God it is easier to stay connected today than in the past, but it is so hard to be away from the ones you love the most. I am reminded in Ecclesiastes 3 that everything is temporary, so we must make the most of the time that God has given us in every season regardless of the circumstances. I am grateful that God has brought me this far and that I have learned enough along the way to know that there are greater days ahead. I still believe in things that I cannot see! I still have my faith! My greatest wish is to tell others, above all else, what Jesus has done for me. I am grateful to all of you who are sustaining us through your support.

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