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Go ye therefore,
and teach all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost:
teaching them to observe
all things whatsoever
I have commanded you
Matthew 28:19,20

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Take a moment and think about all the different restaurants in your area... I'm waiting...okay, if I were a betting man, I would wager that you probably didn't think of a restaurant which serves African food, yet alone West African cuisine. While America is amazing in that most cities have restaurants serving food from all over the world, West African cuisine hasn't made it to the same level as Mexican, Italian, or Chinese. If for some reason you do have a restaurant in your area which serves food from our area of the world, I would recommend Tchep. I could fill up this whole update letter talking about Tchep and all the different foods that we enjoy, but I won't take the time to describe it, so you will have to find a restaurant where you are or, better yet, come visit us.



Tchep is a weekly meal for us as we have been trying to have a family from the church come to our house each week to share this wonderful meal and fellowship together. It has been a help to solidify our French as we have another opportunity to talk about a variety of things, and it has been a blessing to get to know these families as we get past the typical small talk questions typical of Ivorian culture such as "How are you? How's your wife and kids? How are your goats?" I'm just kidding about the goat question (just making sure you're still paying attention). But it has been a blessing to meet with these families to better know how to pray for them.

Another blessing during these past two months includes my being more involved in the preaching schedule for a new church plant in the village of Anan. I won't go into too much detail here as I will be sending out another letter in the very near future with some exciting news, but I would appreciate your prayers for this new church plant.



The final blessing I will mention was the opportunity to be a part of an ordination counsel. There are 5 men who are graduating from the Bible Institute here and know that the Lord has called them into ministry. It was a blessing to see the fruit of [Brother Mach's ministry](#) and all that he has put into these men. All five men gave good answers and after four hours of questioning, were declared fit to go into the ministry. Please pray for Guy, N'guessan, Jean, Steve, and Moussa (left to right in the photo) as they serve the Lord.



I will finish this letter by asking you to pray for a special outreach opportunity which will happen from March 16th to March 19th. Missionary Kristine McLaughlin has a medical [ACCESS](#) team coming to help a local church in the city of Tanda. If you remember from previous letters, these trips are always a blessing, and the Lord uses them to see hundreds of people come to Christ. Please pray for all that goes into these trips, and above all, pray for those giving the gospel presentations so that we can see true professions of faith and the local church grow.

As I alluded to earlier in the letter, I will soon be sending another update with some important information. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We are grateful to serve alongside you for the furtherance of the gospel.

-Josh, Alyssa, Adelynn, and Judah Clay