



May-June Prayer Letter

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Goals:

Evangelism
Discipleship
Church Planting

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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The life of a missionary is filled with a continual stream of new experiences and events. It is a life of constant change and transition. While this comes with many difficulties, it also provides many opportunities to see the Lord work and grow your faith. We have had three major changes in these past two months.

As I mentioned at the end of our previous prayer letter, we moved to the village of Anan the last Saturday of April. While our previous couple of moves involved leaving all our things behind, changing which continent we lived on, and which culture we lived in, this move was a little simpler. Of course, moving is never simple, but we praise the Lord that after much work, we were able to get settled as we unpacked everything and found that none of our things were lost or broken.

We made this move to help with the next major change- moving from working in the established church of veteran missionary Bob Mach to helping with a new church plant in the village of Anan. It was exciting to take the step of starting a Sunday morning service. It was encouraging to have much help from the nationals as we printed flyers announcing the start of the church and distributed them. We got signs to place on the road indicating where to find the church. We made a banner with the theme of the year and accomplished many more things as we prepared for the opening day- June 15.

As it is rainy season in the Ivory Coast, there were rainstorms all night and all morning which greatly hinders people who need to walk miles to arrive. We praise the Lord that we still had 35 people show up. The next Sunday (June 22) we had 56 people in attendance. We ask you to pray with us that the Lord would continue to grow this church especially as I explain our next major change.

This change being that we have made it back to the United States for furlough. Steve, an Ivorian pastor who recently graduated from the Bible Institute, will be continuing the services at this new church plant as we are fulfilling another aspect of missionary life on furlough. We ask that you pray for Steve and this new church plant, and also that you pray for us as we share what the Lord has been doing, as we share the need of missions, and as we share the need of more laborers.

We look forward to seeing many of you in person in the near future and appreciate your continued prayers and support as we drive the many miles across the United States proclaiming the greatness of our Lord.

-Joshua, Alyssa, Adelynn, and Judah Clay

