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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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July-August Prayer Letter

While many people would like to forget all the craziness that happened during the 2020 Covid pandemic, it can be helpful to remember history so we can learn from it. One thing many people noticed was how hard it was to be separated from their church family. While I am thankful for technology and the livestreaming capabilities, it is not the same as being in person.

It is similar to a missionary writing a prayer letter. I am thankful that we have this means of communication as we greatly desire your prayers for the specific things going on in our life and ministry. However, it is so much better to be able to share what the Lord is doing face-to-face.

While furlough does have some challenges, it has still been enjoyable to travel to faithful churches these past couple months in order share about the ministry in the Ivory Coast. We have been encouraged and strengthened with each meeting. Please continue to pray that the Lord would protect us as we travel and that we could be a blessing to each church family.

I also ask that you would pray for a couple things going on in the Ivory Coast. Firstly, pray for the new church plant in Anan. It is still going smoothly as Pastor Steve has communicated with me that they are having visitors every week. Secondly, pray for the presidential election in the Ivory Coast which will happen in October. There is some controversy with the election (as with most elections) so we ask you to pray that the stability and peace would remain so we can continue to live safely and share the good news which Jesus has given us.

We greatly appreciate your prayers and look forward to seeing you faceto-face soon if we haven't already.

-Josh, Alyssa, Adelynn, and Judah Clay