The Mach Family Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), W. Africa

July/August 2025

Dear Family and Friends,

Our furlough has continued well. Since returning in mid-May, we have participated in BIMI's Candidate School as well as its CampBIMI. We have been able to report back to 23 supporting churches in eight different states. We have also enjoyed two family reunions.

In the upcoming months of September and October, we will report back to thirteen supporting churches. For three of these churches, I will be the keynote speaker in their missions conference. These activities will take place in nine different states.

Our complete furlough schedule has ballooned to reporting to a total of seventy churches. Our schedule is completely full. Thankfully, we have also been able to get together with some lifelong friends. This has done much to encourage us for our next term in Ivory Coast.

After this furlough, we will be changing our furlough format. Our first six terms were generally four-year terms after which we would take a one-year furlough. For all these years, that schedule has worked best for us. However, both our family needs and ministry needs are changing. With three of our children married, our travel costs are greatly reduced. As well, it is necessary that Becky, Morganne and I have more frequent medical checkups and testing. But in addition to this, my role on the field is transitioning from a predominately pastoral role to a predominately administrator and professor role in the Bible Institute and Seminary. It is very difficult for the institute and seminary to experience an entire year of my absence. For this reason, we are transitioning to a "two years on the field with a six-month furlough" format.

This being said, we plan to return to Ivory Coast in March of 2026. We will then come stateside for a six month furlough starting in May of 2028. I have already set up a calendar for that furlough, and I am beginning to contact churches that we will not be able to visit this furlough. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to schedule us in 2028.

As always, it is a pleasure to represent you in the Ivory Coast of West Africa. We are anticipating many more years of working together with you.

Most sincerely in Christ,

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