

# Alderman Lifeline

Togo, West Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

In 1991 there were tensions between two groups in the southwestern region of Togo. The trouble caused many families to relocate to other areas, and Yao (pictured left) decided to move to the central part of Togo. He had accepted Christ the year before in a church in the south started by missionary Dr. Bill Ten Haaf. He moved to Tchaloude and asked for Dr. Bill's help in establishing a Bible-believing church in his new village. This very busy surgeon traveled 4 hours north to start Bible studies but was too busy with medical responsibilities to continue and so asked me to take over. During the next several years I traveled to this area 3 hours south of us to work with this group, and we watched as the Lord developed these baby Christians into a church. Yao continued his evangelistic outreach and has been able to reach most of his brothers and sisters for Christ. About 15 years ago his younger brother Abalo accepted Christ, was called into the ministry, and after finishing Bible Institute became the pastor of the Tchaloude church.



A few years ago, Yao started a mobile pharmacy business, traveling to remote villages to sell medicine very much like a traveling medicine man of the old west. Picture a layman, humble, unassuming, virtually uneducated, who is faithfully living for Christ. Many times, he would spend more time giving out the gospel than he would in selling his wares. In 2012 he reached the village of Mewede and within a few weeks had a Bible study meeting under a Mango tree. One particular afternoon he was teaching on the verse, "He that hath the son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life". At that very moment Kossi (pictured right) was passing by and heard the phrase, and over a period of weeks could not get this truth out of his mind. When Yao came back to the village to sell his medicine Kossi sought him out and asked what the phrase meant. That afternoon he accepted Christ as his Savior.

Abalo, Yao's brother who pastors the Tchaloude church began traveling to Mewede, Kossi's village to help develop the Bible study into a church. Kossi came to our Bible Institute 4 years ago and graduated last year. On January 24<sup>th</sup> we had the joy of seeing him ordained into the ministry and become the pastor of the church in Mewede. We were joined in this celebration by three area chiefs, the director of area youth, and the village Imam.

Yao will never be well-known or listed among great men of this world even though he has been instrumental in helping to start three churches. In God's economy, however, where true measurement happens, Yao's efforts have had a great impact for the cause of Christ.

Over the years we have often highlighted the ways in which God has worked in the village of

Pagouda where Pastor Koffi Pre has been the pastor for twenty plus years. We recently wrote of his son Christophe who has been called into the ministry and is in the Bible Institute. In late December we received word that Pastor Pre was in the hospital, and before my arrival in Togo the second week of January he had passed away. During the funeral preparations Pastor Pre's family brought great pressure on 22 yr. old Christophe to follow fetish traditions which include animal sacrifices. God was honored during both the wake and the funeral in spite of opposition from some of Pastor Pre's uncles. Twenty pastors sang hymns and formed an honor guard as they followed the casket from the funeral to the grave. Christophe came to me two weeks after the funeral and asked me if he could become the leader of the church in his dad's place. During his early years he was in the children's church and subsequent youth group, is very accepted by the people, and will be under the capable leadership of Pastor Phillip to advise and guide him. Please pray especially for Christophe and his sister and brothers as they face life without their dad, and the church as they grieve the loss of their beloved pastor.



Because of Him,

Randy and Jeanette Alderman