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to the Gospel through Medical Care

March - April '26

Dear Ministry Friend,

While on furlough, I received messages from our Ivorian village team. "Hurry back," they said. "We're ready to go to the next village." The words echoed in my heart. I joined them in wanting to go further down the road....

It was the evening of April 10<sup>th</sup>. We'd chosen three perspective villages to survey the next day. We'd spent months in prayer, and we were eager to see how God would lead. As I was packing my bag, The Lord nudged me, "Bring a new French Bible." I didn't know why, but God was putting pieces together.....

All of the villages where we have current ministries are located east of Bingerville. We decided to go north first to an area where the gospel has never gone, as far as we know.

We arrived to the village of Akouyaté. 1500 villagers, a beautiful village seated on the Ébrié lagoon. We were met by Chief Anouman and two members of the village nobility. They graciously bought us water and shared news of the village with us. The only church in this village is a Catholic church.

We were met with openness toward our ministry, and they were glad to receive our tracts. They proposed clinic sites with anticipation and said how happy they'd be if we could come with our medical ministry. (We have a team scheduled for July.)

Toward the end of the conversation, we asked for the road which is customary in Ivory Coast. Chief Anouman said, "When you come back, could you bring me a Bible?" We put the Bible that I'd brought into his hands. He looked at us with eyes of gratitude and said, "May the Lord water your path."

God knew the next village. His hand was unmistakable, and we are so very thankful for His clear leading.

Please place Chief Anouman's salvation on your prayer list. If the chief were to be saved, this could go a long way in reaching a village.

## Moving

The Lord gave me a wonderful blessing right when I returned to the field. The house that I've been praying for is available for rent. Many of you joined me in prayer for this request, and I can't thank you enough! I look forward to moving in May when I return from a survey trip in the country's interior.

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Chief Anouman's salvation
- New village - Akouyaté
- Healthcare authorizations for our 2026 teams
- Moving in May
- Health and safety

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## Prayer Requests

### 1. Survey trip to Vavoua and Daloa (April 28 – May 4)

In addition to serving in Akouyaté, we look forward to bringing evangelistic medical teams to Vavoua and Daloa this year. Both cities are located roughly five to six hours from our ministry base in Bingerville. The teams will serve alongside two national Independent Baptist pastors. Young churches can be helped greatly through sharing the gospel with hundreds during a few days of medical care.

### 2. Ivorian Health Department

Please pray with us that we will receive continued favor from the Ivorian Health Department. We have a large file to submit toward the beginning of May. Regulations have become tighter in recent years. The Lord has always answered this request in the past, and we look forward to how He will continue to open doors for us as we serve Him here.

### 3. Akouyaté

We look forward to launching ministry in Akouyaté with our July medical team. We're praying that Chief Anoman will trust the Lord as His Savior. Pray that the Lord would work in the lives of the villagers that they would have hearts of "good ground" to receive the Word of God. Pray that they would recognize that truth isn't in the Catholic church. How we need the Lord to continue preparing the way and guiding our steps.

**"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:" (II Thess. 3:1)**

For the Harvest,

*Kristine*

## AKOUYATÉ



Our meeting - Chief Anouman is in an orange shirt, seated in the middle

