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March-April Prayer Letter

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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Do you like coffee? What about chocolate? Most people don't realize that the Ivory Coast is the world's leading exporter of cocoa beans. For you chocolate lovers, you can thank the Ivory coast for their part.

I would wager a guess, however, that there aren't as many chocolate and coffee lovers as you might think. Most people love sugar. The higher the cocoa percentage the darker the chocolate and the more bitter it tastes. Many drown out the actual bitter coffee with half a cup, or more, of sugary creamer. I am the type of person that drinks coffee black and enjoys a good dark chocolate. No need to remove any bitterness for me.

However, there are these things which we call "bittersweet moments". It would be nice if we could remove the bitter from all of those. One of those moments for a missionary is buying the plane ticket.

We have purchased our return tickets for June 23rd. While it is bitter to be leaving Taco Bell, family, and friends (not necessarily in that order), it will be sweet to reunite with our Ivorian family and get back into our church planting ministry. We would appreciate your prayers as we prepare things on both sides of the Atlantic for this next big transition.

Some specific requests would include the following: finishing our last couple months of furlough meetings, packing, storing, and selling certain items (including vehicles), goodbyes to family/friends, visas, getting the vehicles running, inspected, and insured, readapting to the language, culture, etc., the paperwork for the Anan land to be able to build, and reconnecting with our church family.

We have thoroughly enjoyed these last two months with many mission conferences and meetings, and we are looking forward to these next two months of meetings and preparation. The next time I write to you should be from the Ivory Coast. We appreciate that you pray for us no matter where we are as the Lord answers prayers here and there.

-Josh, Alyssa, Adelynn, and Judah Clay

