

ACCESS

to the Gospel through Medical Care

May - June '26

Dear Ministry Friend,

It's neat to see God work.

In early May, we took a survey trip five hours northwest to the city of Vavoua. Two years ago, Pastor Assem asked if we could bring an evangelistic medical team to his church. We began to pray, and we are delighted that the Lord has given us the opportunity to serve in Vavoua in July.

The church is currently meeting in a small building where they began having services. Pastor Assem was eager to show us their new building. We set out on narrow paths. Although he assured us that our vehicles would be able to get to the church site when we return with the medical team, I couldn't help but wonder how far our Ivoirian men would need to carry our trunks of medications to the church site.

The following week, we had returned home to Bingerville when I received a call from Pastor Assem. Apparently, the owner of the land adjacent to the church land had just brought in a tractor to clear his land. There was now a road! God sent the tractor at just the right time to encourage us. **He is the Master Builder Who is always making ways for people to come to Him.**



We sat with the Assem family (pictured left). We ate with them. We saw their eyes sparkle with joy, and we felt their hardship.

Pastor Assem relayed to us his experience during the 2010 war in Ivory Coast. Vavoua was located along enemy lines. Rebels disguised themselves as pastors and hid in Vavoua. Pastor Assem was stopped by a military officer. He was nearly killed when he stated that he was a pastor. The Bible and the tracts that the soldiers found in his backpack saved his life. After such mental trauma, Pastor Assem could have easily said that the area was too dangerous for his family. He could have left then, but this dear Ivoirian pastor has stayed. Our hearts were moved.

PRAYER FOCUS - MEDICAL TEAM JULY 26 - AUG 9

- Chief Anouman - salvation
- Church construction funds - Vavoua
- Salvation of patients
- Health and stamina
- Travel safety

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At present, the church is not yet meeting in its new building (pictured left). They are very close to moving. Pastor Assem shared that one last construction step prevents them from moving: the installation of metal doors and windows for security. This cost is estimated at \$1,730. Metal tends to be expensive in Ivory Coast, and the original cost was actually much higher at \$2,660. The company was willing to decrease its cost for a church.

Would you please pray with us that the Lord would provide for the Vavoua church to move to a site that will accommodate a growing church?

Pray too for our medical team. **From July 26 to August 9, we look forward to bringing the gospel to a new Bingerville village known as Akoyaté.** We couldn't be more excited about this! Chief Anouman of Akoyaté has expressed unique openness toward our ministry. We are fervently praying for his salvation. **From Bingerville, we will travel to Vavoua for three additional medical days.**

We serve the world that God loves. Motivated by thankfulness for Jesus Christ, His love and saving grace, we are devoted to providing healthcare, as a means of demonstrating God's compassion for all people and with the prayer that each patient will come to know His Son as their personal Savior.

For the Harvest,

Kristine