

The Mach Family

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

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Dear Family and Friends,

I sent our last prayer letter to you while I was in the Ivory Coast for a short return trip. Since we could not permanently return in mid-April as planned, I went back for four weeks to take care of some circumstances needing attention. I was able to update both our vehicle and my immigration documents. I taught an institute class. I was able to make repairs and paint our home. And thankfully, I was able to resume the construction on our Bingerville church building. The trip was a great success, and it impressed upon me how strong our desire is to continue the ministry there. As well, I was able to continue my PMR treatment and observe that I had no adverse reaction to being back in the Ivory Coast.

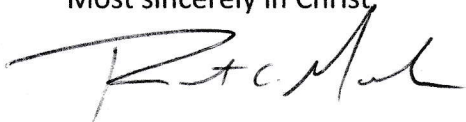
As we continue in this "unplanned" furlough extension, we are endeavoring to accomplish some things to take care of the future. I am scheduling the classes for the next few years for our institute and seminary. I am also scheduling some more meetings during this furlough extension to report back to a few more of our supporting churches. As well, I am completing the necessary funeral and burial arrangements for Becky, Morganne, and me. The Lord has allowed us to pay for all these necessary arrangements in advance thus removing that burden from our children when that time comes.

As well, this extended furlough has given me more time to work on my project for my Doctor of Ministry degree. The project is entitled, "A better explanation of the gospel, baptism, and church membership by the Western missionary to the West African animist." Most missionaries to Africa arrive on the continent with little or no understanding of animism and its implications in imparting spiritual and Biblical truth. I trust that this project will be used by future generations to minister more effectively with African populations especially those in sub-Saharan West Africa.

I was scheduled for an appointment with my rheumatologist on June 9. Unfortunately, the doctor postponed that appointment until July 21. As such, I do not have an update on my condition other than my own observations. The treatment that I am taking has eliminated all the pain. We are trusting that it is also reorienting my immune system so that it will no longer provoke such inflammation. In my next prayer letter, I should be able to give more information about my progress and our return to Ivory Coast.

It is a pleasure to represent you in the ministry. Thanks so much again for your faithfulness in our partnership.

Most sincerely in Christ



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