

ACCESS

to the Gospel through Medical Care

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Dear Friends,

During the weeks after our first medical evangelistic day in the village of Akoyaté, we returned to a village that was still very new to us. With Bibles, tracts, and contact lists in our hands and prayers in our hearts, we set out on dirt paths that led to primitive homes where our patients waited for us to tell them more about Jesus.

Our early visits went better than we expected. We saw several people who were wearing the wordless book bracelets that they received with their medications. Seeing them moved us to share more about Christ.

We met a young man who truly wanted to know if Jesus is God. The men who were with me led him through several Scripture passages. The villager shared that Christ is our Savoir and said that he'd look forward to our next visit.

We started further down a path to visit a lady on our list. We asked other villages if they knew her. "Her husband is the chief of the Catholic church," they said. *The chief of the Catholic chief....how open would she be?* Intimidation crept into my heart. Nevertheless, we went. Along the way, we passed villager after villager who was glad to receive our tracts. Three actually asked if we could add them to our visitation list. We noted their names with joy.

We soon arrived at a very nice house for a village. We took off our shoes at the entrance as is customary in Ivory Coast. We were greeted by the chief of the Catholic church and his wife. The chief was wearing our wordless book bracelet. I opened my Bible and began sharing the plan of salvation with his wife. Her husband listened intently. They were very kind toward us and were happy to receive tracts. By the end, this gentleman who is a pillar in the village Catholic church asked if we could visit him personally.

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- Fruitful follow-up visits in Akoyaté
- Continued good rapport with the chief of Akoyaté
- Salvation of patients in Daloa
- Health and stamina
- Travel safety

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Then, on a Thursday morning, we arrived in Akoyaté and found a group of men clearing the school yard with machetes. It was the week before the start of school in the village. Chief Anouman was with them. He was delighted to meet my long-time visitation partner, Kady. It turns out that they were childhood acquaintances. God has used this connection from years ago to give us even more entrance into Akoyaté. Only the Lord could have done this.

God went beyond our prayers and expectations. It was our first time to reach the Gwa and M'Batto ethnic groups located north of Bingerville. We've heard last names that we've never heard before. We met gracious villagers who were delighted to give detail about their ethnic groups. They shared over and over about how thankful they are for the medical treatment that they received. We saw how it truly did pave the way for us to go back with the message of salvation.

Thank you for feeling the need and going with us to Akoyaté. We need so much wisdom in reaching this new village. Would you pray that the Lord would clearly lead us to open villagers and that they would be saved? God is able, and it is good to know that He is with us here in Ivory Coast.

In two weeks, our team will go again, this time to the Muslim-dominated city of Daloa. This team is set to have the largest evangelistic group that we have ever had. We couldn't be more excited about this! Please pray for us as we go. With great opportunity, we have seen that there is often great obstacle . . . but even greater grace. We are looking to the Lord for protection, strength, and effectiveness in sharing Him.

Come join us!

We have a real need for medical personnel to serve with us on short-term trips in 2027. The needs are great. The opportunity to show God's love and compassion is ongoing. We invite you to come and serve these wonderful people. For more information, visit our website at accessivorycoast.org.

For the joy of serving Him,



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