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Dear Friends,



Taxi after the accident with Adam and the Girls in it!

Somehow, the summer has flown by and was jam packed with so many happenings we will try to sum up as best we can. In a span of 2 and a half months, Adam made 9 trips to the capital and back for various reasons. And for those who don't realize, it's a really long trip, and a dangerous one. While Adam and the girls were traveling to the capital for orthodontist appointments on a night taxi, there was an accident. A motorcycle drove head on into the taxi van. Adam and Celeste were in the front passenger seat and Adam took the brunt of the damage. But we praise the Lord for protection for all those in the van, unfortunately the 2 people on the moto lost their lives. Adam was in a lot of pain for a week or so after because his leg was mashed between the door and seat and he also hit his head on the door frame. Celeste had some cuts on her face from the shattered glass pieces but they healed very quickly. And all that is why we are in a constant state of prayer the entire 8 hour trip. So when we say Adam made 9 trips,

it's a huge praise that we are all still safe and sound.

Which leads us to one of the reasons for the trips-airport runs. As half of our radio team was gone for the summer, we had a bit more to do at the radio than normal. Praise the Lord that Peter Silseth came out for a couple weeks to help with evaluating radio operations and will return later this year to check up on us as well as supply some oversight to the running of Hope Radio as we have no missionary director in country. Then as he left, another friend of radio came for a month to help with the engineering and electrical side of our facility. Jerry Petersen's help was wonderful and came in especially handy when we took off a week to host our very first church team!

We were so excited to be able to have a visit from one of our supporting churches, Triad Baptist from Kernersville, NC. Triad supports three missionaries in completely different regions of Togo and Adam was able to facilitate them spending time with each missionary all in the span of 7 days. It was a whirlwind trip but they were a blessing to us all. They were the ideal first team for us, 5 people from various walks of life who were all so encouraging and flexible. They put up with a lot, were willing to try strange foods (which is probably why almost all of them were sick by the end of the trip), and kept positive attitudes all throughout. Thank you Jason Shuler and Triad for that boost of encouragement!



Triad Baptist Church Missions Trip Team



Another thing that took up a lot of time this summer was trying to purchase land for the Christian school “Le Bon Berger”-The Good Shepherd. The church we helped plant 7 years ago has started a Christian school and it is a huge ministry opportunity. Adam is on the school board. This past year was their first year and it went well considering they had to rent a house in town and use tents as classrooms. There were over 70 students grades preschool-2nd grade. Even some of our Muslim friends who are tired of the public education system sent their kids there! It is where Faith teaches English and will continue to do so next year though she will take on 2

more classes as well as the one she worked with last year. Please pray for this school, it has been very difficult acquiring land and Satan has tried his best to stop us. With all the setbacks it looks like we won't have a building built before the school starts (in October) but Lord willing it can be completed in the fall. If you would like to give towards this ministry, please send it to our ministry account and earmark it for “Bon Berger”.

Another major event that happened this summer was... quarantine! Faith had been busy this summer as well holding down the fort, hosting visitors, creating an ESL curriculum for this context and continuing the dental clinic. And THEN she got sick. After some negotiations with the government doctor, she was allowed to stay home. BUT before she distanced herself from her family, she oh so generously shared her Covid with Adam and Celeste. Adam felt pretty sick too but fortunately Celeste only lost taste. So after a total of 3 weeks of quarantine we finally all tested negative and were free! It was good to get back out and see everyone and get back to the work waiting for us. But it was also really good of God to give us those weeks of being forced to do nothing after such a busy summer. Adam especially needed the downtime. God even timed it with the Olympics so we had some entertainment while we were laying sick in bed. Gotta love those little gifts from God.

Our kids have been troopers throughout the whole summer and (sort of) sticking to their chore charts. OC got to help out in the hospital pharmacy and Celeste shadowed a fellow missionary as she ministered to patients and their families. The boys have had fun with their pets which include dogs, goats, and a monkey. And we are so proud of August and Nico who decided they wanted to be baptized this summer. It was beautiful to see them, another teammate's daughter, and a Togolese man Adam has been discipling, obeying the Lord in believer's baptism. OC started high school with Liberty online a couple of weeks ago and the other 3 will begin in mid-September at the MK school. Please pray that the container with the school books arrive by then which is one reason they have to start so late. Thank you for holding us up from afar. You all have been amazing prayer warriors and we daily thank God for you.

In His Service,

Adam, Faith, Oc, Celeste, August and Nico

Wanle and the boys after being baptized



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