

Alderman Lifeline

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Dear Praying Friends,

We are greatly privileged to work with some wonderful teenagers here in the churches of the Kara area and the village of Pagouda. Many stand alone for Christ in the midst of an unsaved family who ostracize them and seek to force them to continue in the depraved fetish culture. This pressure is especially evident during the “coming of age” ceremonies held in the summer months.

The Lassa youth group (Pictured) meet every Sunday afternoon, either for Bible Study, or to give their time to serve church members, as well as do evangelism. They have taken on the challenge of memorizing the book of First John during this year and many of them are also engaged in teaching the children of the church, translating during the preaching, or leading the singing. The girls are especially enjoying helping a new mom in the church who has a set of identical twins. Their sacrificial time given to drawing water from the well, washing up clothes, marketing and cooking up some meals is invaluable to her. **Etienne** (pictured in front of Randy) was long ago abandoned by his parents and has not had an easy life. Because he greatly loves the Lord he has led his 2 cousins and a friend from school to Christ. We are thrilled that these young people are living out their faith in so many different ways.

Jeanette has been teaching a girls class in the village of Pagouda for about 3 years and has seen God work in the hearts of so many of the girls. All but 2 of them come from unsaved homes. We are seeing that one by one these girls are bringing their unsaved family members to Christ. **Azia**, (Pictured 2nd girl to the left of Jeanette with a big smile) is not allowed to come to church during the regular worship services, but can come to our class. She accepted Christ last year and sits during the sessions with her Bible and a notebook open, noting points to think about later. One of the teenage boys of the church, **Justin** age 19, has suffered great pressure from his mom to turn to Islam. She adopted the Muslim religion after a mosque was built very near her house and also our church, and she was given gifts of \$2.00, a woven mat, and a head scarf. Justin refuses to abandon his faith in Christ in spite of the material gain he could acquire to accept Islam.

We have seen many of the members of the Lama Feign youth group invest their time and efforts during every stage of the construction to help raise their church building, now nearing completion. They indeed present a vibrant future for this growing church.

During our years here in Togo we have started many of our church plants with a group of young people but very few adults. It has been exciting to watch these young people grow up, mature, continue walking with the Lord, and develop into adults who are now leaders in these various congregations. We greatly appreciate your prayers for the spiritual development of these young people who represent the future of strong reproducing churches here in Togo.

Your Missionaries in Togo,
Randy and Jeanette Alderman