

Alderman Lifeline

Togo, West Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

The Lord has given protection in our travels and has encouraged us as we have visited many of our supporting churches. Real enthusiasm has been expressed in so many places for what God is doing in Togo.

God has provided funds and we are presently building the Mewede church building. They have been meeting in a lean-to type covering and it is such a blessing to be able to give them a permanent structure where they can worship together.

The village is somewhat isolated and difficult to travel to. The work was begun when a traveling medicine salesman and member of the Tchaloude church passed through the village and led some folks to Christ. After Pastor Abalo visited the village with him they approached me about starting a church in that place. God opened the heart of the Muslim chief who has allowed us to work there for the last 12 years.

The Tchaloude church was responsible for holding services in Mewede until a young man, saved in the Mewede church went through our Bible Institute. He is now leading the church where he received Christ. The church family is very excited about having a permanent structure.

In December I returned to Togo at the beginning of the dry season to start making arrangements for the construction of the Mewede church building. It was necessary to first meet with the chief of the village to lay out our plan. We were able to determine the best site, and also secure all of the steel needed, the tin for the roof, and set up a plan to get the sand and gravel as needed. The church members are helping to make the bricks and even the chief has offered

to help. The biggest challenge to this project is procuring water during the dry season, and getting it from a difficult location. The river is located on a steep path which is treacherous to traverse and is almost a half of a mile from the job site. The water will be transported in basins on the heads of the ladies of the church, something they can do to contribute to the building of their new church.

During my time in Togo, I, along with Togolese pastors identified five other locations of church plants which need buildings.

I was encouraged as I met with the pastors. During this time of our absence they are continuing to move forward with church growth and the Bible Institute has another student. I saw signs of emerging leadership among them, even when faced with difficult decisions which would not be popular to implement, but would be the right thing to do. The pastors are also taking on the role of encouraging one another, just as you folks have been our prayer warriors and have faithfully encouraged us for so many years.

In December we were able to be with all of our kids and grandkids, something we had not had the opportunity to do for 12 years due to much of the family being involved in overseas missions. We also joyfully celebrated the 20-year anniversary of our Stephanie being cancer-free, and thank the Lord for How He is using her as a missionary in the south of Togo. Truly He is to be praised.

Because of Him,

Randy + Jeanette Alderman

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new church site



present church location



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