

Alderman Lifeline

Togo, West Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

A second church plant has begun in the village of Lama Tessi! While we are assisting in this new work, it is effectively being led by a layman named Emmanuel (Pictured with Randy) who works during the week as a teacher. God started working in his heart several years ago about starting a work in the village where God had placed him. Emmanuel sacrificially bought land and built a building for the first congregation from his very own funds. We are now helping him in the second location, and have purchased land and are finishing the paper work so that it can be used for this new congregation which is presently meeting in a rented location.



We were three days away from starting a new work in Tchintchinda when the churches had to close last year, but now have been able to begin services. Brother Henock (pictured with family) is leading this new work.



Never is the contrast between darkness and light more evident than at the time of death. Various members of the Salang family have been attending the Pagouda church for a number of years, including the elderly mother. She has a vibrant testimony and a changed life since she accepted Christ. Some of her adult children and their families faithfully attend the church as well. In early January one of her sons who was an alcoholic suddenly died. His teenage kids and other saved family members were heart-broken as they had pleaded with him to accept the Lord. The day of the funeral a large group of men sought shelter from the intense African sun under a copse of trees, and as is the custom here in Togo, the woman were seated at a distance from the men. Muslims, voodoo worshipers and Christians alike listened as I presented the gospel as clearly as I knew how, realizing that this man was already in eternity without hope. Eight days later we received a call that another daughter of this elderly woman had passed away from a chronic disfiguring illness. As we stood under the same stand of trees to preach the second funeral we could not help but think about the difference the gospel had made. What a contrast between two siblings, with the first funeral, manifesting deep gut-wrenching mourning without hope of ever seeing the man again, and the second, a blessed hope, knowing that this precious sister would be waiting in heaven to welcome the saved members of the family including her children who had lost their mom.



In March we will be coming to the States to participate in our daughter Stacey's wedding as well as taking care of other things we need to do.

The power of your prayers is such a vital part of the spread of the gospel here in Togo!

Because of Him,

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