

Alderman Lifeline



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Dear Praying Friends,

Biblical baptism is considered a strong statement of faith in Christ here in Togo and not embarked upon lightly. Candidates testify of salvation and a changed life in front of those who come to view the event. Several weeks ago we held a baptism at the Calvary Baptist Church of Lome II. The day was special as we had 22 visitors and this was the first baptism for Bienvenu who just finished Bible Institute.



One lady in particular deeply impressed everyone as she related her story of salvation. Mama Sofia, a widow of some years, had been approached at least 3 times about accepting Christ as Savior but refused to even consider. Her 3 children were faithfully coming to our children's class and her 8-year-old son begged his mother to come and hear about Jesus. She refused to come even when the children were participating in a Christmas program, but she pushed them to all go and receive the special candy given out that day. On New Year Sunday she woke her son and told him he needed to go to church to get the candy, but he was too sick to attend. By 5 pm that night he was dead, probably of cerebral malaria. She was so heartbroken to lose her little boy and could not stop thinking of his wish for her to hear about Jesus. This time when we visited her home she was ready to listen, and readily accepted Christ as Savior. Those who attended that day listened attentively as she spoke of the peace that had come into her heart and life as a result of coming to Christ.

As life becomes more modern and more materialistic here in Togo we continually seek new methods to reach people for Christ while still following Biblical principles. Because of cultural norms and practices girls are especially vulnerable to sexual assaults, but are not taught ways of combating the attack. Our daughter

Stephanie and her friend Ashley Siler are both trained in Krav Maga, the Israel self-defense course. The first of May they came to Kara to teach 3 separate sessions of self-defense to a total of 106 girls. Thirty-four of those did not attend a church and were brought by our faithful teenagers. The girls attentively listened to the gospel presentation, and we are presently following up in their homes and already seeing girls come to Christ through this outreach.



Pastor Philip and his congregation have been praying for a building for some years now, and January 2018, we were able to pour the foundation. We did not, however, have the funds to further this project so they kept praying. Brick by brick the church folks have labored on their building as God has provided. Several sacrificial gifts came toward the project, and during this last hot season, with temperatures soaring between 105-110 we were able to weld the steel trusses and then lay the tin roof. Through this process we have seen the faith of Pastor Philip and his congregation increase as they have seen God provide. Thank you for your part in what God is doing here in Togo.



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