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Dear Friends & Family,

On this last day of 2011, I wanted to thank you all once again for praying for God's work here in Togo!! Here's a few updates:

1) Sotouboua-- Thanks for praying for our weekend in Sotouboua! It took us 7 hours to get there because of the bad roads so we didn't arrive until around 9pm, but people still came out to see the evangelistic film and one of our pastors preached. On Saturday morning, Akouwa and I went to visit my neighbor who had moved to this village back in October. We were so glad to see Cherino and her kids!!! (see picture-- Cherino is on the right) Cherino said over and over again how hard the move had been-- her daughter Alice had been sick and hospitalized 4x--and how all she wanted to do was return to Kpalime. After a delicious meal of fufu and playing games with the kids, Akouwa and I did not want to leave without talking to her again about her eternal destiny.

I felt led to share John 14:1-6 with her, and I reminded her that we will always have troubles in this life and that God wanted to use these trials to point her to Him. I shared the gospel with her, and finally I asked her if Jesus was preparing a place for her; she didn't really respond, and kept her head down and didn't seem to be interested. I'm always so thankful for Akouwa and all the languages that she can speak-- she began talking to Cherino in her heart language--Kabiye (which I don't understand or speak so I just kept praying.) After about 25 minutes, Akouwa told me that Cherino wanted us to help her so we explained the gospel again, and Cherino prayed to receive Christ!! Needless to say, Akouwa and I were ecstatic!! Just proves once again when you think nothing is happening, God is at work!! It was also encouraging that Cherino's daughter Alice who attended our Christian school last year read the verses and helped us explain the gospel to her mom!

While we were at Cherino's, Togolese Samuel and American Samuel were explaining the gospel to a group of people from Togolese Samuel's wife's family. In the afternoon, we again shared the gospel with several adults and kids and showed the film at night. The first film worked fine, but unfortunately the generator died and the JESUS DVD refused to play afterwards which was disappointing, but we were able to talk with the chief and others who gathered on Sun. morning to hear more. Please pray for fruit and for someone to be able to follow-up since there is much interest in the gospel in this village full of fetish worship. (The house where we stayed for had a fetish right in front of their house.)

2) WONOUGBA-- Thanks for praying for the conference this past week. We were able to share the gospel with several and showed an evangelistic film on Fri. night. I didn't see many "new" faces from the village of Wonougba attend the teaching, but we were the kids most of the time. The kids listened well to lessons about heaven and the rich man and Lazarus as well as the woman at the well. We know that God is at work so we continue to pray for fruit. Thanks for your continued prayers for Pastor Kofi and Mansa as they patiently wait for a break-through in this village.

3) DZOGBEGAN-- This week, we knew you were praying for this ministry with the kids especially! Unfortunately I was unable to go to the kids' club this week as Christmas night, I got sick, but Akouwa and Samuel, a group of Togolese young people and some visitors from America persevered and showed the love of Jesus in this village. When I called Akouwa the first day, she said "Davi, these children are very disobedient." They guessed that there were about 300 kids the first day--a bit of a challenge. The second and third days were more manageable with 50-80 kids. Please pray that God would do a work in the hearts of the people of this village as many heard the TRUTH through door-to-door evangelism and the evangelistic films and preaching Tues. and Wed. nights. Please pray for Brother Anani and his wife

Seto to persevere in this challenging village.

4) CHOOSING FORGIVENESS--Please praise God for how He is using His Word to change lives through a Bible study that Pastor Boniface's wife Abra is teaching to the ladies at our church. God is using Abra in an incredible way, and it is so exciting for me each Sunday to sit back and see God work in ladies' lives-- almost every week there is a testimony of how God is freeing these women who have been in bondage for years because of unforgiveness and bitterness. Please pray as we see the need for Abra to train other women all over the country to teach this study!!

5) TAMBERMAS-- And finally, please pray for a trip we will be taking next Saturday to Tamberma. We will be taking a team to see God's work up there. Please pray as we look forward to worshipping with our brothers and sisters there and encouraging Pastor Kpatcha and his wife as well as our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Well this has been long, but at this time when many make resolutions for the new year, may we all be committed to pray more fervently and trust God for victory in the battle for men, women, & young people's hearts!

Happy New Year!
Love,
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