

Pastor Yeo, Emmanuel and his wife Anne and Lay Pastor Soro, Simplice returned from a trip to visit new believers in Bobo-Dioulasso on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We thank the Lord for their safety as they traveled and for their families here in Cote d'Ivoire, during their absences. Pastor Emmanuel continues to keep in contact with these new believers. It was found that there are 4 persons who can be trained to become literacy workers to start the literacy work in Burkina Faso. It has also been noted that there really needs to be a leader or Pastor visiting more frequently to encourage spiritual growth. Therefore, on May 31<sup>st</sup> after IBAO, three Lay Pastors are preparing to head to Bobo-Dioulasso to continue teaching and follow-up. Lay Pastor Yassia will stay the entire month.

We ask that  $\underline{YOU}$  join with us in praying for this entire month for the Spiritual Growth of the New Believers in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso.

## <u>Requests:</u>

- 1. Travel & safety for the team and for family members left behind in Cote d'Ivoire.
- 2. Consistent Spiritual Growth of new believers and sharing of their faith with others.
- 3. Raising up leaders among the new believers.
- 4. For the Lord to raise up a Pastor for this nuleus of believers.

## <u>Praise:</u>

- 1. Nucleus of new believers
- 2. A meeting place secured for new believers
- 3. Willingness of persons in the Church of God in Cote d'Ivoire to take more responsibility for these new believers.

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Burkina Faso (called Upper Volta before independence) lies on the northern border of Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, also touching Ghana, Togo and Benin. Its northern neighbors are Mali and Niger, which are predominantly Moslem countries. It is one of the world's poorest countries where 80% are subsistence farmers in a semi-arid area. There is religious freedom with 81% non-Christian, 18.4 All Christians and 8.0 Evangelical.

The 3rd team will be leaving in a few days time to meet and work with the nucleus of persons meeting with the Chruch of God. We seek a mighty force of intercessors prior to and during this time of reinforcing Spiritual Growth among the new believers in Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. Your prayers are critical as we enter the adversary's territory.