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# The Mihsills

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## What's Christmas like in Côte d'Ivoire?



Turning on the air conditioning at Christmas dinner may not be on your holiday agenda, but with a likely temperature of 90°F, we are looking forward to cool air as we eat our chicken and mashed potatoes! Christmas in Côte d'Ivoire is different in some other ways too. We don't see many Christmas decorations around town or hear Christmas carols often, but many people do have Christmas t-shirts or matching outfits made for school or church programs. Churches traditionally have all-night Christmas Eve services that begin the evening of December 24 and end around 5 a.m. on Christmas Day. On a recent visit to the village of Bounafla, we asked what they're planning this year since Christmas is on a Sunday. Instead of the usual Christmas Eve service, they are having a Sunday morning Christmas service. However, at the CHOG in Yamou-

ssoukro, they will have the all-night Christmas Eve service and end it at 3 a.m. with morning worship from 3 a.m. to 5 a.m.! Many will then return home and have a meal. Chicken is a special treat that many families like to eat for the holiday. However you celebrate, may you be pointed toward our Savior Jesus Christ. *(Rease is pointing out the baby Jesus in our Tanzanian nativity scene, pictured right.)* **May the Prince of Peace reign in our hearts and in the world! Joyeux Noël! Merry Christmas!**



## Road to Sustainability

Walking alongside the local church in Côte d'Ivoire on the road to sustainability is one of our ongoing goals. One project which will drive them toward sustainability by generating funds for ministry projects is called the Yamoussoukro Events Place (YEP). This project starts with the purchase of two three-wheelers *(like the one pictured below)*, which will be rented out with a portion of the income going to national church ministries and a portion going back to the project to further develop YEP. Funds raised toward this project will also help build a shed on the church property in Yamoussoukro to house the three-wheelers.

To join us on the road to local church sustainability, give to YEP online at <https://chogglobal.org/region-africa/> (click "Projects in this Region") or call Global Strategy at 800-848-2464 and reference project #42.30181.



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For a monthly calendar of prayer requests for Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso, visit [www.cichog.org](http://www.cichog.org) and click on "Prayer Calendar."

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