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# The Mihsills

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## Sustainability. It All Starts With Water.

A reddish brown dust covers our car as we drive to Korhogo, a northern region in Côte d'Ivoire. Even the normally green leaves on the trees are brown with dust as the dry season approaches. In this region, the Church of God has purchased a piece of land in an area called Lakpolo. The vision of the church is to see a ministry and activities center built on the land, and it all starts with water. Drilling a well on the land will draw the community together, and from there, the national church plans to build a center where literacy classes can be taught, and regional and national conferences can be held. On the perimeter of the property, stalls will be built that can be rented to those in the community, and the rent collected from the stalls will serve as sustainable income for national church ministries.



Ivorian national church leaders (*pictured above*) are excited about the vision for the Lakpolo Ministry and Activities Center! Bobby was with them in October and looked around the land, taking their photo in front of this sign, which translated, says "Church of God, Côte d'Ivoire."



Global Strategy is featuring the Lakpolo Center as part of their ImpactX2 campaign. From now until December 31, 2019, the first \$50,000 given to campaign projects will be matched! Join us in making this vision a reality by giving at <https://faithlife.com/coggm-c/give?funds=4820> or call Global Strategy at 800-848-2464.

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# The Shoe That Grows



Above: Matinnin, a COP child, sports her new sandals!

“How can we better support children sponsored through Children of Promise in Côte d’Ivoire?” This was the question we asked our local program volunteers, and one answer we received was to support their feet! Good quality footwear is expensive in CI because most shoes are imported and a high import tax is tacked on the price tag. The most common footwear here for children is plastic sandals with poor arch support that crack easily. Most children walk a distance to school, so supportive shoes are important. Like all children, their feet grow quickly, so they outgrow a pair of shoes in a year or less. Outfitting kids in good-quality shoes, which would need to be replaced in a year or less, seemed like an unattainable goal.



We found out about an organization called Because International based in Nampa, Idaho, that designs sandals for just this purpose. They are called “The Shoe That Grows.” These sandals are made of the material that tires are made of, making them durable. They have three main places where the shoes expand to different sizes so that they cover the range of five shoe sizes and last for five years. There’s a front snap, a side snap, and a back strap that allow for the shoes to expand. This fall, every sponsored child here in CI received a pair of The Shoe That Grows!

## On-Air Radio Forum Reaches Youth



Should Christians celebrate the local festival of generations? What love is your priority in life: love of God or money? Is it possible to love your enemies?

These are just a few of the subjects addressed in recent programs by the Christians Broadcasting Hope (CBH) French Radio team. Their weekly radio program called *Tribune Jeune* means “Youth Forum,” and this fall and winter, their programs focus on two themes: celebrations and love. They deal with hot topics, such as whether it is acceptable to celebrate the festival of generations, which is a rite-of-passage festival that has been practiced by some Christians but is seen as having roots in animism and ancestor sacrifice. Discussing controversial topics such as these helps youth to think through how they put their faith into practice as young believers. The hosts of the show, such as Ange (*pictured left*), invite youth and community members to discuss relevant topics, and the show reaches many youth on the local Christian radio station. We thank the Lord for this gifted radio team and for using this form of media to reach Ivorian youth for Christ!



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