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The Mihsills

Bobby, Jenny, Moore
& Rease Mihsill:
*Associate Regional
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for Africa*

A New Role

We started off the new year by stepping into a new role! After much prayer and consideration, Bobby and I accepted the role of associate regional coordinators for Africa and officially began on January 1, 2025. We attended our first regional coordinator meetings held in Namibia January 5-10 and were encouraged by and began learning from the other RCs around the globe (*pictured right*).

What will you do in this new role?

We have the privilege of learning from John and Gwen Johnson, regional coordinators for Africa, about the responsibilities of this new role, which include traveling throughout the region and collaborating with national leaders to develop regional ministry strategies and country-specific strategies, cultivating relationships with the Church of God in Africa, and helping connect the church across Africa.



This role includes a range of responsibilities in a broad region, and we are excited to learn and grow as we serve in this new capacity. When we were considering whether the Lord was leading us in the direction of this new role, 2 Corinthians 12:9 came to mind, and we were reminded that the Lord's strength is made perfect in our weakness. Please join us in praying that we will draw nearer to God as we rely on His wisdom and discernment in our service as associate regional coordinators.



What about Côte d'Ivoire?

We plan to remain living in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Although relocating could be a consideration at some point in the future, we are committed to walking with the Ivorian church as they become more self-sustaining and take the lead in church ministries and institutions. We want this transition to be a healthy one. We have plans to begin training a Children of Promise assistant director in February, and two pastors are currently pursuing higher education as training to become IBAO professors. Little by little, more responsibility and leadership roles are being taken on by the Ivorian church and we anticipate all the Lord is doing and will do through called and capable leaders here.

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What do your kids have to say about this role change?

Moore's first reaction to the news was, "So you're not the *real* regional coordinators, just the associates?" We laughed a bit and explained that John and Gwen Johnson are not retiring just yet and have no definitive timeline for retirement, so yes, we are the associates. We are privileged to work with the Johnsons — and there is much to learn!

Moore and Rease will travel with us when their school schedule allows, and at times, one parent will stay with them here in Abidjan while the other travels. The kids loved being in Namibia (*pictured right*) for RC meetings and we all look forward to heading together to Denver in June for the CHOG Convention.



What does this role change mean for your partners?

You as our partners make it possible for us to serve, and we thank you immensely! Taking on this new role means a broader impact in a larger area of the continent, so your faithful financial partnership is all the more important as we continue to follow God's call. More travel in fulfilling the responsibilities of this role also means that our budget has increased for 2025. If you have the resources to increase your giving, we invite you to prayerfully consider it. If you have followed what the Lord is doing here in Africa but haven't joined us financially, now is a great time to join us. To increase or set up a new gift, visit <https://choglobal.org/team/bjmihsill/> or call Global Strategy at 800-848-2464.



What's next as associate regional coordinators?

Next up is a lot of learning and asking questions as we work with John and Gwen and get to know more about each country in the region. The Johnsons visited us here in Côte d'Ivoire after our time in Namibia, and we talked and worked and planned together. We will also continue working with the ministries and projects here in Côte d'Ivoire as we hand more responsibilities over to local leaders. We have a group coming with CBH radio in February and an IBAO seminar coming up in March. There is much to do and we trust the Lord to give us strength and guidance in it all!



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