



Tai National Park is found in southwestern Côte d'Ivoire. The park is home to 11 species of monkeys.



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The Mihsills

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Missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

Raise the Roof!

The 13-year-long prayers of the people in Sinfra, Côte d'Ivoire, and the national Church of God have been answered! In 2006, a parsonage was built in this village. The church has since been meeting in what was meant to be the living room of the parsonage, praying that a new church would be built with room for them to grow.

In August 2018, a team with volunteers from Minnesota and Georgia helped to lay the foundation and build the walls. Just a few weeks ago, at the beginning of April, another team came to put on the roof. The visiting team, made up of Jeff Vaneps, Dan Osborn, and Jack Mordh, worked hand-in-hand with the local church people to finish the roof of the sanctuary in just a week and a half.

Although the sun was hot, and the work was hard, with everyone working together, they raised the rafters (*pictured top right*) and put on the metal. Each day, Sinfra CHOG's Pastor Francis was out working alongside team leader Jeff Vaneps, with District Pastor Soukalo (*all pictured bottom right*), who applied for the construction permits and worked to get the supplies in order. With these three leaders and the rest of the team, the Sinfra Church of God is now able to worship in their new building. Praise the Lord with us for answered prayer!



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“Have you Heard of ‘Days for Girls’?”



About a year ago, I (Jenny) heard about programs that offered accessible feminine hygiene for girls managing their menstrual periods by sewing and distributing reusable menstrual kits. In West Africa, girls may miss school or be at risk for infection because they often don't have a safe and sustainable way to manage their menstrual cycle. I read some information online and saw that Days for Girls was one such program in West Africa. I thought how great it would be to partner with an organization to help Children of Promise girls in this way, but I had no idea how to go about implementing a partnership here in Côte d'Ivoire.

In December (2018), I received an email from Jeff, the leader of the work camp team that planned to come in April to put on the church roof. Carol, the wife of one of the team members coming in April, sews kits for Days for Girls, and she wanted to send some kits to CI with the team! Jeff wrote, “Have you seen or heard of this?” And that is how our partnership began with Carol and Days for Girls (DfG)! DfG also has a program to teach boys about young adulthood called Men Who Know.

In April, Jenny and the COP volunteers met with the sponsored children's mothers in Plateforme (pictured above left) to talk about the

program for girls while Bobby met with the fathers regarding the boys' program. They were open to accepting the program, so we are looking to move forward with the teaching and kit distribution in the coming months. Stay tuned for an update in future newsletters!

We've Got Wheels!

Thanks to our committed financial partners and several very generous one-time gifts, we were able to purchase a new vehicle in March! Our previous vehicle served us well, but it was over 10 years old and was starting to need more and more repairs.

You may be asking, “Why is a reliable vehicle so important for your ministry?”

One reason is because we travel to villages on sometimes remote roads where a mechanic may not be available. A breakdown could be more than an inconvenience for a car-full of foreigners; it could pose a safety issue.



Another reason is that an updated vehicle makes it possible for us to travel safely as a family. Our new vehicle has car seat latches for our children's seats as well as air vents in the back seat, making travel in the extreme heat more bearable for the kids. THANK YOU to all of our supporters who made this purchase a reality!

*Will you be attending the Church of God Convention in Orlando in June 2019?
If so, we would love to connect with you! Email us at jennymihsill@chog.org.*



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