

Sellers Sequel

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Missionaries to French-speaking Africa



Going Around Life's Roundabouts



Since we have moved back to Abidjan, we have readjusted to maneuvering around dozens of roundabouts that connect roads across the city. A roundabout is a place where three or more roads join and traffic must go around a circular area in the middle, rather than straight across. We do not remember having so many roundabouts when we first moved to Côte d'Ivoire in 1996. Though not being that comfortable with this approach to traffic flow, we have come to see that roundabouts do help the flow of traffic here in this megacity.

The roundabouts seem to keep traffic moving along no matter how many vehicles push their way in, even if they move slowly along. And if you miss your intended exit, you can always circle around again. We have discovered that it is not only in Abidjan traffic that we must go through roundabouts, but even as we maneuver entrances into Cote d'Ivoire and exiting to other French-speaking countries. As we navigating the roundabouts in the life of the church we are rejoicing in how God is using those whom we have watched grow and mature in their life with Christ, seeing them get married, begin families, become church leaders, pastors, teachers, worship leaders and the list goes on ! Here are a few photos...



Family blessing during the dowry ceremony

**The civil marriage ceremony at the city hall.
Larry served as the witness.**



Niakaramandougou

After meetings in Korhogo, Larry and several pastors went to one of the newer cell-groups at Niakaramandougou to join their Sunday morning service. It was great to see new believers worshiping the Lord. It was also wonderful to see and hear Pastor Issa, preaching and encouraging the people! This group has already acquired land in Niakaramandougou to build a new building and some future projects. (see the arrow to locate Niakaramandougou on the map of Côte d'Ivoire.)



Côte d'Ivoire Youth + Convention 2023

The national youth retreat, held in August each year, has become such a fixture that even married youth alumni attended with their children this year. Youth of all ages had a wonderful experience! There were teachings, workshops, outreach, evening services,, and a hike up Mt. Lataha, a rather steep mountain, but they were thrilled to reach the top for the amazing view! They are already talking about next year's retreat, and maybe adding one just for families this time!



Rwanda and Congo Trip

We will be taking another turn off the roundabout to travel to Rwanda September 11-23 for two weeks of teaching the same two groups of leaders with whom we worked last April. They will in turn share what they are learning with other groups of leaders in both Rwanda and Congo. Those in Congo will be leading sessions for more than 200 leaders immediately after they are with us. They are using Larry's doctrines manual that he developed as part of his masters thesis some years ago. We are thankful that it is bearing fruit in training African leaders in Francophone countries across Africa. Thanks for making this turn off the roundabout possible by your support of our project.

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Prayer Requests

- Sellerses' safe travel
- Church leaders as they travel to the teachings in Rwanda and Congo
- Seminar for 200 leaders in Congo, September 23



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Praises

- Rwandans & Congolese are sharing with others what they have learned.
- Praise the Lord for a well attended Youth Camp in CI.
- Praise the Lord for youth who are growing deeper in God's Word.

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