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# The Mihsills

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“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”  
Luke 2:11

May the joy of the Savior be yours this season! Thank you for partnering with us in sharing the good news of the Savior in West Africa.

## A New and Promising Class

IBAO started strong this fall with a new class of students taking foundational courses such as Orientation and How to Study, Introduction to the Bible and Spiritual Formation. Although the group is small, they are eager and excited to be gaining practical tools on teaching the Bible. After the first module in September, two students approached us, thanked us for teaching them, and said they were now able to go share what they learned with the congregations they help lead! Please pray for the next module, which will take place January 14-25, 2019.

*Right: New IBAO students lift their voices in prayer to the Savior.*



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# We Need Each Other!



For the first time, we traveled to East Africa in October! As we sat across the desk from Herman, the COP director in Tanzania, the cool air flowed in the window of the Children of Promise office on the Church of God property in Babati, Tanzania. After flight cancelations and a long journey, it was worth it to get to sit down with Herman and ask him questions about the Safina program, one of the largest COP programs in existence. Herman helped us understand how he organizes a large program, motivates and encourages volunteers, keeps records, and deals with the challenges and the growth of the program. We're so grateful for the time he took to share with us.

While in Tanzania, we also had the privilege of visiting Regional Coordinators Mike, Heather, and Maddy Webb and getting to know the Stocksdales, missionaries to Botswana, who also came to learn more about COP.

After a few days in Tanzania, we traveled to Malindi, Kenya, where the Africa missionary staff retreat was held this year. In addition to fruitful meetings and a time of spiritual renewal for the adults, the MKs got to bond together as they enjoyed vacation Bible school! The theme was "Shipwrecked," and the kids learned Bible verses, stories and songs all week, and performed them on the beach during worship on Sunday morning. Moore's favorite part was being taught and loved on by his VBS teachers, Kara, Genny, and Autumn, who came from Winslow-Muren CHOG in Indiana to provide this awesome experience for our kids. Moore also loved seeing his MK friend Maddy again and making new friends with Olivia, Simeon, and Declan Stocksdale! Thanks to our fellow missionaries, our VBS teachers, and our MK friends! What a great reminder that we need each other!



## Our Neighbors to the West

Bobby had the opportunity to visit and share in Liberia, which borders Côte d'Ivoire to the west. He joined Africa Regional Coordinator Mike Webb, fellow missionary Larry Sellers, Bishop Nkansah from Ghana, and Thomas Siafa in visiting Church of God congregations for one week in November. They shared teaching and preaching responsibilities, speaking on three main topics: Church of God history, Church of God doctrines, and women in ministry. Bobby found the trip to be very encouraging as three West African countries came together in unity to build up one another in Christ.



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