

The Sellers Sequel

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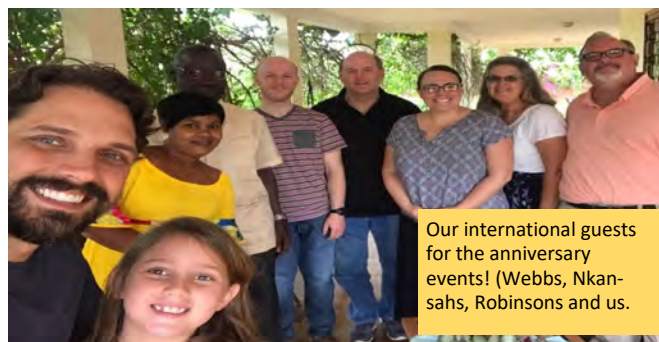
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Reflecting over the last several months, we rejoice with thanksgiving for the affirmation of God's leading of the Church of God in Côte d'Ivoire. We invite you to rejoice with us and the church in celebrating just a few milestones:

- * The IBAO students planned a Day of Prayer, Praise and Fasting before graduation, to seek the Lord's direction for the next phase in their lives and ministry.
- * IBAO celebrated its 3rd graduation and 10th Anniversary November 24, 2017, in Yamoussoukro, with nine graduates participating. A diploma was awarded posthumously to previous student and pastor in Burkina Faso, Pastor Isaac who completed all of his courses shortly before his passing last year. His presence is greatly missed by all.



- * The celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Church of God in Côte d'Ivoire was held at Yamoussoukro with delegates from across the country as well as several international guests. We were honored to have Bishop Nkansah and his wife, Patience, from the Church of God in neighboring Ghana as special guests for the above events. Nkansah was instrumental in the planting of the Church of God in Côte d'Ivoire twenty years ago along with Dr. Robert Edwards. We were also blessed to have Dr. Kerry Robinson and his son Kyle from Anderson, IN, and to have Dr. Mike and Heather Webb, Africa regional coordinators, and their daughter, Maddy join us from Tanzania for the occasion.
- * We rejoice that Larry passed the oral defense of his doctoral dissertation on November 16. Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement.



Our international guests for the anniversary events! (Webbs, Nkansahs, Robinsons and us.

- * Sinfra Church of God, under the leadership of the new IBAO graduate Francis Drigbe, is bursting out of the parsonage that serves as their place of worship. Work-camps are being planned for 2018 to help build a new worship facility on their property.
- * New cell-group plans in Bouake -- The national church's major thrust in 2018 is to plant a new church in Côte d'Ivoire's second largest city, Bouake. A number of high school and university students are currently studying there from several existing churches. National leadership desires to bolster these in their faith and their witness to the city's inhabitants.
- * As IBAO prepares for its next class to begin in 2018, God is touching the hearts of potential students to take this step of faith in following his call.
- * We rejoice in your faithful support of us by your prayers and financial giving throughout the year! Thank you!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!



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