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God Is Working!

Missionary life has its unique challenges. When things don't go as we'd hoped or the pace at which a project is moving seems very slow, we sometimes wonder why. But over the last few weeks, we have been reminded that God is working even when we don't see it right away!

Five years ago, we did a teaching for adolescents in the central part of the country through the program Days for Girls. The program teaches about puberty, menstruation, hygiene and self-defense. Young men (*pictured below right*) and young women (*pictured right*) are taught separately, and part of the program includes the girls receiving a washable, reusable menstruation kit. Although we proposed doing the teaching in the northern part of the country, it did not work out...until this month! On November 1, we trained a number of teachers from various churches in the north so that they might teach the material to the young people in their churches. The day of the teaching, the pastor of the church where we'd gathered asked Bobby if we'd like to stay the following day for a baptism service at their church. We had planned to head home, but we decided to stay. When we arrived at the church the next morning, we were thrilled to see one of our Children of



Promise girls, Marie, helping to fill the baptismal. You may recall us telling about how God worked in Marie's life in our January-March 2024 update. After the passing of her mother, Marie has had a difficult time, and her grandfather even forbade her from coming to church less than a year ago. So we were so happy to



see Marie not only at the church but helping to serve by carrying water to fill the baptismal. Once full, Bobby helped the local pastor as person after person came forward to be baptized. After



the tenth person was baptized, the next to step into the baptismal was none other than Marie! We were surprised and so thankful that Marie (*pictured left*) chose to follow the Lord in baptism and that we had the privilege to witness it! A total of 13 were baptized! Many of you whom we visited this summer heard us share about Marie and how the Lord has been working in her life. God continues to work and we thank Him for He is good!

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Peace in the Home



Since the IBAO class of 2023 graduated, IBAO (West Africa Bible Institute) has not had enough students to begin a new session of regular modules. To continue with the mission of educating pastors, IBAO has been offering seminars. Bobby and I had the privilege of attending the October seminar, which was for pastors and spouses. The seminar was led by a very capable local group who taught on having peace in the home. It was neat to see how God is working in the lives of these pastors and their spouses, such as Pastor Emile and Esther (*pictured left*), who renewed their vows— complete with feeding each other cake — during the weekend seminar! In addition to the rich teachings on how we are called to peace, different



couples, such as Pastor Antoine and his wife (*pictured above right*), also led songs and skits on our last night together. Much sacrifice is involved in pastoring anywhere, but especially in the Ivorian context. May God bless the marriages and the families of pastors who serve!

Niangon Church moves onto land in Abidjan!



Even before we arrived in Côte d'Ivoire, missionaries and church leaders were working to purchase a piece of land for the Niangon CHOG in Abidjan. Squatters and other various obstacles kept the church from being able to move onto the land for **12 years!** But God has been working, and on November 17, the church had their first worship service on the property! Moïse (*pictured right*) preached about evangelism during this first worship service in their temporary structure (*pictured left*). Pray that they would be a light to the community around them in this new location and that many would come to know the Lord through their witness.



Retreat & Renewal

Bobby had the opportunity to attend a men's retreat in Switzerland in September. It was a meaningful time of renewal and solitude with the Lord. In all of the busyness, it's so important for us to remember that taking time to be with the Lord is a priority. He is grateful to be able to enjoy the Lord's creation in nature and in community with other men who serve cross-culturally.



Join us!

Many thanks to our faithful partners who join us in this ministry! We could not follow God's call to serve in Côte d'Ivoire without you.

The move to Abidjan this year has meant a budget increase for us. We are currently 83% funded. Would you consider increasing your current regular gift or joining us as a new partner? To increase or set up a gift, visit <https://choglobal.org/team/bjmihsill/> or call Global Strategy at 800-848-2464.



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