



Larry & LeAnn Sellers
Church of God Missionaries
to West Africa

April-June 2017

Praises !!

♦ *The newest member of the Côte d'Ivoire team made her entrance on June 22, 2017. Welcome Rease Jean Mihsill.*



♦ *Rain! Rain! So grateful for the summer rains bringing cooler temperatures.*

Prayer Requests

♦ *Abidjan Church awaiting paperwork for the property !*

♦ *Larry as he works on his doctoral dissertation.*

♦ *Africa team to meet in Switzerland for the Africa Retreat in August.*

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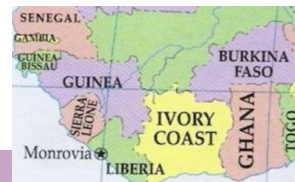
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The Sellers Sequel



IBAO-Update

IBAO exists to aid the Church in preparing servants of the Lord to serve, teach, preach and be the hands and feet of Jesus. As a part of the IBAO program, each student is to do an internship or project in service to a church or the church at large for a total of 13 weeks. Seven students did their internships under the leadership of a pastor in a local church. Our only female student this year, Sylvie N'Goran (younger sister of the late Pastor Daniel), with a heart for young girls and their relationship with Jesus, carried out a project in response to the needs of young ladies to be dedicated to the Lord in all areas of their lives. She also worked with the women of the church to come along side these young ladies and walk with them during this formative time in their lives. She especially targeted the issues of abstinence and faithfulness, holding five seminars with the girls and women in Yamoussoukro. Sylvie incorporated guest women speakers to share their testimonies, teach and encourage the girls. Sylvie maintains a strong tie with the young girls as mentor and confidante. We hope to see this program spread to other churches in the future. Hers is just one of several exciting stories of promising young leadership for the church. You can support the development of such leaders through Project Link #42.30131 —IBAO



Larry left on March 28th for his final doctoral module at Fuller Seminary in California. It was a very compacted time with lots of information and assignments to begin work on his dissertation. From there he went to Texas, hiding away at his brother's, to start working on his writing.

While Larry was away, LeAnn enjoyed working with the Youth department to develop their Central District Committee at the Vincenkro Church. The Youth are seeking to be more involved in outreach and leadership. One high-



light for LeAnn was being able

to attend the footwashing service at Yamoussoukro. It was great to be a part of a multi-generational group, breaking down barriers of generations!! On Easter it was



a delight to be with several surrounding village churches meeting at Vincenkro Church of God. Fifteen persons were baptized in the Bandama River before the service! It was amazing to see the



different congregations arrive on foot at church to CELEBRATE the Risen Savior. It was also exciting to see these newly baptized persons take communion for the first time.



*So thankful for
Easter and the
reminder of the
Power of the
Cross !*



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Lee Sellers Graduates from Texas A&M



We are so thankful that LeAnn was able to come to the States and have time with her family in Florida before meeting Larry in Texas. Our family (Larry, LeAnn, Laura and Lee) was blessed to be together for the first time in over a year and a half. It was a special joy to have LeAnn's Mom, (Lee with his Grandmother in the photo to the left) join us for this time of celebration, as well as most Larry's family too! Lee graduated from Texas A&M on May 13 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering and is now employed with an oil company based in Dallas. We thank the Lord for Lee and are excited for what the future holds for him!



General Assembly 2017

This year's General Assembly of the Church of God in Côte d'Ivoire took place in Yamoussoukro on May 26 with good representation from all congregations. Pastor Emmanuel Yeo was ratified as Superintendent for a second term of



four years. There was a good representation of the local women's presidents who also met previous evening to discuss their upcoming conference in February 2018.

The Christian Education Department had a book table to provide discipleship resources for all levels. To support the ongoing ministry of the national church leadership, please support Project Link—National Church Assistance 42.30137



The first week-end in June we went to visit the Kononfla Church. When we turned off the highway to head back to the church we were struck by a new sign! Who had put up this BIG sign right at the turn off to the Church! Wow! We were excited to see that the church had taken the initiative to put up a large cement sign informing people that they were in the community!!



We had a very good visit with the church family and were excited to hear Pastor Lucien preach on the Christian family! The church is making progress on building their Pastor's home near the church! It is gratifying to see God at work in this village!



In early June, filling in for the Mihsills, we were happy to host the Children of Promise National Committee and two local Committees at Yamoussoukro for their bi-annual meeting! Please pray for them!



Mid-June found us in Kononfla again this time for a treasurers seminar to work with the central district treasurers, 13 were in attendance for this important time, led by LeAnn and two other national leaders. LeAnn is expecting great treasurer reports in the future.



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