

# THE SELLERS SEQUEL

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We recently read some interesting information about an animal that is known across much of Africa: The African impala can jump to a height of over 10 feet and cover a distance of 30 feet. Yet these magnificent creatures can be kept in an enclosure in any zoo with a 3-foot wall. The animal will only jump if it can see where its feet will land safely.

Sometimes we are like the impala in that we are only willing to exercise our “faith” if we are fairly sure of the outcome. But true faith is not based on what we can see. How many times we are held in captivity by the fears of life when if we would only trust God, we could live in the freedom He provides.



The writer of Hebrews described faith in these words: **“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”** (Heb. 11:1 NIV) Apostle Paul adds in his testimony that our Christian life while on earth is one in which “we live by faith not by sight.” (II Cor. 5:7 NIV) It means leaping out in faith even when we cannot see what is up ahead and where we may land. This is a lesson that we are continually learning as God leads us each step of the way even when we do not know where we may land!

That is certainly our current reality as we face many unknowns about the future but trust God to take us **FORWARD IN FAITH** one step at a time. Since we arrived in the USA, Larry had knee replacement surgery, LeAnn broke her foot, we had no itinerary set for speaking in churches, no vehicle to use for our travels, and we have no confirmation of where we will live once we return to Africa. And our new job description is still very much influx. But God has been faithful to lead us **FORWARD IN FAITH** with each step: He provided us with a good used car, LeAnn’s foot has fully healed, Larry is recovering well from his surgery and learning to walk normally with his new knee, most of our weekends during the fall months are already booked with church visits across the central states area, we have been able to visit our families in Florida and Texas, and spend some time with our children. And we continue to trust God for those others whose outcome we still cannot see. We trust him to lead us **FORWARD IN FAITH!**

Meanwhile back in Côte d’Ivoire... The Church of God continues to advance **FORWARD IN FAITH** in new areas and in the face of conflict and challenges.





## VBS - FORWARD IN FAITH IN CHRIST

This year Vacation Bible School took on a whole new look and feel! There were some new ideas that were introduced and have really made a major impact on how the Church of God in Côte d'Ivoire sees the importance of Vacation Bible School-Camp.

Sylvie N'Goran took on the responsibility of organizing the VBS Camp along with Pastors Issa and Emile long before our return to the US. This gave LeAnn time to work with them before leaving for the US. They made all the plans for activities which included times of Bible study, games, taking a walk in Yamoussoukro, and evening services led by the leaders and some of the children. It also included learning to speak a few words and phrases in English, as well as sessions on the human body for girls and boys separately. The VBS camp used all the rooms available at IBAO and the Yamoussoukro Church.

When the time came for all of the children and teachers to head home it was evident that everyone had had a great time and were eager for next year. And when the teachers came back several weeks later to evaluate the VBS camp event, they talked also about how they could make improvements and started planning for next year.



## Forward in Faith and Knowledge

After months of working to prepare a place in the Yamoussoukro building from which to sell Christian and biblical teaching resources, the doors finally opened on our book depot shortly before our departure in April. Since then it has been providing helpful materials to pastors and teachers at modest prices upon request. These include materials for Sunday School, for women's and youth groups, and for discipleship and literacy classes. In the coming years, we hope it will expand to provide a broader range of needed resources to the church, serving people who are hungry for guidance.





## IBAO - FORWARD IN FAITH LIVING

Since **IBAO** students have completed their classroom studies, they have been putting their training into action during their internship experiences in local churches or new church plants. They are moving **FORWARD IN FAITH LIVING**, living out what they learned in the classroom, now in actual locations. Two are involved in planting new churches and another is working with an established church in various areas of ministry. They have finished their first half, spent two weeks back at their home areas, and now are beginning the last part of their internships.



## FORWARD IN FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

After twenty-six years of pioneer ministry in Cote d'Ivoire, helping a newly birthed work grow, mature, and move **FORWARD IN FAITH** to walk on its own, we as missionaries now find ourselves being challenged to move **FORWARD IN FAITH FOR THE FUTURE** as well. Upon our return in January 2023, we will take on some new assignments and expand the range of our ministry to reach other countries in French-speaking Africa. Much of our new job description is still 'beyond the wall' for us. So we must walk by faith and not by sight as God leads us **FORWARD IN FAITH FOR THE FUTURE!** One thing that seems likely is that we will be doing more travel to other African countries during this next term. This will necessitate an increase in our travel budget and thus our **FAITH** for further support from you, our **FAITHFUL** supporters who have always moved **FORWARD IN FAITH** with us, wherever the Lord has led us.

During the week of **September 10 to 16**, Global Strategy is carrying out a **FIND YOUR STRIDE** Campaign to help missionaries raise additional needed support. During that week only, all new ongoing gifts of at least \$50 per month will be **matched times three** for the first month of giving to our support level. This applies to new donors and to current donor increases as well. It is important that these funds be received during that week and that you notify Global Strategy Office that you are increasing your support level.

We continue to be most grateful for your ongoing faithful support for us and the ministry for many years. We look forward to visiting some of you in the coming months. We remain available to talk by phone or zoom at your convenience as well.

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