

Karie Ferguson missionary to Côte d'Ivoire Assisting Church Planters in Ivory Coast

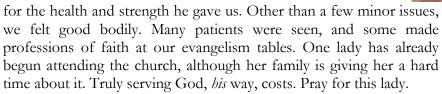
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Dear Friends and Brethren,

I recently listened to an online sermon on God's power. It was a good reminder of our weakness in the flesh, how we cannot do anything for God in this world without his blessing and power. We *must* have it. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." - Rom. 15:13 (and many others in Acts & Romans)

In June, a new medical team arrived for our medical evangelism days. I always love being able to help on

these trips. The Lord truly blessed us and answered specific prayer. We spent one day in a nearby village called Sébia-Yao, then a few days later we headed up north to Oumé & Zangué, where Pastor Zama and his church folk took very good care of us, helping where they could, including the provision of delicious meals. We even had a few meals at the late chiefs wife's home. I've included a picture of my breakfast on the last day: attiéké with "sauce claire" and tender sheep meat. For breakfast, the Ivorians sometimes eat food we might consider dinner. It sure was good! Pastor Zama's wife awoke at 4 AM to start breakfast for us. The church ladies worked hard in their cooking ministry.....We had prayed that it wouldn't rain a lot during these days since it was June, the main rainy season month of the year. We only had a small bit of rain the last day, but after all the work was done that evening, it really came pouring down! Praise the Lord! We also had a nearly-perfect trip up north. We only had one run-in with some police, but after going back and forth with them a little, they let us go. Vehicles with large totes (ours being full of medications and such) can make us a target. Truth be known, we offered them Dum-Dum suckers and that seemed to end the problem. Dum-Dum's are great for the kiddos during the medical days, but apparently it appeases police officers, too! We thank the Lord



I am ready to start another translation project, since I finished the last one just before leaving for Oumé. Even though I've been in communication with our translator, Léonard, for a while now, he is now back in Bingerville with us. This will be a blessing for us as we have even better contact with him for translation work and/or questions. He truly does a great job.











Please pray for God to hinder Satan, as he has been hindering the teaching of God's Word to Ann. It's been about a month-and-a-half since I've been able to go over and teach a Bible lesson to her. She said she wants me to come, but there have been a few problems. I hope to restart soon.

I enjoy picking up a few people for church on Sunday mornings. I see it as a part of ministry to go and pick-up old "Papa Z" -Papa Zarangba, that is. I am told he's the oldest member of our church. His wife, daughters, and

grandchildren stuff themselves in my car like a can of sardines (and I do love it that way!). I recently took a few photos of them (see pics). This family is as sweet as they come.

"Continue in prayer": salvation: neighbors, unsaved family, Ann, Abiba; witnessing opportunities; health needs; guidance, open doors; Dad's health; strength for my Mom after my Mamaw's death

~Thankful for All Your Love & Prayers,





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