



# 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 for the health and strength he gave us. Other than a few minor issues, we felt good bodily. Many patients were seen, and some made professions of faith at our evangelism tables. One lady has already begun attending the church, although her family is giving her a hard time about it. Truly serving God, *his* way, costs. Pray for this lady.

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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*medical evangelism days, June 2023*

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