



HBB Prayer Requests

HBB continues to celebrate the Gospel of reconciliation with God and intentionally share it with every single one of the 19,000 patients we see each year!

1. Pray for Christ to be seen and known through our ministry
2. Pray for our chaplain ministry to Muslims
3. Pray for wisdom in salary discussions with employees combined with new laws.

Kids' Club Update

Melissa's ministry with our children to the local Muslim community continues to draw 100s of elementary-age kids each week, despite having to leave the local school grounds. She has begun visiting the parents after the club to build relationships.

Prayer request: Pray for receptive hearts to believe in Jesus as Savior, both in the children and in their parents.

Surgical Training in Togo!

Our motto, "More than a Hospital" drives what we do. Our theme for 2024 is "To know Christ and to make Him known." This January, we began a long-awaited goal of on-site surgical training to further the vision of making disciples in our profession and calling. In partnership with our northern hospital and the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS), l'Hôpital Baptiste Biblique is now the training site for 2 surgery residents.

This partnership enables us to intensively disciple young doctors who will be able to serve the Lord all over the continent and expand our ministry to places where we cannot go.



The HBB surgery team (R to L, back row): Drs. Brandon Snook, Jack Kehl, and me (R to L, front row): Drs. Patiente and Sweni

1974-2024: 50 Years of Faithful Ministry

2 February 2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the first ABWE missionaries, Dal and Kay Washer (Melissa's grandparents!) to Togo. To commemorate the milestone, the churches and missionaries held a celebration in the capital city of Lomé with the theme "Celebrating God's Faithfulness."



Over 3,000 people representing 100s of churches attended the all-day event in the national convention center, the Palais de Congrès.



Special Visitors!

Tom's parents, Dr. Tom and Jan Kendall, came to see us for several weeks in January and February. It had been 30 years since our family mission trip to this same hospital in 1994. Paton, our oldest son, joined us for a few weeks in February as well. It had been over a year since the younger siblings had been with their older brother!



For this special event, Melissa's parents Ron and Ann Washer (veteran missionaries to Togo) and our niece Mallory joined us along with a team of pastors from Hampton Park Baptist Church in

Greenville, SC—the sending church for the Washer family and the church in which I grew up. And now, HP is one of the churches that also support us. They've supported missions in Togo all 50 years!



(L to R): Pastor Ted Allston, Pastor Drew Conley, Mary Ellen Conley, Marla Allston, Ron Washer, Ann Washer, Melissa Kendall, Tom Kendall

Family Update

We'll be in the US this summer as we prepare to help Avery begin college. If you are anywhere near the southeast US, let us know if you would like to connect!

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We are so grateful for your support and prayers for us. Our prayer for you, as always, is Paul's prayer for the Philippians: ***"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account"*** (4:17). It is a privilege to represent Christ among the nations here in Togo on your behalf!

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Psalm 115:1