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# THE DRAKE ADVENTURE



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Dear Faithful Supporters and Prayer Partners,

Spring is done and we are entering summer, though in Mango, it is an eternal summer. We really enjoyed our spring though it flew by being so full!! The proverbial springs showers were more like downpours in our ministry this year and we'll share some of those blessings and opportunities God gave us.

As we left you with our last prayer letter, we had 2 big things to talk about which were the 50th anniversary of ABWE in Togo and our survey trip of the Ivory Coast. Both are behind us now and we can share a quick update with you. The 50th anniversary was amazing but such a huge undertaking for us and for the Togo field. All the ABWE family of missionaries and church members from the whole country were invited to celebrate this momentous occasion. We gathered on March 23rd at a 3500 seat auditorium in Lome (capital city of Togo) and boy was it full! We had a huge turnout for the choir competition in the morning, followed by a ceremony at 2pm in which we had two

ministers (interior and health) of the government honor us with their presence. We ended the day with an evening worship service that was spectacular. The president of ABWE, VP and their wives and some honored guests came from the US to celebrate this event with us. Paul Davis gave a compelling challenge from God's word and the many choirs gave us great times of Worship. We concluded that service with the Hallelujah Chorus sung in 3 langues (French, Ewe and English). This was a sweet taste of heaven for us all and it was truly a once in a lifetime event.



President Paul Davis Preaching

**Basilique Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix de Yamoussoukro**



A few days after that, we all left for Ivory Coast for a survey trip. We enjoyed our time there as all 6 of us went along with our African Executive Director for ABWE (with his daughter) and our West African Director who came with us. We were going to explore the possibilities of ministry and to see all that is being done by other ministries in that nation. We realized how big and overwhelming of a mission field it was by the size of the country (same size a New Mexico) but with 15 times more people living there!!!



Abidjan is a very large city with an enormous amount of need and a very large portion of the population being muslims. We are praying about ways God could open doors for ABWE there. It was good to see how God was at work and we were able to get many questions answered. We definitely felt like the small country mouse in the big city over there. We are not sure yet where God is leading and Ivory Coast might not be our next step, but we will update you all further about our future plans in our next letter after we have had some more conversations with our ABWE leadership team.

**Boni church group gathering**

Those are the two huge “spring showers” that we were praying God would allow us to get through with success and see fruit from it. Then, there were other opportunities God gave us this spring. One was to encourage the start of a new church in a village that has been listening to Hope Radio for the church services every Sunday up until now. The people of Boni have been a true blessing as there are about 15-20 people that come every Sunday. Our teammates James and Melissa Fife have been going faithfully every Sunday for the past 2 months and there seems to be a hunger for God’s Word. Two of the men are coming to our Bible Institute classes



and are growing in the Lord.



God gave us another ministry opportunity to come alongside our ABWE church pastors from all of Togo to come to a Marriage Retreat Seminar put on by ABWE teammates for a week in the mountains of Danyi. It was a powerful week of repentance, restoration and rest for our weary pastors. Adam was able to run the activities for the conference and was able to have some great time of fellowship with the Pastors and their

wives. Please continue to pray for the churches of Togo to hold fast to the Word of Truth.

The Bible Institute (Institut Biblique des Savanes) has been going well since it’s opening in January. We have 28 students signed up and we get together once a month for a whole week, Monday-Friday (7-9pm) and Saturday from 8am-4pm. This week we are going through the Gospel of John. Adam is tag teaching with one of our Togolese faculty, Christophe, and they are so excited about the material that will be covered as it will be challenging and powerful. Please Pray for lives changed and the church to be strengthened through this teaching. We are grateful for a large gift that was given to help towards the development and construction of a site dedicated to the teaching and discipling of the leaders for the savannah region and beyond. We are praising God for His provision in ministry. Thanks for holding the ropes for us and sustaining us in prayer and support!



**Institut Biblique des Savanes Classes**

In Christ's service,

Adam, Faith, Oceane, Celeste, August, and Nico

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