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# THE DRAKE ADVENTURE

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Dear Faithful Supporters and Prayer Partners,

2024 has started out so high speed that days are going by like minutes! I'm not sure why...well we do have a lot of kettles in the fire and some are boiling, whistling and overflowing into other areas. This is why your prayers have been so essential and have kept us going strong. Some of those boiling pots are new things we want to share with you.

The one that has been taking up a lot of our time lately is the ceremony planning and organization for the 50th anniversary of ABWE in Togo. We were asked about a year ago to head up the committee for this huge event that will host about 3000 people for a whole day of events. There is a choir competition in the morning, a ceremony for the Togolese officials in the afternoon and a Worship Service in the evening with all the ministries and churches invited. The theme is "Sing of His Faithfulness among the Nations" and we are praying that this will be a powerful time of remembering God's faithfulness and anticipating the future of ministry in Togo. Please be in prayer on March 23rd, 2024 and all the days leading up to it. This is a

chance for people all over Togo to meet in the capital to celebrate all He has done as well as to demonstrate to the Togolese government the benefits the mission has brought to the country in hopes of getting an NGO status. Many government officials will attend.

Next kettle...Hope Radio is a big part of our ministry. Though we are able to branch out to church planting, leadership training, the christian school and other ministries, hope radio is our launching point. It has been a struggle over the years to raise funds for the daily operation of Hope Radio. This year, we have decided to start a "Sponsor-a-Day" opportunity for our friends and supporters. Many of you have given to Hope Radio in the past and we thank you. But now, you have a fun new way to give! Our radio technician-Kouami-created a website where you can choose a day to sponsor. It cost us right around \$150 per day to keep the radio going and you can go to [Hope Radio](#) to choose your day and add a message of dedication that we will record and play on the air on your chosen day!

Another kettle on the fire is dental clinic which is going great! Faith consistently gets to share the Gospel to four or more patients each week. Hospital employees, military, police and friends are her typical patients either because of a tooth problem or just for a cleaning. Next week, we have an opportunity to go down south to help with dental clinics in several villages



Hope Radio Site view from above



where another missionary couple works. We look forward to serving alongside them and getting some experience with some dentists. Please pray as we travel round trip to the south and back in just a few days time.

And last kettle but not least...

Abidjan here we come!!! The Final opportunity we have is something that we have talked about with our supporters over the past few years! We have been praying, seeking the Lord for wisdom and researching new places to serve where the concentration of missionaries is not as high. We desired a French speaking place with a large Muslim population, a larger city with a higher socio-economic level and a good school system for the boys (since they'll be the only ones going with us). These criteria have narrowed down the choices considerably. Last fall, God allowed Adam to go to Ivory Coast for a Radio Conference, and he was burdened by the needs he saw there and the pleas



**Grand Blue Mosque in Abidjan**

from local pastors for help. We want to be open to God's will for us whether that ends up being Ivory Coast or not. We desperately need your prayers. It is a leap of faith for us to consider leaving Togo (home, team, MK's, parents, friends) for the unknown again. But we have felt for a long time now that God might have something different for us on the horizon. This trip will cost roughly \$4600 for our whole family to survey different ministries in Ivory Coast for a week. We are leaving March 25, and returning to Togo on April



**Abidjan is a city of around 7 Million people**

2nd, which is just a few weeks away! Please click on [👉 Cote D'Ivoire Survey Trip](#) to give. We are excited because this would be a new field for ABWE and we are encouraged that some of our ABWE leadership will be going with us.

No matter what, we would not be leaving Togo till May 2025, as planned. At that time, Oc will graduate and Faith will begin Dental Hygiene school in the states so she can use that skill wherever God may lead us next. Thank you for journeying with us and for being steadfast partners in the spread of the Gospel in Togo and wherever we go. Your love, generosity, and faithful support are deeply appreciated, and we trust that the Lord will continue to bless and multiply your efforts for His glory.

In Christ's service,



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

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