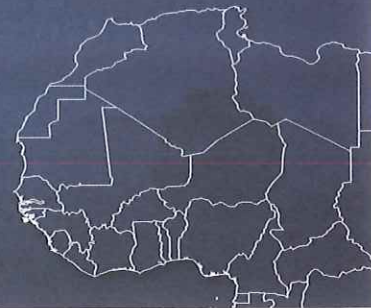




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Serving in West Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

During the past several years, we have asked you to pray for the Sewou family. Since the death of his daughter two years ago, Mr. Sewou quit attending church. I visited him almost weekly to encourage him and the rest of the family. Last summer, Esther, his older daughter, began attending church, but Mr. Sewou still resisted. Early this year, I decided that if he wouldn't come to church, I would try to engage him in a Bible study at his house. He agreed to meet weekly, and we began by studying passages in the Gospel of John. Esther also joined us each week for the study. Though Mr. Sewou is still not a believer, his heart is notably open, and he has begun attending church again.

Esther has also had a very difficult past few years. She was thrown out of her home by her husband due to her sickness. Her children still live in the south, and she has only has seen them once since leaving. But as I have watched her over the past few months, I noticed more joy in her life. She is very faithful to church and has been showing a sincere interest in the things of the Lord. One day I asked her, "Esther, have you placed your faith in the Gospel?" Her joy was seen in her smile as he said, "Yes!" Our weekly Bible study has now transformed into a time of discipleship. Mr. Sewou continues to intently listen and learn the foundational truths of God's Word, and we pray that he too will soon place his faith in the Gospel. Thank you for your faithful prayer for this family.

In early February, we were honored to host Dr. Cameron Cloud, a supporting pastor from Virginia, to teach a Bible institute module on the Life of Christ. His scholarship and practical application was a great value to the students. Later in the month, we were blessed by Pastor Peter Grant, one of my mentors and a pastor in Florida, to host a Bible conference. His expository preaching was a great help and encouragement to the church.

Mattie continues to lead the monthly ladies' Bible study at a sister church, but she has also begun this study at our church. The ladies are excited to learn of their value in society according to the Bible, and they continue to grow in their faith.

Thank you for praying for our church building project. The last big step is to weld the trusses, which will happen shortly. Lord willing, we will occupy the building by Easter Sunday.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support.

By His Grace,

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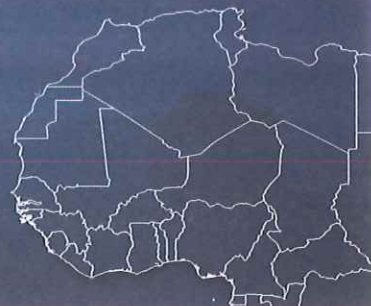
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Dear Praying Friends,

Many months of hard work paid off when the University Baptist Church held its first service in their new building. During the service, we had a special time of prayer thanking God for His goodness and for those who generously gave to see the project completed. We are grateful for the physical growth that we have seen at the church, but we are even more grateful for the spiritual growth. We had the opportunity to baptize two young converts, Esther and Rémi, during our first service. Both continue to faithfully study the Word and to produce spiritual fruit.

The Great Commission doesn't end with baptism—it's a perpetual cycle of sharing the Gospel, teaching the Word, baptizing new believers, and walking with them as they grow and learn to reach others. In the coming weeks, our church will begin taking evangelistic Bible studies to different homes in our community. Instead of simply giving them a tract or inviting them to attend our church, we will ask them for the opportunity to return over three weeks to study different passages of Scripture. In a community where most are "religious" yet few know anything about the Bible, we are praying that these focused studies will lead our neighbors to place their faith in the Gospel.

In May and June, we had the opportunity to host two groups. The first was the CAMP BIMI SMART team. The purpose of CAMP BIMI and SMART is to help people find where they fit into missions (visit bimi.org/campbimi/ to learn more). During their trip, they had the opportunity to see and to participate in various types of ministries where God could use them in West Africa. The second group was a family who wanted to expose their three teen children to missions and to help us with some projects. Both groups were a blessing and encouragement to us and to the ministry.

On a personal note, some of you have asked about the status of our adoption process. The adoption journey is one of faith and patience, and we continue to wait on God's perfect timing to add to our family. The best way that you can pray for the adoption is that we would patiently wait on God and that God would place a child in our family.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support for the ministry in West Africa.

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