

Hello from the Skeltons!

Arnold and I pray that everyone there is doing well and enjoying the blessings of our Lord! We were surprised to hear that Pastor Bo wasn't there anymore. Even on our monthly financial statement from Camp Creek, it shows that he is still the pastor. Can you please let us know who the new pastor is?

I am sorry that you haven't heard from us recently. Arnold is still having ongoing health problems with his heart. In fact, he was doing his heart rehab at our local hospital last Friday and his heart started going into afib. He had on monitors so the nurses quickly called his cardiologist and he was sent over to the ER. We stayed at the hospital until late in the afternoon and they released him. I know you dear people have been and will continue to pray for him.

There is no way that we could adequately thank you for your faithful and consistent financial support throughout all these years. The mission conferences at Camp Creek were always a highlight to the year when we would come back for furlough. I can see many of your faces in my mind as I type this morning.

I am sure that you remember from our last prayer letter that the Lord was really blessing in the needed money to build the orphanage. For several years, 36 orphans have been sleeping on the floor in a rented church building. Two weeks ago, they moved into a real home. We are in the process of building beds, getting foam rubber mattresses, and getting them settled in. They are wild with excitement and appreciation! There is still so much work to be done but at least they are all together and moved in! The next big project that we are praying about is a well for them. At this time, they are having to pay people to bring them huge plastic jugs of water. We are checking into the price for the well and are trying to get the lowest price we can. The last quote that we had was \$24,000. That was including the digging and the platform and the tank. Way too much money so we will continue praying and searching! One of the biggest expenses will be a team getting their equipment out to the village where the orphanage is. Will you please pray about this? The children have toilets and sinks for the first time but still no running water!

I wrote a book almost two years ago. I sent a copy to Pastor Bo but I was wondering if anyone would like to order a copy. A lot of you had my first book. This second one is the old one and many new stories added and put together. Every penny of the proceeds go to the orphanage. The books cost \$20 each plus postage. If anyone wants a copy, I will be glad to mail it to you. I think you will be really surprised to hear how the Lord has blessed us and watched over us through these 35 years in Ivory Coast, West Africa. I would love for you to know what your money and prayers have been doing there in Africa since 1969

If you want to order any books, please let me know and I will mail them immediately. I could also send them all together in a box if several of you wanted to order from the church. Call me on my cell phone at 770-639-7671 and if I don't answer, I will call you back as soon as I can. Please leave me a message.

In closing, we send love to each of you and know that you are always in our prayers. How you bless us! Much love to each one of you!

Your missionaries,

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