

Richardsons in Togo

Spring 2013

Interns!

We have been blessed to have four university students work with our team for the past month. They wanted to experience missionary life and they have certainly had full schedules of just that.



From working at the HIV clinic to staying overnight in a village, these women have persevered through some pretty difficult situations and have not only learned about missionary life, but Togolese life as well. They even put on a Vacation Bible School for our missionary children, demonstrating their servant hearts. We are thankful for Jalie, Kelli, Kaitlin, and Jasmin and pray this experience impacts their future lives and careers.

The Faith of Sande Te

One of the churches our team works with is in a village called Sande Te, and we visited there one morning recently. The church shared that there had been very little rain in the village since the start of the rainy season in May, and there was anxiety about their crops. The villagers decided that a sacrifice needed to be offered to hasten the arrival of rain, but the church made it clear that they would not participate in this sacrifice. The village then asked the church to just donate money for the chickens, which would then be sacrificed on their behalf, and again the church refused. The village threatened to bring the church before the chief if they did not relent in the matter of the sacrifice. The church members asked for our prayers, that God would send rain and protect the church.



Dao, a church leader in Sande Te



Tchallo, another church leader in Sande Te

We shared this prayer request with many of you and know that you spent time in prayer and fasting for this village. Since this request, we have had several heavy rains. We thank you for standing with your brothers and sisters in Christ in this way. Our faith has been strengthened because of your participation in our work in this important way! We are also encouraged by the remarkable faith of the people of Sande Te.

Prayer Requests

1. Continued progress for our family in adapting to Togo and learning French and Kabiye.
2. Strength for the Sande Te Christians to stand strong in the midst of persecution.
3. Success for efforts in planting a church in Broukou.
4. Thankfulness for a blessed internship for four American university students this summer.

You can read updates on these issues on our website fivefortogo.com.

Care Package Info

Mail and items from the States are a great encouragement to us! If your family, class, or small group would like to send an occasional care package, here's how you do it. Send a US Postal Service priority international flat rate box (It's the best value at about \$50) to:

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West Africa

Care Package Ideas

Flinstone vitamins
bags of coffee
oatmeal single serving packs
welch's fruit snacks
Oreos
Rice-a-roni
Crystal Light or Kool-Aid single serving packets
Lipton decaf family-size tea bags
dog and cat toys or treats
construction paper
Italian dressing packets
Kid finger paints
recent movies or tv seasons on dvd you enjoy

You can pick a box up at the post office, pack it at home, and then mail it. You'll have to fill out a small customs form. It usually takes about three weeks to arrive. Let us know when it's on the way and we'll keep an eye out for it.

With all of our love,

Ryan, Beth, Katie, Jonah, and Aaron Richardson

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