



Josh & Alyssa Clay to MALI

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Goals: Evangelism Discipleship Church Planting

Go ye therefore,
and teach all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost:
teaching them to observe
all things whatsoever
I have commanded you
Matthew 28:19,20

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Do you have any fears that may seem irrational to other people? I know the saying “Sticks and stones may hurt my bones, but words will never hurt me”, yet I am quite scared of a certain word. That scary word is “politics”.

It is always dangerous to talk about politics because there is an unlimited number of different opinions about everything political. Politics also effect so many other things in the country, and America always becomes a little different during an election year. In my mind this is one of the most unique election years that America is facing. Many Americans are worried about the instability in America at the moment and what instability might arise once the results of the election are known.

This instability and rioting that many Americans are noticing is often felt during every election in the third world African countries that God has called us to minister. That being the case, I have two specific prayer requests in which I ask for you to pray.

First of all, Cote d'Ivoire (the country in which we will start) is having an election year. There is some controversy in this election so please pray that stability will be able to be maintained.

Secondly, Mali has had some interesting changes within this past week. Their President was accused of rigging an election, so the national army staged a coup where they arrested the sitting president to remove him from office. Thankfully, they have made statements that they want to maintain democracy and will just be the ruling body until they can get another elected official into office. We ask for your prayers that this transition will be done quickly, smoothly, and while maintaining their constitution which allows for freedom of religion and access to the country.

As far as getting to Mali, we have officially finished our first year of deputation. The ministry this past year has been an amazing experience. We are excited to report that five more churches have partnered with us these past two months which brings our support level to 57%.

God has been so good to us through this past year, and we are thrilled to see what the rest of deputation holds as we desire to be blessing to churches and share God's call of missions around the country. We greatly appreciate your prayers for our family and ministry.

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