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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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July-August Prayer Letter

I just wanted to start the letter by letting you all know that we are millionaires now. I wish I could say that we no longer need the financial support, but sadly being a millionaire in West African Francs doesn't have the same signification as US dollars or Euros.

We were able to arrive in Cote d'Ivoire on August 8th after finishing our last month of official language school in July. We thank you for your prayers as the flight was very smooth. All of our things made it with us except Adelynn's car seat and stroller, but we were able to pick those up a few days later.

During our first month here, we have been working on three major things. First, we have been working on the government paperwork for our residence card to stay in the country and to transfer our American driver's licenses into Ivorian ones. We would appreciate your prayers as we submitted our residence card paperwork this past Monday and have a meeting for our driver's license on September 8th.

Second, we have been searching for a vehicle. Praise the Lord we were able to find and purchase a vehicle. We are now working on the paperwork of officially switching it over to our names. We are praying that it goes smoothly, and that this vehicle will last us for years to come as we use it in the ministry here.

Thirdly, we have been searching for a house to rent. The housing market here is as it seems to be all over the US. It's hard to find one, and if you like one, you better take it fast. We were able to find one and submitted the paperwork to rent it (You can probably tell that they really like paperwork here and most of their paperwork requires you to go to three different places to do more paperwork). The agency renting the house has certain requirements that we cannot meet as missionaries, but we are having a meeting with the director this Monday, September 5th to explain our situation. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for this as we know the Lord will open the door if this is the house for us.

For each of these things, there has been a different church member helping us. We are very thankful for their help and while there are some times where I wish they would explain it in English as these are important things, it has been great for my French to work through all these different situations. Also, for each of these things, it is encouraging to know that we have you praying for us. We also want to thank those who faithfully support us financially as your support allowed us to save a start-up fund for our arrival here in Cote d'Ivoire.

I will finish with some administrative things. There are no addresses here and we do not yet have a post office box, but I will update you on that in the next letter. Our new phone numbers (including WhatsApp) are +2250747056277 (Josh) and +2250787557305 (Alyssa). We do still have our American phone number as well (937) 519-0141. We greatly appreciate your taking the time to stay updated with us and to pray for us. We count it a privilege to serve with you.

-Josh, Alyssa, and Adelynn Clay