



Josh & Alyssa Clay to MALI

September-October Prayer Letter

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Goals:
Evangelism
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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 know that feeling you get when you're about to come down with malaria? I suspect most of you aren't familiar with this particular feeling as we were not until this last month. A little over two weeks ago, Alyssa had that feeling and got the blood test to confirm that it was malaria. She started the treatments immediately which consists of a shot a day for five days. She has been bed ridden for the past two weeks, but we praise the Lord that she is gaining more energy each day now and seems to be getting back to normal. It was also during this time that Adelynn caught a bacterial infection and was not feeling well either.

Thankfully, I was able to stay healthy through their sicknesses and I praise the Lord that we have such wonderful friends and co-laborers. Kristine McLaughlin is a missionary here who is also a nurse practitioner. She helped us through the whole process. Mrs. Mach was also a big help as she brought over many meals for which I was extremely grateful as my cooking skills are very limited. We also praise the Lord that we didn't go through this time of sickness until we were able to be fully settled in so I was able to stay home with Alyssa and Adelynn without having all these meetings to go to.

Although we have been down for these past few weeks, the month of September and beginning of October was very productive. We praise the Lord that we were able to work something out with the house that I mentioned in the last prayer letter, so a lot of September was spent cleaning, preparing, moving, and furnishing. We were also able to finish the process of obtaining our residence permits, transferring our driver's licenses, and receiving our car registration.

Even though the events of the last paragraph took a lot of time, we were also able to experience and participate in some of the ministries of the church. It was great to see the ministries they have in some of the surrounding villages and to observe the beginnings of a future church plant. I also enjoyed giving a devotional to a soccer team of elementary aged boys. It was equally enjoyable to see the church's missions conference as they had two Ivorian missionaries come and present their work. Finally, I was able to attend a few French classes as that was the subject of this month's Bible Institute course.

I commented in the last prayer letter that I would let you know our PO Box. We were finally able to find one. We can receive mail at the following address:

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Oh yeah, and I should probably mention the announcement that we are expecting another child in April of next year. We are excited to receive this gift from the Lord and would appreciate your prayers for a safe delivery. We would also appreciate you praying that we could stay healthy, continue to develop our language abilities, and have wisdom with the details of an upcoming Bible project (I will send out a separate letter with the details of this project as soon as we finalize them).

I feel as if I have to finish every letter thanking you for your prayers as I want you to understand how much we appreciate them. In fact, one of the Ivorian missionaries mentioned that he really needs prayer from the church here in Abidjan. When American missionaries come to the field, they come with hundreds of people praying for them. Ivorian missionaries don't have that so he wanted to show the importance of this church's prayers. While it challenged me to pray for him, it also encouraged me that I do have so many people who love, care, support, and pray for us as we serve the Lord here in West Africa. Thank you for being a part of that group.

-Josh, Alyssa, and Adelynn Clay

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