



January-February Prayer Letter

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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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If I asked you which country is home to the largest church in the world, I don't think many of you would guess the Ivory Coast. Some might say the church in Vatican City; however, *Guinness World Records* lists the world's largest church as the Basilica of our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast. We were able to visit this church last week. It is an amazing thing to see, yet also quite a maddening thing to see.

Some are frustrated that hundreds of millions of dollars were spent on this massive building where only a few hundred people worship when the money could have been used to help this poor country. For me, it was what was taught during the tour.

What stood out was when we arrived at the basin of holy water. The guide said any child under three could be baptized and they would receive the Holy Spirit. In fact, only children under three can be baptized there. Other people must find a different church. Don't worry, the holy water doesn't just serve the purpose of filling your baby with the Holy Spirit, you can also buy it for a not so low price to wash your car as I am sure you want your car to be blessed as well.

The false doctrine presented reminded me of my first missions trip to Costa Rica. It is always good to be reminded that we need Christians around the world willing to proclaim the truth and combat false doctrine. I am thankful you are doing your part, and I am also grateful to do my small part.

Speaking of my small part, I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to start a monthly Bible study at the basketball center here. I was able to give my testimony and start with the lesson "Who is God?" I am looking forward to ministering with these young people as some come from the Catholic background mentioned above and others from the Muslim faith.

As you pray that God would bless that ministry, I would also like to ask you to pray for the smooth delivery of our baby boy. He is due on April 6th so he should be here by the time I write to you next. Adelynn came with some complications so we are praying that this one will be a little more cooperative.

I will close by saying that Alyssa was encouraged with the cards and emails on her birthday. We have also been encouraged that my parents were able to visit us these past 2 weeks. And as always, we have been encouraged as you have let us know that you are praying for us and supporting the ministry here in West Africa.



-Josh, Alyssa, and Adelynn Clay