

## March-April 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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When too many devices are connected to a Wi-Fi router, things slow down as there isn't enough bandwidth. That has been my brain these past two months. It is hard to keep going and stay focused when there are so many things happening. That is why I greatly appreciate your prayers as the Lord has helped us accomplish many things these past couple of months. March involved 3 modular classes for the Bible Institute. Each class is a weeklong and two of them had French speaking professors, so I was there to film to make a future online course available.

In between those courses was the Access medical trip which I asked you to pray for in our previous letter. We made the trip to the Northeast of the Ivory Coast to help Pastor Kouassi and his small church in the city of Tanda. We were able to see 880 patients and share the gospel with each one. 225 of them made a profession of faith and Pastor Kouassi has already seen some first-time visitors in the weeks following our trip.

April started with a graduation ceremony for the Bible Institute and an ordination service for the Bingerville church. This is the first graduating class for the Bible Institute as 8 students finished their studies. 4 of those graduates were then put into ministry by Bingerville church the following day. The 5<sup>th</sup> from the ordination council I mentioned in the last letter was put into the ministry by his church the last Saturday of April. This was a monumental month in the ministry of the Mach family. There were a few ceremonies which represent years of labor, faithfulness, and prayers. As I think and pray about the new church plant we will be starting in Anan, it can be intimidating thinking of all the work that needs to be done; however, it was very encouraging to see the end result from the work if one stays faithful as the Mach family has done.

April also involved hosting a guest from the states who filmed the ceremonies for the Mach's presentation video and helped us film our presentation video for furlough. I have been working on scheduling some meetings and preparing for our upcoming furlough as I will continue to do in these coming months. I would appreciate your prayers with all the details.

I mentioned in a previous letter that a missionary fills many unexpected roles. One of those roles this month was that of a wedding photographer/ videographer. One of the men in the Bible Institute got married, and I was glad to be able to make the trip and spend the weekend helping him have memories of this joyous event.

After all of these events of March and April, we finally had time to look at some houses in Anan (where we will be planting a church after furlough). We quickly found a house and made the move the last Saturday of April. Moving always involves a lot of work, and without going into detail, moving in a third-world country has some added challenges. We would greatly appreciate your prayers as we get set up in our new place of ministry.