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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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November-December Prayer Letter

Having the right tool for the job makes things go smoother. For example, drywall doesn't exist here in the Ivory Coast. The walls are all cement. While I used a normal drill for a while, things were much easier when I got a hammer drill.

Pastors have certain tools they use to fulfill what God has called them to do. While the French language does not have as many theological resources as English or even Spanish, I am thankful that there is a good translation of the Bible from the Received Text. However, most of these Bibles are hardback. While, of course, it is still the Word of God, there is just something special about having a quality leather-bound Bible- especially for a pastor who uses this Bible as his main tool.

Thanks to your giving and [Local Church Bible Publishers](#), I was able to give a quality leather-bound Bible to around 25 Bible Institute students, 20 national pastors, and 10 missionaries. I don't give updates on every little thing we do in each prayer letter, but I wanted to devote some space in this one to let you know that the Bible project you helped us complete a couple years ago is still having an impact for the furtherance of the gospel in West Africa. They wanted me to relay their gratitude to you for your support of the ministry here.

Another tool/resource we have in the French language is a discipleship course that I am continuing to use at the literacy center. It was exciting to be able to start the weekly Bible studies again as we will cover 25 lessons from creation to the return of Christ. Please pray for the students to comprehend what Christ has done for them and join the church to continue their spiritual walk.

An update from the last prayer letter concerns follow-up work from the Medical Missions Outreach team. Please continue to pray for those that were reached through this event, and for new souls to be saved as well. It was a privilege to go on a follow-up visit with one of the deacons from the church and see a father and son trust Christ as their Savior.

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season. We were privileged to have Alyssa's parents with us for Thanksgiving, and I want to say thank you to those who gave extra to help make our Christmas special. We are truly grateful.

We are looking forward to this new year as it is crazy to think that we are finishing our first term. As I mentioned in the previous letter, we are looking forward to sharing with you what the Lord has accomplished here in West Africa during our furlough. So please let me know if you have specific dates when you would like us to present. We are grateful to be co-laborers with you.

-Josh, Alyssa, Adelynn, and Judah Clay

