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🌐 Dear Friends and Supporters, 🌐



Hi from the Drake crew 🙌!

Can you believe it? Today marks exactly one year since we got back to the States from Togo! Honestly, this year has absolutely flown by. It's been such a full season, packed with God's faithfulness, family milestones, and some pretty incredible ministry moments that have left us shaking our heads in wonder at what He's doing. We're so grateful you're with us, and we are glad to catch you up on everything!

🇳🇬 Visiting Churches & Raising Support 🇳🇬

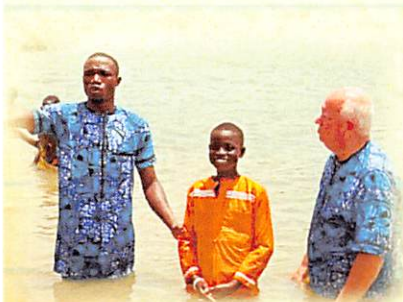
This spring has been all about hitting the road, visiting churches, and raising funds for our return to Togo. It's been so sweet reconnecting with supporting churches and sharing what God has put on our hearts for West Africa. The response has been really encouraging, and we're trusting the Lord to provide what we still need, which is about \$2000 per/month. If you happen to know of any churches that might be interested in hearing about our ministry or partnering with us, we'd love to hear from you! We're always excited for the chance to share what God is doing.

🏠 Baptisms! 🏠 Remember Yinyingou, the village we talked about in our last prayer letter!

Joseph is one of our outreach guys at Hope Radio. Here's where it gets even better than last time. A few months back, while Joseph was leading a men's group, the women in the village spoke up and said, "Hey, we want to be taught too!" So Patricia (another one of our outreach employees) teamed up with some other women and started a Wednesday women's group. As the church kept growing, it became clear it was time to talk about baptism. So Joseph and Patricia shifted gears and spent several weeks teaching about what baptism means, who should be baptized, and why it's such an important step. After all that preparation, they picked a date: April 12th. What happened

that day was just incredible. Joseph and my dad got to baptize 27 people from this congregation! The very first person to go under the water was Lamboni, the former witch doctor who was the first person in the entire village to come to Christ. Can you even imagine? From practicing witchcraft to publicly declaring faith in Jesus! He is truly the light of the world!

🎓 So Much Happening 🎓 Our family has had quite the year, I (**Adam**) finally did it, I graduated with my Master of Ministry degree from Piedmont Divinity School! It was



Joseph Baptizing 27 people



Yinyingou church group

doctor or ministry program, so keep those prayers coming for focus and energy (especially since I'm supposed to be the stay-at-home "mom"!).

Faith has seen God show up in such a powerful way with her dental hygiene program. She had this super hard assessment that she had to take on scaling teeth; it had us all praying like crazy. God answered! She passed it! His timing and the way He comes through never stops amazing us. This intense program has led Faith to start a weekly prayer time with her classmates.

OC got some exciting news this spring: she was accepted into the Film Cohort at Liberty University! This is a really competitive program, and we're so proud of her. She's loving college life and has such a passion for using film. **Celeste** absolutely crushed it at Salem Christian School this year! Straight A's all year long, plus she racked up a ton of awards and got to go to her first



prom. We're so thankful for the school here that's helping her grow in her faith while getting a great education and getting her ready for senior year. **August** is doing awesome in 7th grade! He's really maturing in his faith, making friends, and doing great in school. It's been such a pleasure hearing his teachers say how much they love him! **Nico** made us so proud by getting 2nd place in the Bible Drill competition at SCS! Watching him memorize books of the Bible, and how he loved competing in that kind of setting.



☀️ Summer is Going to Be CRAZY Busy! ☀️

So... our summer is shaping up to be packed, and honestly, we're not sure how we're going to pull it all off, but we're trusting God with the details! I will be speaking at Camp Merriwood this summer, and I'm super excited to speak about "The Greatest Man" and dive into the stories of Jesus from the book of John. **Faith** is jumping right into summer classes for her dental hygiene program, and they've already warned her that summer courses are super intensive. She's going to need lots of coffee and prayer! **OC** will be a counselor at camp this summer, which she's really glad about. She loves Merriwood and can't wait to be part of what God does at camp. **Celeste** has a job at Chick-fil-A! She's glad to work more and have some money to buy a vehicle (the employee discounts don't hurt either!) and she'll be traveling a lot too!



And all three of the kids at home will be heading to Camp Merriwood at various points throughout the summer. Faith and 2 of our kids are making a service trip so you see how it's going to be a whirlwind, but we're excited to see how God uses this Summer for ministry! Pray for Adam as he heads back to

logos in August for the graduation of the Savannah Bible Institute's first graduating class.

In His service and with hearts full of hope,

Adam, Faith, OC, Celeste, August, and Nico

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