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Dear Family and Friends,

Life is fragile. We were reminded of that this week when one of our best friends was killed in a car accident. Jeremiah was only 27. He is home with the Lord now, but we sure will miss him here. Yes, life is fragile. That is why we must serve the Lord and do his work while there is time. You can spend your life any way you want to, but you can only spend it once. Let us never forget the urgency of our task.

Serving Our Savior,

David & Billie

The Big Two Six



Make a wish!

She's not quite over the hill yet, but on July 21, Billie did reach the big two-six. David tried to throw her a surprise party, but she was too smart for that. She wasn't

surprised at all (but she graciously pretended to be). Nevertheless, she enjoyed spending time with many of our friends at the party.



On the Road Again



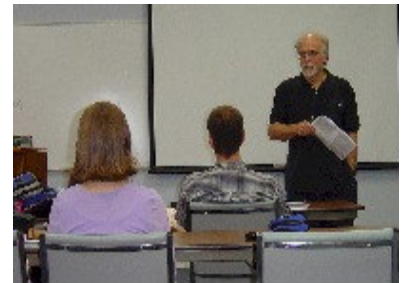
Sunday School in Georgia

Once more, our partnership development took us on the road. This time we visited Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and southern Ohio.

God opened up many doors for us. For example, in Asheville, North Carolina, we visited a church for the first time and were invited to share with the youth group. In Cincinnati, with almost no advance notice, we were granted the opportunity to share our presentation in a church's Wednesday evening service.

Language Training

We spent the first two weeks of August in a tiny town near Asheville, North Carolina at the Center for Intercultural Training. While there, Billie took a



Billie absorbs some knowledge

course on language learning. There she learned principles and techniques that will help her learn languages more quickly on the mission field. David spent the time contacting various churches.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15

The Task: Church Planting

Why church planting? There are many reasons we desire to plant churches. First, we believe that without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, people are lost. Only through faith in Christ can a person have eternal life. Second, we believe that planting churches is the God-ordained way of taking the Gospel to those who have never heard it. The establishment of a new church creates a community of believers that can proclaim the Gospel and disciple believers long after the missionaries have left.



*Our Goal:
Africans sharing
the Gospel with
other Africans*



Obedience to Christ in baptism

How will we do it? God is the one who builds the church. We can only do our best to obey him. We will begin by learning the language and culture of our target people group. As we live among them and learn their ways, we will begin to learn about how God is already working in their culture and the doors he is opening to reach them. Following the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will begin to share the Gospel in various culturally meaningful ways, including personal evangelism, chronological Bible storytelling, and however else God may lead. We will use creative ways to engage the people in their daily lives and reach the people right where they are. We pray that many people will come to faith in Christ through our witness. Then, we will begin to disciple and train the new believers to share the Gospel with others and reach their own people for Christ. We will pray for God to raise up African leaders from within the people group to lead their own churches and plant new ones. We desire to see a movement of doctrinally-sound, God-glorifying, Bible-based, African-led churches, that will plant new churches in an ongoing process of church multiplication. As time goes by, we will probably spend most of our time sharing the Gospel and developing African church leaders.



*The Church: God's way of reaching
the world with the Gospel*

“I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - Jesus

Progress Report

75% of
departure
expenses
raised



✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂
55% of monthly
support committed



Please pray that
God would provide
the remaining 45%
soon.



Over 300
prayer
partners
mobilized

Prayer Requests

- 🌐 Pray for the family and friends of Jeremiah
- 🌐 Pray for God's guidance for us in planning and preparation
- 🌐 Praise that God has blessed our support raising thus far
- 🌐 Pray for Eugene and Jeneba Yakohene, PIONEERS missionaries in Guinea
- 🌐 Pray as we speak at several churches in the coming months
- 🌐 Pray that God would call out a team of missionaries to serve in Guinea
- 🌐 Pray that we will have opportunities to share our vision in churches
- 🌐 Pray that God would mobilize a base of ministry partners in the United States

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