

BOB & MICALAH MACH

2nd Generation Missionaries to the

ivory coast



Reaching the lost for Christ in Ivory Coast, West Africa

Dear Pastor,

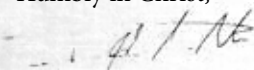
We are Bob and Micalah Mach, second-generation missionaries to the Ivory Coast, West Africa. Our foremost desire in the Ivory Coast is to plant local, Bible-believing, New Testament churches in both the hearing and deaf communities, and turn these churches over to well-trained, mentored, and supported national pastors. We are sent out of Cleveland Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, pastored by Pete Folger and are assisted by Baptist International Missions Inc. (BIMI). I grew up in the Ivory Coast from the age of two, and met my wife, Micalah, in the Ivory Coast while she was on a missions trip.

We have enclosed some information about ourselves in this packet for you to get to know us and God's calling on our lives better. Additionally, you will find a link to a two-minute version of our video presentation below.

We would be honored and humbled to have the opportunity to share our burden with you and your church family. God is doing wonderful things in the Ivory Coast, and we cannot wait to get back to work! We would love to hear from you if you have any questions, concerns, or possible openings. Our contact information is at the back of the packet.

[Click here for 2 Minute Video Presentation](#)

Humbly in Christ,


Bob Mach
Mark 6:34



Our Testimonies

Bob's Testimony



I was tremendously blessed to grow up in missionary home in the Ivory Coast, West Africa. At the age of five, the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sin through my father's preaching, and I placed my faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. As I continued to grow and learn, God directed my thinking to full time Christian service, specifically serving Him on the mission field. I began Bible college with the purpose of preparing myself for full time service in the very same country in which I grew up. Upon completion of my undergraduate and graduate work, I returned to the Ivory Coast for a year and a half internship. During this internship, I completed my seminary degree in addition to becoming integrally involved in the ministries in the Ivory Coast. God used this time to develop my relationships with many of the nationals with whom I will work in the future. We are thrilled to serve God through the establishment of New Testament, local churches in the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Micalah's Testimony



I grew up in a Christian home in Trinity, North Carolina. My parents have been lifelong members of our church and consistently taught us about God's love for us and the importance of having a relationship with God. I accepted Christ as my personal Savior when I turned sixteen years old. I was always interested in Africa growing up, however, once I was saved, God made it clear that He had a plan for me in Africa. My parents and the leadership of the church recognized this calling on the part of God and helped me raise funds to visit the Ivory Coast. Through this trip, God confirmed that He wanted me to work in Africa, specifically the Ivory Coast. As a result of God's moving in my heart, I saved up for a return trip the following year. It was then God brought my husband into my life. My husband and I were married following my junior year of college, after which I completed my undergraduate in American Sign Language Interpreting. We have been faithfully serving in our local church since then and look forward to God's will for us in the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Facts about the Ivory Coast

Official Name: **Côte d'Ivoire**

Capital City: **Yamasoukro**

Economic Capitol: **Abidjan**

Population: **28.8 million**

Language: **French**



Square mileage 128,364 square miles (slightly larger than the state of New Mexico)

The Ivory Coast was colonized by France in the 1800s but gained its independence on August 7, 1960.

Though Ivory Coast experienced peace throughout the first four decades after its 1960 independence, the country was devastated by a coup resulting in 11 years of rebel activity with military and governmental instability. However, God has allowed the Ivory Coast to regain stability, and it is currently fertile ground for the Gospel.

What is the need in the Ivory Coast?

Before the various military and political instabilities in the Ivory Coast, the country possessed a strong missionary presence, and the Lord was blessing the work. Sadly, that is no longer the case. There is a tremendous need for the Gospel as demonstrated by the fact that over forty major cities in the Ivory Coast that do not possess a local, New Testament church. Though Catholicism, Charismatics, the occult, and Islam are heavily present in the Ivory Coast, all are syncretized with the ancient, satanic religion of Animism which is the worship of evil spirits represented by inanimate objects. Having lived a life in fear of angering evil spirits, the average Ivorian cannot begin to imagine the joy, peace, and hope found in Jesus Christ. There is a desperate attempt on the part of the Ivorians to find the truth as evidenced by new denominations and occult churches that are constantly being created and taking root in various urban communities. The Ivory Coast is a ripe harvest waiting to be reached with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Goals:

Our goal is to partner with trained and gifted nationals in planting Bible-believing, local New Testament churches throughout the Ivory Coast in both the hearing and deaf communities.

While we pursue this goal, we will also train the next generation of pastors and missionaries to effectively reach the lost for the glory of God.

Additionally, we will pursue any evangelistic opportunities that God provides as outgrowth of the planted local churches.



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