

# THE PATE FAMILY

CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES IN THE IVORY COAST (CÔTE D'IVOIRE)

## September-October, 2023 | Prayer Update

**LITERATURE CONTAINER ARRIVAL:** We want to thank each of you who gave towards or prayed for our literature container project. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, it was a joy to receive the 40-foot container at the church in Bingerville. The finalization of paperwork and delivery of the container were surprisingly smooth. Several dozen people from the church came to help unload the container box-by-box. We have enjoyed seeing the literature already being distributed to several national pastors and missionaries in the Ivory Coast. We personally are involved in distributing some of the literature each week right here in the town of Bingerville and the surrounding villages. We look forward to seeing the souls saved and the impact made because of this Gospel literature.



**FAMILY UPDATE:** In the month of September, we were able to move into the house that we'll be renting indefinitely. Although we're slowly making modifications to make it our own, it's a blessing to be in our home. The Lord provided another great answer to prayer recently when Katie and I received our five-year residency cards. Although we're not quite finished with our initial paperwork process, we are grateful for the great progress that has been made. After months of answering questions and explaining details of the Gospel to our daughter Allison, we were overjoyed to watch her accept Christ as her personal Savior a few weeks ago! Please, continue to pray for our children and for us as we desire to raise a Godly family. We are excited to be just a few weeks away from the birth of our third little girl. Please, continue to pray for Katie and the baby for a safe and healthy pregnancy and birth.

**MINISTRY UPDATE:** It's a blessing to begin our ministry here with veteran missionaries Bob and Becky Mach. We're enjoying the opportunity to attend their church and to be involved in the ongoing ministries. Because of the well-established ministry and regular events, we've had the opportunity to connect with several Ivorian pastors to establish friendships and gain experience. Each week we are engaged in evangelism in the nearby village of Koffi Kro. Led by a deacon from the church in Bingerville, there is a regular preaching point in this village each Sunday morning. With a team of believers from the village ministry, we are preparing to start a children's Bible club in this village, combining the elements of sports and a Bible study. Please, pray with us that the Lord would bless this new ministry, that we would see much fruit, and that it would serve to support the ongoing Sunday church service. The village of Anan is still on our radar for the location of our first church plant here. Each Thursday morning, our family visits one of the believers from this village in their home. It is our goal to systematically develop relationships with each of the believers and to make connections with unbelievers as we work towards establishing a corporate Bible study and eventually a local church in the village of Anan. Please, continue to pray for us to have God's wisdom for each decision and step in this process.

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