

Independent Gospel Missions

The Connection Update

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"The Wodome's News"

Koffi & Elisabeth Wodome, National Church Planter, Togo, West Africa



Dear faithful prayer partners and financial supporters,

We finally made it! We are done with our travels and safely back in Togo. The last two weeks of our pre-field ministry took us about fifteen hours away from Winston-Salem to say good-bye to two of our supporting churches. Right after our return, we began to pack. On Thursday, June 16th, we left Winston-Salem for Greensboro Airport. At check in, Koffi was told that the connecting flight to Atlanta was running so late that we couldn't catch the plane to Accra that day. This flight was finally canceled because of mechanical problems. We were then rescheduled to take off early on Friday morning. John and Melinda took us to the airport. So we arrived on Friday morning in Atlanta. But because of bad weather, we stayed in Atlanta longer than scheduled and only made it to New York around 11:00 PM. The flight that would take us to Accra, Ghana, left at 2:30 AM, and about 9 hours later, we landed in Accra. There we were welcomed by family and friends, and a nice rental car took us to the Ghana-Togo border where we crossed over into Togo.



We made it, friends, and we would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers and financial support, without which we'd still be in the States raising support. Our gratitude also goes to Dr Wilburn, the Kinzers and the Everharts who also came to PTI.

The family is doing well now, as Koffi recovers from being sick. This is no surprise to us, as we knew we would have some hurdles to get over. Elisabeth accidentally cut her leg on a tomato can as she was taking out the garbage bag. The wound became swollen and our family doctor prescribed some antibiotics. As her tetanus shot is still current, Elisabeth did not need a shot.

As you know Joshua remained in Florida at PCC, where he continues his college education. Samuel quickly ate all of his favorite crackers we took with us in our baggage, and he is asking for the pizza, hot dogs and chicken sandwiches he used to eat while we were on deputation. But this is Togo, Africa. There are no Papa Johns, Pizza Huts or Digiornos Pizza. There is no McDonalds or ChickFila. We hope he will stop being choosy and start eating Mommy's African dishes soon.

Living is expensive in town and everything is costly. Lomé is very dusty and many of the roads are under reconstruction. Detours are very bumpy, with puddles of water as it is the rainy season; and mosquitoes are plentiful, which means malaria... For the moment, we depend on taxis and taxi motorbikes to get where we want to go. Sometimes we wait for an hour to find a taxi to hire. God willing, our container will arrive next week. Please pray that everything would go well with customs.

Charismatic Churches and social gospel preachers are all over the place. We visited Atiegou and found that some ministries have started there. Also, the campus of the school where we were planning to meet has been shrunk by a 70 meter wide road. Moreover, land is very, very expensive at Atiegou. For better ministry planning we will conduct more surveys throughout the month of July. Meanwhile we will seize opportunities to preach and witness as we put our work team together.

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a safe trip to Togo.
- Praise the Lord for Koffi's recovery.

Prayers:

- Please pray for God's continuous guidance in our lives and ministries.
- Please pray for a good health.
- Please pray that Elisabeth's leg will heal quickly.
- Please pray that the Lord would bless our supporters.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support,
In his unconditional love,

**Koffi Elisabeth Joshua and Samuel WODOME
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the desires of thine heart" Ps. 37:4*

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