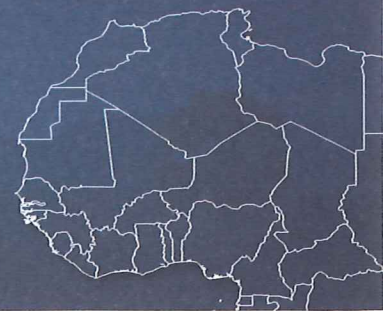




# The Benbrooks

## Serving in West Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

As I finished my careful presentation of the Gospel, I looked at the young man from our church who had brought me to the home of his childhood friend. I asked if had anything to add. His words were profound. "God is superior!" he said.

I thought about what he had just said. Yes, he had just summarized the Gospel, but he had also given his testimony. The young man from our church grew up as the son of a charlatan. He was taught to worship the spirits and to reject God, and he was known in his village as one who did both. When he placed his faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, his life changed. He walked away from his traditions, and he followed Christ.

The unbeliever who sat across from me knew this young man, his family, and his past. He had also witnessed a life that had completely changed. "God is superior" told him that the spirits he also follows were worthless and that Hope is found in Christ alone. Please join us in praying that "S" will accept the superiority of God.

During the past several months, we have been thrilled to see new students begin attending the church. Some have come from likeminded churches across the country and others are unsaved. Unfortunately, we have also seen a decline in the faithfulness of local, non-student attenders. The reasons vary from harvest to sickness to travel, but the overall trend is concerning. We are praying for wisdom to know how we can help teach people to be more faithful, but we also realize that people must decide to make church their priority. Thank you for praying with us about this.

Mattie recently began a ladies Bible study at a sister church in a village north of our city. In a society where women are viewed as a possession, the message that God created them with value and for a purpose is powerful. This Bible study has already been a help to this church, and Lord willing, Mattie will be able to begin the same study at the University Baptist Church.

Though we had hoped to have already begun the work on our church building, we have been delayed pending a few design details. Most of the issues have been resolved, and we have begun fabricating the approximately 2,000 cinderblocks that will be needed for the structure. Prayerfully, we should break ground before Christmas.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

By His Grace,  
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