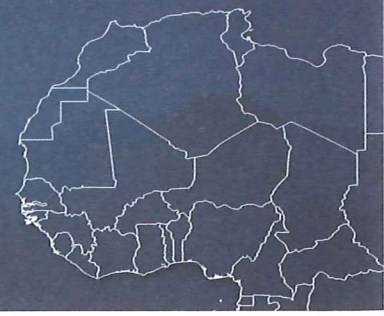




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Dear Praying Friends,

Many months of hard work paid off when the University Baptist Church held its first service in their new building. During the service, we had a special time of prayer thanking God for His goodness and for those who generously gave to see the project completed. We are grateful for the physical growth that we have seen at the church, but we are even more grateful for the spiritual growth. We had the opportunity to baptize two young converts, Esther and Rémi, during our first service. Both continue to faithfully study the Word and to produce spiritual fruit.

The Great Commission doesn't end with baptism—it's a perpetual cycle of sharing the Gospel, teaching the Word, baptizing new believers, and walking with them as they grow and learn to reach others. In the coming weeks, our church will begin taking evangelistic Bible studies to different homes in our community. Instead of simply giving them a tract or inviting them to attend our church, we will ask them for the opportunity to return over three weeks to study different passages of Scripture. In a community where most are "religious" yet few know anything about the Bible, we are praying that these focused studies will lead our neighbors to place their faith in the Gospel.

In May and June, we had the opportunity to host two groups. The first was the CAMP BIMI SMART team. The purpose of CAMP BIMI and SMART is to help people find where they fit into missions (visit bimi.org/campbimi/ to learn more). During their trip, they had the opportunity to see and to participate in various types of ministries where God could use them in West Africa. The second group was a family who wanted to expose their three teen children to missions and to help us with some projects. Both groups were a blessing and encouragement to us and to the ministry.

On a personal note, some of you have asked about the status of our adoption process. The adoption journey is one of faith and patience, and we continue to wait on God's perfect timing to add to our family. The best way that you can pray for the adoption is that we would patiently wait on God and that God would place a child in our family.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support for the ministry in West Africa.

By His Grace,
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