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Dear Praying Friends,

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Margie and I thank you for helping in these ministries by prayer. The village church plants continue in Abbe, Irfa, and Donkoi. In October, the Irfa church had a two-day homecoming meeting to renew ties with people who have moved on for school, occupational, or other reasons. In November, the Donkoi church hosted a VBS for all the village churches counting 187 in all. Children's choirs from each church sang several songs. *Please pray* for those who responded to the invitation after the preaching as we continue to work with them. Jean-Luc had the Sunday school teachers and members do the entire program in order to understand what is necessary for good organization. Each church is also preparing its own Christmas program.

Our goals for 2024 include naming a pastor of the Donkoi church and the organization and naming of deacons of the Irfa and Abbe churches, both of which are presently daughters of the Anyama church. *Pray* that the members would take these next steps.

The past three months have had some extra difficulties. Due to construction of the new highway around Abidjan, the water system for our town was cut off for six weeks. We hauled water from the villages and simply captured rain water but others have more serious problems. Much of the neighborhood for Pastor Romeo of the Belleville church is being cleared out to make a highway interchange. The church property will remain but he just learned that his rented house must be razed. With so many displaced people seeking houses to rent, it will be hard to find a suitable place in the area. *Please pray* for the Lord's direction as Romeo and his church seek a solution.

Please continue to pray for our health needs. We have both had malaria recently. Margie has had numerous tests and treatments for a digestive problem. It apparently cannot be cured but may be manageable by changes in our diet. After other tests to discover why she was constantly tired and feeling ill, it was found out this week that her medicine for her heart arrhythmia needed to be changed since the previous one affected her thyroid and made her very tired. *Please pray* that her condition will stabilize and give her back some energy. *Thank you* for your help!

In Christ,

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