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**Fwd: Wicks Family | January Update**

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**“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”- Jim Elliot**

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Friends and Ministry Partners,

Happy New Year! I trust January has brought you a blessed and impactful start to the year.

Our family was grateful for time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy the holidays together. As the years go by, our family rhythm continues to change, and I am proud of Cindy and the kids for the resilience they each showed last year.

While 2025 brought its share of challenges, God proved faithful through it all. We begin this year united, focused, and resolved to continue the work He has called us to.

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## Togo

My first clinic trip of the year took me to Lomé, Togo. This was our ministry's first time serving in Togo, which meant stepping into many unknowns. Some of you may remember me sharing about the serious challenges our host faced from local witch doctors prior to our arrival. These threats required prayerful discernment and complete dependence on God's leading. After much prayer, we chose to move forward and I believe the Lord honored that step of faith.



The ten days we spent in Togo were quite impactful. We saw towering termite hills and villages of mud huts. We passed altars of sacrifice outside the homes of witch doctors and treated many suffering from malaria. We saw God at work through local churches. I had the privilege of participating in an ordination service for a new pastor, working alongside joyful congregations, and witnessing the fruit of a missionary who has served faithfully for decades.

Most of all, we watched the Gospel advance in communities deeply rooted in animism and witchcraft. It was a vivid reminder that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness.



If I could give you one gift, it would be the opportunity to experience what we experienced in Togo. Seeing God work so clearly strengthens our faith, renews our hope, and reignites our passion for the Gospel.

My prayer is that God would place each of you in situations where you can advance His Kingdom and experience His presence in a real and powerful way.





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## Prayer Requests

I don't always do the best job of sharing specific prayer needs, but it is my desire that you would partner with us in prayer for the following:

- **Cuba Trip** - We are scheduled to travel to Cuba in three weeks. While travel remains open, the situation is volatile. Please pray that we are able to go and be a blessing during a difficult time.
- **Future Permanent Clinic** - Our ministry has an opportunity to take over a faith-based clinic in Guatemala. We are seeking God's wisdom as this would require additional medical personnel and a significant financial commitment.
- **Family** - The demands of international ministry are ongoing. We would deeply appreciate your prayers for unity, strength, and safety for our family
- **Support** - Due to several churches and individuals adjusting or ending their monthly support last year, we currently need to raise approximately \$800 per month to remain fully funded.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**Cuba: February 12-21**

Medical and Optical Clinics

**Honduras: February 27-March 7**

Surgical Clinic

**Kenya: March 26-April 4**

Medical, Optical, and PT Clinics

**Dominican Republic: March 27-April 4**

Medical, Optical, Dental, and PT Clinics

**Honduras: April 10-18**

Surgical Clinic



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