

French REDEMPTION PROJECT

'Sharing hope in the French Speaking World'

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26: 18

Dear Friends,

September 28, 2012

Your encouragement, prayer, and practical help enable us to keep going for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We praise God for His supply for our upcoming work in the Ivory Coast. Airline tickets have been purchased and visas have been approved. Thanks to everyone who prayed about this and to those who gave to make it happen. Our daughter, Rachel, will serve with Anne and I as we come along side a church planting missionary and a medical team for an evangelism project in various villages. Please pray for health and safety for the team. This is no light request in a region teeming with malaria and typhoid where venomous snakes are not at all rare and a bloody civil war took place barely more than a year ago. Most of all, pray for the Lord to open opportunities for the gospel and for the Spirit of God to embolden us to preach Christ 'in season, out of season'.

Four years ago, we set 2013 as the target date for the first phase of a strategic church planting effort in West Africa. The starting point is Dakar, Senegal and three phases of ministry are in view. Each phase, once introduced, is to continue as the next phase is introduced. The first phase is evangelism using literature, clinics, and public preaching. The second phase is leadership training – with training in christian discipleship, basic biblical doctrine, and spiritual leadership. And the third phase, church planting, will follow close behind as the intentional and natural result of the first two.

In 2009 we began working mostly in France with our support level between 65 and 70% of what would eventually be needed for the work in West Africa. We are seeking the remaining support so that future financial appeals can be reserved for specific project materials and logistics (like shipping and temporary storage). As we have opportunity to share our burden with churches, please pray with us that God would touch the hearts of those whom He desires to partner with us.

In Christ,

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