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## Frog Legs and Cross-Cultural Ministry



"I have another perception of life, feeling useful and open." This was one of the takeaways that Gossé (*pictured left*), a student at the West Africa Bible Institute (IBAO), shared after spending six months as a pastoral intern in a village called Trokpadrou in the western part of Côte d'Ivoire. As IBAO interns came together this spring to share about their internships, Gossé recounted the story of being stretched and challenged. Although Trokpadrou is only a few hours from Gossé's home village, a few of the dishes eaten there are different. One day, Gossé was served frog, which he was concerned about eating! He remembered, though, that during his time at IBAO, he learned that it is important to identify with the people with

whom you are serving. So Gossé tried the frog, eating one of the legs, and found that it was quite delicious! He also found pounded manioc, also known as cassava, to be a dish that was eaten in Trokpadrou that was not what he was used to. Gossé faced other challenges during his internship as well, but by the end, he said that he learned that he was useful. "Before, I found that I was unuseful because I didn't have money," he shared. "But after the internship, I learned that I can help people even without money." Sharing

courageously and deepening his faith in God are other ways that Gossé has grown, saying, "IBAO has given me an identity."

Pastoral intern Mayala (*pictured right*) split his period of internship between two locations: a new church plant and an established congregation. He stated that his internship was an opportunity to be "with the family of God to learn."



We were grateful to have the interns over to our house (*pictured left*) one last time before we celebrate graduation together on May 27. Pray for these servants of God to continue to be led by the Holy Spirit and to have strong, fruitful ministries!



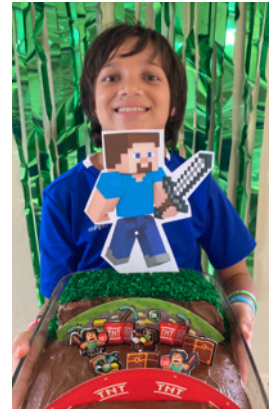
# On The Move!



**BIG NEWS: We're moving from Yamoussoukro to Abidjan!** Yamoussoukro, where we've lived since 2015, is in the central part of Côte d'Ivoire. Abidjan is a large city in the southern part of the country. While our ministry roles will mostly remain the same, this move will allow our family to remain healthy in community and afford our kids some new opportunities as they get older. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about our move to take place in July. Thank you for praying that the Lord would provide housing and work out all the details as we take this next step of faith!

We've also been on the move in other ways the past couple of months. April brought the opportunity for Jenny to travel to Italy for a spiritual retreat with more than 30 other women serving in various countries. It was fun to spend time with our missionary colleague to Botswana, Abby Stocksdale (*pictured with Jenny below, left*), who was also in Italy for the retreat. It was a time of hearing from God, refreshment, and fun!

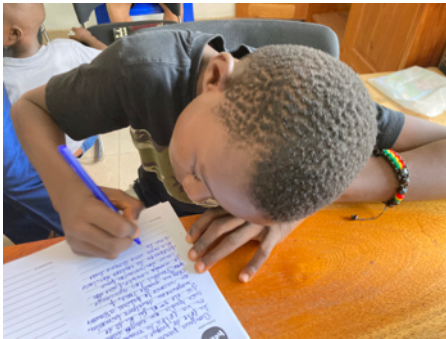
Upon returning, a group of expat women (*pictured below, center*) in Côte d'Ivoire gathered at the beach, about an hour from Abidjan, and were also able to retreat together. Jenny and our colleague LeAnn were part of the group! We've also had the privilege recently of visiting the Niangon Church of God for Sunday worship together and the Plateforme Church of God for a Children of Promise meeting. Moore also "moved up" to double digits this month! He turned 10 on May 2.



## YOU Did It!

Thanks to you, all of the Children of Promise applicants from Côte d'Ivoire are currently sponsored! We now have 60 sponsored children whose lives are being impacted because of your love.

*Below:* C of P child Jean Baptiste wrote a letter last Sunday to his beloved sponsor!



## See You in Tampa?



Our family is planning to attend the CHOG Convention, June 22-25, in Tampa, Florida. Will you be there? If you would like to connect during the convention, email us at [jennymihsill@chog.org](mailto:jennymihsill@chog.org)

Can't wait to see you there!



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