Approximately
42% of the
population in Côte
d'Ivoire is Muslim and
about 40% is
Christian.



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# The Mihsills

Bobby, Jenny, Moore & Rease Mihsill: Missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

### A Child in Christ



This year's VBS camp theme was "The Life of a Child in Christ." For one week in July, children and teachers from all over the central district came together for Bible lessons, games, activities, and a lot of fun! Children were taught lessons on what it means to be a friend of Jesus and what it means that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. This year, 22 Children of Promise kids received scholarships to attend, allowing them the opportunity to be a part of the discipleship that happened daily and to receive three full meals each day throughout the camp. Navigué, a C of P child (pictured left), attended and memorized scripture verses each day, reciting a passage to me from John 11:25-26: "Jesus answered, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." May God's Word be hidden in the hearts of these beloved children!

In September, VBS teachers from the region gathered together again to evaluate how the camp went and begin planning for VBS 2024. Many of these teachers teach Sunday school weekly in their local churches, and they elected a committee of officers (pictured below left) to serve in various positions to continue to the work of teaching children about the Word of God and the love of God. Join us in praying for these leaders to have wisdom and joy as they serve. Pray for children in Côte d'Ivoire that they may grow as children in Christ and become mature in their faith.





#### The Whole World in His Hands

It was a joy to gather in Tampa, Florida, in June for missionary staff meetings, the Convention of the CHOG in the U.S. and Canada, and the Global Alliance. We saw friends and partners in ministry from throughout the U.S. and all over the world. The theme "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" was appropriate as we were reminded of God's goodness to us and as we enjoyed fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Pictured top right: Mihsills with Rev. Pete and Carla Weber from Sunny Place CHOG, one of our partnering churches.

Left: Jenny with (I to r) Rev. Mailesi Ndao, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Siafa, and Gwen Johnson

Right: Rev. Cyril Pillay, Rev. Leaderwell Pohsngap and Bobby at the Global Alliance.





## Finding Our Way in the City



July found us surrounded by boxes and packing! We returned from Tampa on July 1, and on July 25, we moved from Yamoussoukro, where we have lived since 2015, to our new home in Abidjan. It has been a transition for all of us as we moved from a city of 200,000 people with a suburban/smaller town feel to an urban city of 5.6 million.

Moore and Rease moved from a school of less than 30

total students to a large international school of 2,400 students! There have been challenges with all of the change, but we are grateful for your prayers as we settle in Abidjan.



### Family Near and Far

Our busy summer took us across three continents - from the U.S. to Côte d'Ivoire (and from Yamoussoukro to Abidjan) to India to visit family. Our family of 4 had not been there for 4 years, and it was so good to catch up with Bobby's immediate family and many of the extended Mihsill family.





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