

## Leaders Seminar!

Success! That's the word we can use for the Leaders Seminar that we just completed. Satan had tried his best to cause us to cancel it. There were numerous problems such as canceled reservation and illness just to mention a few. However, God kept opening doors when others shut and now we have



successfully been able to accomplish what we had set out to do. 21 pastors and lay leaders came together to study Rick Warren's book, "Purpose Driven Life," in French. Many excited comments were said about the conference. One of the women lay leaders said, "I have a new starting point!" We are praying that the pastors and lay leaders will hold to their commitment to teach this to their churches. Larry & LeAnn Sellers joined us in leading this conference, which was another benefit in that those attending were able to see a variety of ways of teaching and that they are not limited to one style. This was liberating to some of those attending. We thank God for enabling us to do this.

## An illegal toxic dump!

On August 19 an illegal toxic dump took place in Abidjan by corrupt officials. This was unknown to the public until people began to

get sick and three had died. It was then made known. In two weeks time the numbers began to climb drastically. In one day it had jumped from 9,000 to over 16,000 sick and seven dead. Now they do not even attempt to keep count of the number of people sick. Several government officials have been arrested and clean up of the mess has just begun. The effects will linger for a long time though. A large amount of the toxin has already leaked into water systems and underground.

On top of the already difficult situation in the Ivory Coast, the Ivoirians now must endure the consequences of a few greedy individuals. Along with this the UN is to make announcements this week as to what the Government must do to maintain the peace. Whatever they say will only serve to incite one side or another. Ben Shular (missionary in Tanzania) recently told Sherman that it seems we constantly live on the edge. It seems even more so now!

## Please Pray!

1. That the seminar will have far reaching results throughout all the Churches of God in the Ivory Coast.
2. That the current situation in Abidjan will first of all drastically improve for the health of those living in Abidjan. Secondly, that whatever the UN does that the North and South will find a way to settle their conflict and bring a lasting peace to the country.
3. That our construction projects will be accomplished in good time.
4. That our efforts in leadership development will be effectual for the growth of the church here.

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