

Sellers Sequel - Christmas 2022

Joyeux Noël à vous tous! (Merry Christmas to you!)

Christmas looks very different for us this year than in the past! We made the decision not to put up our Christmas tree as in years past, as our time is short and we had Larry's spruce Peanuts' tree that is sufficient for this year. So we are enjoying adding a few little things to spruce up the tree! We are thrilled that we were able to visit some of our supporting congregations and individuals in the time frame we were allotted due to Larry's knee replacement, which continues to improve every day.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas this year in the United States, though very differently from what we are accustomed to in Côte d'Ivoire. We love being a part of the all-night Christmas Service on Christmas Eve in Côte d'Ivoire, but this year we will have the joy of sharing Christmas with our daughter Laura and with her church family in Indianapolis.



We are enjoying participating in some special events that we do not normally have in Africa, such as a Christmas market, concerts, caroling, an open house and Advent celebrations. In actuality, just as our Christmas décor is a mixture of American and African, so is our hybrid celebration of our Savior's birth, with influences from several parts of the world.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayer for smooth return to Côte d'Ivoire on January 16, 2023
- Pray for God's provision for suitable housing as we move to Abidjan.
- Pray for the church in Côte d'Ivoire as it hosts the first West Africa Gathering of the Church of God.

As 2022 comes to an end and we prepare to see the dawn of a new year, we are anticipating what the Lord has in store for us in this coming year. We return to Côte d'Ivoire on January 17 to begin seeking new lodging in the city of Abidjan, where we used to live 26 years ago. Then we will move our household belongings there from Yamoussoukro. And we will begin a modified job description, which will include more international travel across Africa to teach and encourage growth in other French-speaking countries. We will continue to work with IBAO as we hope to see a new group of students begin in early 2023.

And we will work with the churches in the Abidjan area in the development of the newly acquired location and various projects leading to self-sustainability of the church nationally.

Road to Sustainability

Walking alongside the local church in Côte d'Ivoire on the road to sustainability is one of our ongoing goals. One project which will drive them toward sustainability by generating funds for ministry projects is called the Yamoussoukro Events Place (YEP). This project starts with the purchase of two three-wheelers (like the one pictured below), which will be rented out with a portion of the income going to the national church ministries and a portion going back to the project to further develop YEP. Funds raised toward this project will also help build a shed on the church property in Yamoussoukro to house the three-wheelers.

To join us on the road to local church sustainability, give to YEP online at <https://chogglobal.org/region-africa/> (click "Projects in this Region") or call Global Strategy at 800-848-2464 and reference project #42.30181.



With \$6,000 this first phase of the project can be carried out. We would like to see this happen as soon as possible after our return to Côte d'Ivoire. Would you please prayerfully consider adding this to your year-end giving?

We have been so blessed by your generosity and faithfulness especially during our time in the USA this year. We are very aware that without you, we could not carry out the mission that God has called us to do. *Larry & LeAnn*



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