

# The Cox Newsletter

August 2008



The dedication

*Proclaiming the gospel of salvation  
and instructing believers in biblical doctrine  
in West Africa*



King & Elders of Sirarou



Paul greeting a government official



Lunch after the dedication (can you find Nehemiah in this picture?)

## The Dedication of the Benin Broadcasting Site

Glory to God, the dedication of the broadcast site on July 5 was awesome! The weather was perfect. The graciousness of God was evident in blessing our plans and efforts. It was quite a moving site to see streams of people walking in from the local villages and then to see the line of cars pulling in from the main road. It is estimated that 1,200 people were there. The ceremony lasted two and a half hours with numerous speeches and singing. For the lunch, we were planning to feed 500 people. Providentially at the last moment we had bought extra food. The president of Benin did not come, but he sent a representative complete with military escort. The ministers of communication and civil affairs were also present. We were honored to have the TWR-International Board Chairman and TWR representatives from Canada, South Africa, partners from Ghana, and donors from Europe.

broadcast.” It has been so encouraging! At one point in the four months of planning this French Beninese event, Donna likened the preparations to planning a distant cousin's wedding in a foreign country and language. Paul did a great job leading the team, a huge stretch in multi-tasking skills as well as cultural sensitivity. In planning and executing this dedication, we endeavored to stay focused on giving God the glory for the great things He has done.



Micah Joy & Shannon



Donna, Flora & Shannon (two of our co-workers who live in J'burg)

Since the dedication, many people have come up to us saying: “You work with TWR. I saw you at the dedication and I love to listen to your radio

### Help Wanted

✓ Urgently needed one teacher/assistant for 2008/2009 school year. *Teacher found! Waiting on an assessment before purchasing the airline ticket.*

Needed: one engineer/technician to oversee broadcasts and install, operate, maintain, repair, and design broadcast systems.

Needed: one mechanic/maintenance person to operate, maintain and repair diesel generators; to operate, maintain and repair tractors and vehicles; and to maintain and construct facilities. Note: Proficiency needed in at least one area.

If you are interested, please contact Heather Johnson 800 456 7897 or [hjohnson@twr.org](mailto:hjohnson@twr.org). If you know someone who might be interested please have them contact Heather.

## Our New Vehicle and its First Major Problem

(and by the grace of God its last major problem)

The long awaited dream of having a car became a reality the first week in May, a year after arriving in Benin. We bought a second-hand 1998 Toyota Prado. There was a shortfall in our vehicle fund because of the decline in the US dollar from the time when we arrived to the time we purchased the vehicle. We prayed about this shortfall and felt led not to mention it to anyone. A supporter felt led to ask about our vehicle fund and then made up the difference. Praise be to God!



Our Prado is a no frills workhorse, which is just perfect for the rough roads we travel, or so we thought. Two weeks after gaining possession, Donna and the kids along with another missionary family, the Mittons, took it to Niger. On the return trip the front axel and transmission snapped on a rough patch of road (rough by West African standards, horrid by American standards) in the middle of what seemed to be nowhere and an hour from the Niger/Benin border. Within minutes there were about 70 people coming out of the bush after hearing the screech of metal on the road. It took the two moms and six kids, three taxi rides, and many hours to return to Parakou. Meanwhile, Bryan Mitten stayed with the Prado until the next day when a mechanic arrived to help limp the Prado home. A few days later the Mittons moved to Canada for their new assignment. We are praising God that the Prado did not flip, that no one was hurt and the Prado is back in commission.

## NEWS FLASH

**Home assignment: We will be in the United States for three months starting February 2009**

### Contact Info:

Through the wonders of the Internet, you can call us via our Dallas number which rings in our house:

**214 764-3929**

Please remember the time difference. (i.e. do not call after 3PM MST unless you want to get us out of bed). As always email is the best way to contact us:

**family@cox-net.com**

### Praises:

The purchase of a vehicle

No one was hurt when the axel broke

The dedication was awesome

A teacher is coming (given a positive assessment)

### Prayer requests:

For other needed personnel

Health; malaria comes with the rainy season.

Four of us have had it in the last month.

Details for our home assignment

That the broadcasts would be effective for the Kingdom of God

Please send financial support to:  
TWR, PO Box  
8700, Cary NC  
27512. Please ensure Paul & Donna Cox is on the memo line.