

Update on Fasting and Prayer

Thank you to all who joined us during February 27 – March 6 for a time of fasting and prayer. It was a tremendous encouragement to us to have people from different walks of life and different places in the world fasting and praying with us. For some this was their first fast, others were veterans in fasting. Some of those joining us only fasted for the last weekend and others had “creatively modified” fasts because of their circumstances. Still there were others who could not fast, for a variety of reasons, but who joined us in concentrated prayer during this time. Let us once again say thank you to all who joined with us.

For us personally this was the hardest fast that we have done both spiritually and physically. During our fast there were days when we were ready not just to stop fasting but we were ready to leave Benin. However, through it all God's invisible hand and sustaining grace supported and carried us through this fast. The many words of encouragement from those fasting and praying with us prodded, nudged and inspired us to keep on. We have no regrets about doing this fast as God proved Himself faithful in our lives and, in the end, renewed our desire to serve Him wherever He leads.

There has been movement, some positive and some negative, on a few of the items for which we asked prayer. The changes are detailed below. Please reference February's newsletter for the complete list (www.cox-net.com/pdf/2011.02_Cox.pdf).

Benin Staffing Needs: It appears that there is an engineering intern in the pipeline and the possibility of a second engineering intern for this summer. While interns are no substitute for a full-time missionary, we are very thankful for this one intern in the pipeline and the possibility of a second.

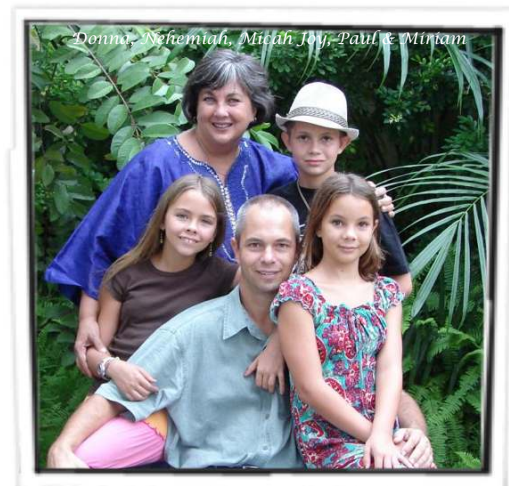
Non-Government Organization (NGO) Status: This process has hit a major problem. Please continue to pray for this.

Title Deed for Parakou compound: TWR now has all the documentation needed to apply for the title deed. Pray for continued wisdom as we submit all the documentation for the title deed. (Once all the documentation is submitted, it normally takes nine months to a year to get the title deed).

Ivory Coast: This situation continues to deteriorate. Please pray for the safety of TWR staff and the key role they play in the ministry to West Africa.

Benin Presidential Election in March: There has been some interesting politics in the last month, however, we are still hopeful for a peaceful process.

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FAMILY FRONT BY DONNA

In February Miriam and I (Donna) had the opportunity to go to Kenya and spend time with Nehemiah and Micah Joy on their mid-term break and for Miriam to spend time at RVA. What a wonderful experience to see your kids interact with their friends and teachers. They are healthy, happy and always ready for a hug. Nehemiah is in the junior high play, *The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe*, and Micah Joy is in the elementary play *Jonah*. They both are involved in seasonal sports and Micah Joy loves band. A highlight was eating lunch with their friends and hearing all kinds of funny stories. What a joy to see them mature and grow in Christ as well.



Micah Joy, Nehemiah & Miriam

As soon as Miriam and I returned our team members, the Kennedy's, left on home assignment to South Africa. Their leaving brought some significant changes to our daily life. I am only teaching Miriam who is the only ex-pat kid in Parakou and for many miles around. It has been an adjustment with extra time on our hands. Miriam and I have started doing aerobics in the mornings and I have started working on French again. The coolest thing has been that in my devotions and Bible study the idea of resting in the Lord and allowing Him to



Micah Joy, Miriam & Nehemiah

plan my time has impacted me over and over again. I so want to fill my time with doing, especially in such a needy place, but that is not what He has been speaking to me about but rather wait, wait on Him because He has it all worked out and will equip me for whatever that will be.

HELP WANTED

Need: one engineer with RF experience to help with broadcasting and training the technical team.

Need: one mechanic with experience on diesel engines to help with maintaining generators, tractors and vehicles.

Need: one administrative assistant with French and English skills to help the Benin leadership team.

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