

# Cox Newsletter

April 2012

*Broadcasting God's salvation and  
instructing believers in Christ-like  
living in West Africa.*



**Furlough 2012!**<sup>1</sup> (Formerly called Home Assignment.) The Cox family will be in the United States from August through December. We are grateful that many of you have already contacted us about getting together and we look forward to seeing you. For the rest of you, if you would like to hear about what God has been doing in West Africa through TWR and the Cox family, please drop us an email. (family@cox-net.com)

**Change in Paul's Role:** In our May 2010 newsletter we shared with you that Paul was asked to be part of the Regional Management Team with a role of biblical and theological reflection. Many of you have followed this journey especially through the prayer blog. Recently TWR decided that Paul would no longer be on the RMT so that he would have more time for biblical and theological reflection. The details and implications of this change are still a bit unclear at the moment.

**New Housing Being Built:** We are very excited that we have started building two new missionary houses here in Parakou. This will be a tremendous asset to TWR's ministry.

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<sup>1</sup> As a reminder, furlough is a time to reconnect with churches, supporters, family and friends. During this time we will share what God is doing in West Africa through our ministry with TWR, worship in our first language, be fed spiritually, encourage, be encouraged, raise additional support and rejuvenate. (Lord willing!)

**Prayer Requests:** Do you ever get tired of praying for something? Since May 2008 we have been requesting an engineer and diesel mechanic/handyman. Since February 2010 we have been requesting prayer for the shortwave license, TWR's NGO status in Benin and the title deed for the Parakou property. We praise God for some progress. He has helped the team here in Benin finish the paperwork for the title deed and it has been accepted. TWR must now wait the 9 to 18 months before a title deed is issued. God sent interns and short-term workers to help with the work and there are more short-term workers in the pipeline. However, it was our personal expectation that God would have completely answered many of these things by now, especially the shortwave license, NGO status and more long-term missionaries. Please continue to pray for these things and for our perseverance.

More importantly than the shortwave license, NGO status or additional workers pray that God's word and good news of Christ's redemption would be heard in West Africa. The seventh edition of Operation World (by Jason Mandryk) lists twelve major unreached groups in Africa. Of these twelve, five are in West Africa (pages 38-40). The shortwave license, NGO status and additional workers are only means to a greater end. Please pray that God would accomplish His greater end with or without the means that TWR has envisioned. If there needs to be a change of direction, pray that we would be open to God's leading.

Finally praise God with us that our kids will be home during the month of April and pray for our time together as a family. Pray for Donna as she starts a new role writing children's programs for TWR (see Family Corner for more details). Pray that we will be able to impact the people around us with Christ's love and grace, including the Peace Corps workers that we have over for dinner most Thursday nights.



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## Family Corner by Donna

A very warm hello from Benin, and we do mean warm as hot season is in full swing. What does one do when it is close to 100 degrees at night and the electricity is off (i.e. no fan)? You put on your PJ's, then shower until you are all wet and then lay on the tile floor where it is much cooler. Yes, that is experience speaking!

The best part of hot season is that the Cox kids come home for a month's break at the end of March. The same person (Donna) that showers in her PJ's has a great excuse to spend time with her kids at the pool! Donna has also been busy brainstorming menus with the kids' favorite meals that do not require an oven, thank goodness for crock-pots! The kids will return to RVA at the end of April and the rains should start sometime in May bringing cooler weather and turning everything green.

In March Donna had the opportunity to go to South Africa with Paul. Paul spent every day, all day in meetings. Donna had several meetings but she also enjoyed a few of the niceties of South Africa like getting a haircut, going shopping, drinking brewed coffee instead of Nescafe, meeting and spending time with other TWR missionaries. It had been four and a half years since Donna last visited our TWR Africa office so it was great for her to meet the new faces and reconnect with old friends. One of the meetings Donna had was with the Youth and Children's department. She will be creating programs and guides for several programs working with young children, parents and children's workers for TWR. She is very excited about these opportunities since these are areas that she has experience and that she loves. The difficulty will be writing them from Benin as the rest of the team is in South Africa. Time to get the creative juices flowing!

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### **HELP WANTED - PLEASE PRAY**

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.

If you are interested in the above positions please email: [paul@cox-net.com](mailto:paul@cox-net.com)

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