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Greetings...I don't have any out of the ordinary place from which to greet you, so, greetings from our couch. Here in Minnesota any way, we are into our spring showers after a late winter fling of snow.

There is not much to tell you about the happenings at Hope Radio. Everything there is continuing and there have been no major problems to be reported. At this time I'm not sure when I will return, perhaps some time in September or October.

The Savannah Bible Institute which launched in January of this year is a series of modular studies. The turn out has been good as the classroom continues to be maxed out on space. Please pray for the faithfulness of the students and the encouragement of the teachers.

There is a bit of sad news from one of the village churches that started a number of years ago. I've been told that the attendance has dropped to nothing over the last number of months. Unfortunately, that is all that anyone knows right now, when I find out more, I will pass that along to you.

For a missionary it is never enjoyable to put bad news like that in an update, yet it is the reality of the situation. It is also a reminder that the institutions God has created are under attack and will continue to be under attack. I would ask you to pray for this village church by name, but I must confess that I do struggle with many of the names of villages and churches in Togo and as such, I never have been able to remember the name of this one. This is a picture of the church during better times when 21 people were baptized (October 2022). We would ask you to please pray for the restoration of this village church.



Change of writer. Don't pass out please! Peter has written the updates since we returned to the States, since he is intimately knowledgeable with the situations in Togo, etc., and I was working full time. The last 1.5 years have been too stressful in the work situation at Cummins Health Center. I felt as if I was on "high alert" all day, then I'd come home to needing to continue the work at home. I made the decision to resign from the health center, since there was too much going on this summer and I wanted to cut to a 3 day per week job. Due to not having a pay check for 17 years between Honduras and Liberia, our finances are not ready for retirement. I've already helped a friend from our small group at church downsize to a two bedroom town home and I've volunteered at Sole Care. Sole Care gives pedicures to low income people and it is a chance to get to know them and share the Gospel with them if they are interested. And I've started a Bible study with a former co-worker that wants to study her Bible in more depth.

This summer I will be volunteering for a week with our church VBS ministry and camp nurse with East Iowa Bible Camp the week that Peter is the missionary speaker for the high school kids. I'm really excited to serve this year because there will be two nurses serving, which will allow me to get more than five or six hours of sleep per night. This will also allow me to help in other areas that need an extra hand. I will also have a new adventure this summer watering plants at an ACE Hardware store near our house. I can walk or ride my bike there, it is that close. In the past I have killed house plants over loving them with water, so I will have to be vigilant to not do that. I was told I can come any day of the week, any hour of the day, just take care of them so they look good. Our son-in-law Jake, is a police officer and at times needs to testify in court. Now I will be available to help watch the grand kids if that happens.

We are grateful for your prayers for our lives and the ministries in which we are involved, even if there isn't much to report.

In Christ,
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