

Hello Everyone,

Just wanted to send out some news and a couple photos from our Dear Brother and Steppin Out Director, Jacques in Ivory Coast, West Africa. There's no alarm or danger happening, however he and those teaching alongside him are battling many false teachers/teachings throughout their Villages and he is asking for prayer. I will include his message to me in a paragraph below, so you can "hear" his heart and concerns.

Jacques also mentioned the need for additional Study Bibles as they are becoming very hard to find and to afford. He wants to purchase extras so that he has them on hand for future students/pastors.

It may be difficult for you to understand the challenges that Jacques faces in his country. He doesn't have the resources that we do, the support groups (mentors/elders/etc) that we can access so quickly; nor does he (in some cases) even have the extra time to put into himself. That's why in some of them, he looks so tired. So, we are asking that you add Jacques to your prayer list. Pray for strength, wisdom, direction, protection. Pray for his study time in the Word. Pray that God would grant him other men who are solid in their walk with Christ to come alongside and help him with teaching/training the Bible School students. Pray as leads his own church family there in Golikro. Pray also for Julienne as she bears all the care for these students. She does have some women who come to help cook, clean, carry water, etc for those in school, but her day begins long before sunrise and ends late into the evening. She cares for all the women in her village as she hosts a Bible study on her porch each day, she teaches the children at church and does daily discipleship out in her yard under the mango tree 😊. I'm sorry I don't talk about Julienne more often. She's one of the sweetest, caring, giving women you would ever have the privilege of meeting. A perfect helpmate to Jacques!

So here is Jacques latest message to me. He begins with a greeting to John and I and to all serving with Steppin Out.

Hi Dear Mom,

I can see and notice that Steppin-Out Missions has been so far a big blessing and continues to be a huge blessing to many and many people around the world. Thank you, and good job to you all.

Here, as well, we are blessed as we look around and see what the Lord has used people to do for us so far and we praise God for you. Here in Golikro (West African), We can see the Lord at work, and if that is so, I assume that, it is God who had used your life as tools in many ways to bless us gathering our needs so we can serve Him.

I want to thank all you people always and pray that the Lord watches over you and continues to bless you all.

I am going to gather our pastors and church leaders here in Golikro next

week (Monday, February 19th to Friday, February 23rd to learn together, pray together and plan the work together as we serve our Lord under the umbrella of the Great Commission Church. I have been fighting syncretism and the lay of prosperity gospels in many ways and now I am planning for all of us (Pastors and elders) to come together one time and summarize what we have been taught within these past years as I visit with them to their different places, And develop the new perspectives for the ministry from now on. So please, continue to remember about us for that period of time as you people pray for us.

About the Bible school, The students are appointed to come back next Monday, February 26th, to Friday, 8th March, for another round of training, God willing. I planned to go to Abidjan to get some more Bible materials and study Bibles this week, but I couldn't do it for some reason. I am going to arrange with Samuel to get them for me when the wire transfer that you told me about arrives. I will be meeting with the Pastors at that time before the students come. These times around, it is not easy to find a large number of study Bibles in one place at one time since everything is expensive but I found some (John McArthur) study Bibles with a colleague Pastor and I applied for 40 pieces. I know you guys are very busy and pray that everything that you are involved in be successful.

We are encouraged with your faithful support to this ministry and to me

personally. Please thank all the people who support with their finances and prayers. I am so very grateful.

I am in Dimbrokro for a couple of hours for shopping at the grocery store to get ready for the students to come... I have checked my bank and the money you sent is on my account. I want to that you and ask you to extend my gratitude to everyone who provided financial support to the school and the students. May God continue blessing each and every one of you.

As you can read, we have already sent the funds for the extra Bibles and student support, however, If you would like to help with the purchase of additional Bibles, you can do so by sending your gift to

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PO Box 532 Sugarcreek, OH 44681.

If you would want to support Jacques & Julianne on a more regular basis, you can do so as well. Just mark your gift as such. Thank you for the student sponsorships you provided last year and are now covering this new year of studies, material, Bibles, food, housing, etc. We have been able to provide for 28 students in the last 2 years! Praise God!!

Thank you for faithfully praying and supporting Steppin Out Missions. We are so encouraged by your support and so blessed by your prayers! Out God is mighty to provide and marvelous in His love, Mercy and Grace. To Him be ALL Glory & Honor!!

“Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God”. II Cor. 4:1-4 (ESV)

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