

Greetings SOM Partners,

All is well with the ministry of Steppin Out Missions. The guys have wrapped up work at Skyview Ranch for a while and close to finishing at Camp Burton for this season. We now get equipment prepped and ready for future storm/disaster projects, all the while staying active and serving in our home churches – Alpine Bible Church (Sugar creek) and Reformation Bible Church (Beach City).

My Main focus for this email is to share with you what is happening with our dear Pastor Jacques in Ivory Coast and the Bible School in Golikro; I've attached some recent photos I just received of the last class for our 2-year sponsorship program. These students will complete their courses by mid-November and Graduation will take place sometime in February 2025.

Here is some dialogue between Jacques and I to explain some of the pictures.

**Me to Jacques:** Thank you for the pictures. This is a very large group. How many men are Pastors? Tell me how many men are students and what villages are they from?

Are the ladies teachers in their churches? Are some of the ladies doing the cooking for the students?

I want to know more about who these people are and why they are coming to the Great Commission Bible School.

This really helps me, papa and Joel tell your story and what God is doing in Golikro and beyond!

Our churches love you and love the work that they hear God is doing.

**Jacques Response:** Hi, dear Mom. Thanks for reacting after you saw the pictures. Yes! Yesterday was a nice day.

Actually, there are 13 regular students among the crowd that you saw. But there were about 40 people in those pictures.

The reason is that I invited the community of each of the Great Commission our local churches for a seminary in which I teach them about the purpose of The Great Commission ministry and encourage them to keep serving the Lord for accomplishing the target of Evangelism, Discipleship and church planting.

Among the ladies in the picture, only one is a student with us, and she attended the Golikro Church. She is focused on the youth department, and she is going to try and carry on the ministry among the women in the national church when she graduates. Only one is the cook and comes whenever the students come. Her name is Rachel and she is from Toumodi.

The people who came from different places returned to their places yesterday evening, and our regular students remained to continue the training that we stated Monday morning.

Thank you very much, Mom, and to all those who pray for us and support us, so all this can happen. May God continue blessing you always and always.

Jacques.

If you're like me, your face is nothing but smiles as you look at these dear brothers and sisters in Christ as they pursue knowledge in the truth of the Word of God. It's so humbling to see their unadorned way of living and yet so content. Yes, life is hard, but God is Mighty!!

As you look at the pictures, Pray for each one. Pray for Jacques and his brother Sebastien as they do the teaching. Pray for Rachael as she labors to feed these students. Pray that the Word of God will be implanted into their lives and into their churches.

**Thank you for partnering with us and for your faithful prayers and financial support! We are so very grateful for the Lord's continued provision and affirmation in serving Him through this ministry.**

**\*\*Closing thought - If you sponsored a student over the past 2 years and would like to begin a new sponsorship, just send me an email and I'll get you the info.**

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