

Greetings Dear Faithful Partners,

I'm sure most of you have taken down your tree, put away the decorations and eaten your last Christmas cookie by now, as you turn the calendar to the new year. In some ways, you may want to stop the clock and just hold on to a special moment or linger in a time spent with a loved one, but the world around us moves in rapid speed and we must move with it in order to stay effective. All the events we see/hear about within our own borders can cause anxiety and perhaps fear, BUT never lose hope in the promises of God that all these things point to His eminent and soon return. Keep those lamps full of oil 😊

The point of this message will be brief as all I really want to share with you is a report from Jacques with news from Ivory Coast. When I read it, I keep thinking of the goodness of God. His goodness in salvation first and foremost, but also His goodness in allowing us (you) to have a part in what He is doing in the lives of those in a village called Golikro and in the Bible School of the Great Commission. As a partner with Steppin Out Missions; whether you specifically sponsored a student or not, you too are very much a part of what God is doing with Jacques and these students, so Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord!

Let me share his message and then I'll close out. I've attached a couple photos he sent of the graduating class.

Hi dear Mom. This little message comes as an expression of my gratitude and let you know that the 15 students that you guys sponsored two years ago has come to complete their training yesterday and we have scheduled the graduation to the 23th May 2026. I wish you guys can come to attend that ceremony. Anyway, I want to thank you and extend my gratitude to everyone who prayed for us and gave their money to sponsor the training. As you go to church to attend your service, extend my greetings and share my gratitude to them. May God bless you guys always.

So, as you have read; Jacques has scheduled a graduation ceremony for May 23, 2026. John and Joel both would love to be there and we will make plans accordingly. We would appreciate your prayers with regards to this trip and also as the guys take on a few more projects at Skyview Ranch and Camp Burton. This weather here in Ohio hasn't been cooperative with outdoor work. 😞

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for your support through prayers and finances. Thank you for being Faithful to our Lord!!

Ps. 145:5-7 "I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness".

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PS – As I was getting ready to push the send button for this email, my phone alerted me to a new IMessage. It was Jacques sending me a couple pictures of the new students that He has been teaching since early Fall. These are the ones I sent out notices about for sponsorships and you responded overwhelmingly. Here’s his new message: [Hi dear Mom, These are the pictures of the five sponsored students and three more who have joined the class just for listening to the Word of God as the training is going on. Thank you for your prayers and support](#) *The 2 photos are included in the attachments.