

We want to begin by thanking you SO much for praying for us as we have been waiting for the results of tests to help the doctors determine what needs to be done regarding Marilyn's health. God answered your prayers about a needed biopsy and we praise the Lord that this test result was benign. After the follow-up visit with the surgeon this morning, we have decided that surgery is not necessary at this moment in time. Further monitoring of the tumor will determine if and when surgery will be needed and we believe that this monitoring can be done at our hospital in Togo. Please pray now that God will give us wisdom and direction concerning the plans we need to make for our return to the field as soon as possible.

There are several new appointees that are now on pre-field ministry, preparing to join us in Togo and we would ask you to pray for them as they visit churches and trust God for the financial and prayer support that are needed before they can leave for language study in France. Some have been on pre-field ministry for some time and this can be very discouraging so join us in prayer for them. We praise God that one of those families has just arrived in France to begin their language studies so please pray for Josh and Jenny Farver and their family as they make the transition to this last step on the journey that will soon bring them to Togo to serve there with us. Pray also for Dr. Eric Miller and his family as they continue in their French studies.

With the emphasis on the construction of the new hospital in Mango, we don't want you to forget the ongoing ministry that continues in our hospital in the south. There are some sizeable financial needs as we start the new year that we would encourage you to pray for. There are always many unpaid bills that make it difficult for the hospital to balance the year-end books and we are praying that God will continue to use our hospital as an effective evangelistic tool in spite of the poor economic conditions in the country. Please pray also for the hospital employees, numbering over 130, that they will maintain a close walk with the Lord and their dedication to the goal of reaching out to the many unsaved who pass through the doors of the hospital.

Finally, continue to pray for us as a Togo team, now divided into Togo team north and south as the ministry expands and reaches out to the Muslim population. The team meets as a whole January 18th and 19th for prayer, encouragement, discussion of business matters and strategy planning for the overall ministry of church planting.

Please pray for one other special event this month, the Kabiyé New Testament dedication that will take place in the northern city of Kara on January 30th. This translation project has taken several years to complete and this occasion will be a great celebration of what God has enabled our team to accomplish in the face of many difficult challenges. Pray that this New Testament will speak to the hearts of the Kabiyé people, drawing them to the Saviour.

Since coming home, we received a gift of \$1,000 towards our unexpected trip home (total cost for the flight was \$3,500). As our time was extended due to medical needs, it was also necessary to lease a car. Any gift to help with these expenses ought to be marked "to help with the Dickinson's fall 2011 trip" when sent to the ABWE office. We praise God for your partnership with us over this past year in the many challenges that we have faced and we continue to trust God for great progress in the work of God this new year, not only in Togo but in your mission field at home.

Love in Christ,
Gib and Marilyn

