

Faster and Farther

Aviation Mission to Togo, Africa



April 2011



Praises

- Isaac was baptized at the end of February! He was saved at 3 years old but has been afraid to go under the water until now. He has a great understanding of what baptism really means.
- 55% of our monthly support has been pledged!
- Student loan payment progress—82% paid!
- We are blessed by the generosity of a partner in providing his airplane for us to fly at no charge!
- Isaac is done with 1st grade!

Prayer Requests

- Financial provision for our ministry in Togo.
- Safety and good weather for flying during our Technical Evaluation.
- Sahara Challenge—Muslim outreach training. Pray for this week to be fruitful in our long-term ministry.

“A few years ago, I was fishing on Lake Michigan with a friend who had been doing this for years. Those on the boat took turns grabbing the poles at the sign of a fish being on. Soon it was my turn. The pole wiggled, I set the hook, and within thirty seconds everyone knew this was a big one--I mean it really was a big salmon. After about an hour I got it in the boat. I couldn't wait to brag about this one. We even got pictures to prove its size.

“After getting back on land we were talking with some other charter boat captians, and I waited for my opportunity to blurt out, “You would not believe the size of the fish I caught today.” My friend, the captain of the boat I was on, interrupted at the beginning of my wonderful story which I was eager to embellish. He inserted a comment I will never forget: “Actually you didn't catch the fish. We all did. Someone had to drive the boat in such a way that the lines did not get tangled. Others pulled in the remaining lines so you had a better chance of landing the fish. Someone had to be skilled at netting the fish. Others helped with advice and encouragement. We *all* caught the fish” (Cross-Cultural Connections by Duane Elmer pages 137-138).

Sharing the good news of Jesus' free salvation in Togo is not something that we can do alone. We all have a part to play in reaching the Togolese. We

may be the fingertips on the fishing rod that pulls in the “big one,” but you, our supporters, are all in the boat with us. But, this ship is just over half-way there. We still need more partners in this ministry. Doing some figuring and thinking about the need for more partners, we observed a few things. We have 55% of our required support and we have 58 partners. THANK YOU! That means that our partners are giving an average of nearly 1% each. If this statistic remains true through the rest of our needed support, then we need only 45 more partners! Here is a breakdown of the average amount we need each of these partners to give that will enable us to “go fishing” in Togo!

10--\$20.00 gifts per month
15--\$50.00 gifts per month
15--\$100.00 gifts per month
5--\$200.00 gifts per month

We have approximately 1500 people that receive our newsletter. If 45 of our readers would become monthly partners, then we will be fully supported! Will you get involved? Will you commit to be a monthly partner?



Propelling the gospel in Togo through aviation, maintenance and hospitality ministry.

Upcoming Travels

Our travels took us to VA, MD and PA at the end of March. We visited with the Bessansons, McLaughlins, and Sibajas. Pam Bower's small group welcomed us warmly and we enjoyed seeing Dan's brother, Lee and his family. One item on our family's Bucket List was to visit the new Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. We spent an entire day there gawking at airplanes!



May 1st we leave for Concord, GA. Nearly all of May will be our aviation training with ABWE Air and a 3 day conference with the International Association of Missionary Aviation. May 15th we have a presentation with First Baptist Church in Orange Park, FL. During our training, we each will be flying at least 10+ hours and we will be involved in various maintenance jobs around the air base. Please pray for our safety as we fly; pray that we would be quick to learn and apply new information.

From May 28-June 4 we will attend Sahara Challenge, an intensive training course for ministry to Muslims. Visit <https://www.crescentproject.org> for more information. This is required

training for our ministry as Islam is a growing religion in Togo. Andy and Karime, Dan's brother and sister-in-law, will go from one kid to four as they will be keeping our children while we are in Chicago for this training. Pray that we learn a lot that can be applied to our specific situation in Togo.



55% Total Monthly
41% Outgoing



Foggy morning in Togo near where we will be living.

Love,
Dan, Rachael
Isaac, Lydia + Josiah