



Nate and Emily Wilkerson

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Church planters to West Africa, serving in Benin



Dear Supporters and Prayer Partners,

We are praising the Lord for his protection over our family and faithful guidance through this season!

Medical Furlough

On March 9th we welcomed our fourth child into the world, miss Aurora Faith Wilkerson! Many of you have been praying for her and Emily over the past several months. Emily was hospitalized for over a month due to her pregnancy complications which eventually resulted in Aurora's early arrival. She was born at 27 weeks, 2lb 3oz! She has been doing great in the NICU at UT in Knoxville. Emily is able to visit every day and Aurora has been progressing well! **She is now 3lb 8oz, completely off all breathing support, and is slowly learning to nurse. She is projected to be out of the NICU by mid June if all goes well!** Following the birth, Emily's health has greatly improved. Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement that so many of you have sent us!

Travel

I have been able to travel some and update churches on the ministry. It has been a joy to see familiar faces and rejoice together with all that God has done in Benin. I had the opportunity to preach a children's event in GA last week. It is so encouraging to see churches on fire to reach their communities. If you would like to have us come by to give an update, please reach out! Emily and I were also able to attend two days of VBM's orientation that was held at the Wild's Christian camp. We greatly enjoyed the sessions and time of fellowship with other missionary families who serve around the globe.

The Ministry Continues

We receive reports from Benin every day on the ministry and praise the Lord for what he is doing there. The churches had a wonderful Easter celebrating our risen Savior. **I am planning a trip back next month. Please pray this trip will go well!** I'm looking forward to catching up with the evangelists in person and jumping back into ministry while I'm there. **We are currently organizing another shipment of Bibles to be sent over this summer.** We are also praying that the Lord will provide audio Bibles for those that can not read. We truly appreciate your continued prayers and support for the ministry!

Your Missionaries in Benin, *Nate and Emily Wilkerson*

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