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Church planters to West Africa, serving in Benin Aug-Sept 2026











The Lord continues to do an exciting work in Benin, West Africa! Over the past two years, God has enabled us to see hundreds of professions of faith, believers biblically baptized and discipled, more than 23 church plants established, and thousands of people reached with the Gospel. Around 30 men and their families are now involved in leading churches, evangelizing their communities, and discipling new believers. Our vision is to train faithful men who will reach their own people, establish Bible-preaching churches, and teach others also. Please pray that God will continue raising up laborers for this great harvest!

Please pray for our growing churches and church plants. Many congregations are meeting in homes or temporary shelters, and some have already outgrown their meeting spaces. In Ahomey-Lokpo several dozen believers are now gathering, but they have outgrown the borrowed house where they meet. They need a shelter for worship and Bible studies. Pahou also needs a larger, permanent meeting place, while The Vine Baptist Church, meeting downtown, has outgrown its rented room and is praying for land where it can expand its ministry. Please pray for these needs and for the continued growth of churches and Bible studies throughout the country.

Please pray for the resources needed to reach more people. Many church planters serve with limited financial support, and several congregations need permanent meeting places. We are also praying for funds to print discipleship materials and books for the men who are continually being trained for ministry. The needs of the growing ministry are overwhelming but the Lord has always been and will continue to be faithful to provide. Our goal is not simply to establish churches, but to develop healthy, indigenous congregations grounded in sound doctrine, equipped to make disciples, and capable of reproducing throughout Benin and beyond.

Our family is preparing to return to Benin in early December! We bought our one-way tickets to Benin for December 3rd! We are excited to return and continue serving alongside the faithful men and families God is raising up throughout the country. Please pray for safe travels, grace as we resettle, and wisdom as we continue this work. Pray that our return will strengthen the existing churches, encourage the church planters, and open doors to reach even more communities with the Gospel.

Thank you for faithfully praying for our family and the work in Benin! We believe some of the greatest days of ministry are still ahead. The work is growing, the needs are great, and we are trusting the Lord to continue building His church!
"So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." — Acts 19:20 (KJV)

Your Missionaries in Benin, Nate and Emily Wilkerson

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