

Dear Friends,

Just before sitting down to write this, I purchased my one-way ticket to Abidjan, Ivory Coast! It seems like both yesterday and an eternity ago that I spoke with my pastor and then shared with my church family that God was leading me to the mission field. At that time, I thought the preparation of deputation and language school would drag and that Jesus would return (He still could...) before I ever set foot again in the Ivory Coast. However, I am now one month away and am so grateful for the process! Let me share with you what I have done these last two months and how you can pray for me in the next two months.

#### Continued Preparation

In preparation for my first term, I have intentionally set aside time to spend with family and close friends. This included a trip to South Carolina and California. While in California, I spent some additional time with unsaved family members and once again looked for the opportunity to share Christ and the hope and freedom found in Him. Please pray for my unsaved family. I am praying that God will put other Christians in their paths to share the gospel.

I have been able to continue my French studies by way of applications and regular communication with my francophone friends. This includes texting, voice messages, and video calls. I will also begin working more formally with one of my teachers 1 to 2 times per week to continue building on the foundation created in language school. Please pray that I will continue to advance in my French.

Finally, I have begun sorting through my belongings determining what I need to sell, store, give away, or pack. Additionally, I have begun purchasing the items I need for the move to the Ivory Coast. I am thankful for constant communication with the missionaries there so that I am well-prepared for this transition.

#### Continued Prayer

I would greatly appreciate you partnering with me in praying for the following as well:

- \* That God would continue to bless the ministry that has already been established in the Ivory Coast.

- \* That all the paperwork would go smoothly and that I would obtain my visa without any issues.

- \* That the move and transition from Ohio to Côte d'Ivoire would go smoothly.

- \* That God would give me wisdom and guidance on where I should live.

- \* Once there, that God would lead me to the schools and the people that he would have me to serve.

I cannot emphasize enough how often I sense that God is working because people are praying! Philippians 4:6 says, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” I love that I have nothing to worry about because I know that God has a perfect plan, and I love that we can thank Him in advance for working because we can trust Him to accomplish that plan! And how awesome is it that we get to be a part? As always, thank you for your faithful prayers and support, and please know that I am praying for you!

Because of Christ,  
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