

Mission Trip to Togo, Africa



Greetings from Southern California!

How can we thank you enough for the support of your prayers as we come close to the completion of our first year at The Master's Seminary?! God has blessed us with a lovely apartment in a complex with many other seminary families. Blake is joyfully growing in the midst of an intense schedule, working through Biblical Hebrew, Old Testament Studies, Prayer, and Pastoral Counseling. Having been a nurse for eight months now, Emily becomes daily more grateful for the care of the Great Physician, especially when half of her patients can only communicate their symptoms in Spanish!

After much prayer and counsel, we are grateful to be able to ask you to join us in God's work of worldwide Christian ministry as we prepare for a 10 day trip to Togo, West Africa.

About Togo and ABWE

The mission organization we will be going with is ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism). The goal of all ABWE ministries is evangelism, discipleship, leadership training and sending of local missionaries through churches planted. ABWE is a solid mission organization devoted to spreading the Gospel and discipling men to go out and share the truth of Christ Jesus.

An important ministry of ABWE in Togo is the operation of an acute care hospital. Ron Washer, the ABWE Administrator for Africa, said, "The most effective tool that is being used today in West Africa is compassionate, quality healthcare that is coupled with the message of salvation. For example, 2400 people made professions of faith in Christ through the hospital in southern Togo this year—and each year. Not all are true professions but the proof in the pudding is evidenced in the growth of the local churches in a 25 miles radius of the hospital. They are growing at 20-25% increase each year!"

In addition to the hospital, the Baptist Academy of Theology in Africa (BATA) functions as a Bible Institute, Church certificate, Bible College, and Seminary. As ABWE's theological training program in West Africa, BATA prepares African pastors to minister in Togo and its surrounding countries. Information about ABWE and its ministry in Togo can be found at <http://www.abwe.org/> & <http://www.togo.abwe.org/>

Our Trip

Along with another TMS student, we will be traveling to West Africa from May 26 through June 4, hosted by Ron Washer. We have highlighted here some of our specific goals.

- To visit the West African countries of Togo, Benin, and Ghana
- To meet and minister to African pastors and American missionaries
- To survey the needs for church planting, evangelism, and leadership training
- To explore long term ministry openings for teaching in Togo, Benin, and Ghana at BATA
- To discover possible teaching opportunities in nursing for Emily
- Participate in the 25th anniversary of the Hopital Baptiste Biblique in southern Togo
- To prayerfully consider where God will lead us in the future

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Prayer Requests

Please join us as we lift up the above details in prayer. Also, we appreciate your prayers for:

- A humble heart that submits to God's leading
- The missionaries in Togo who are faithfully fulfilling the great commission, ministering God's Word to the people in Togo and its surrounding countries, Benin and Ghana.
- For safety and encouragement while observing the needs and training in Togo
- Discernment in long term ministry

Financial Support

As an important aspect of the preparation required for this trip, we are seeking to raise \$5,000

to cover the necessary expenses.

If God leads you to help us in this specific way, donations can be made to ABWE.

Online gifts can be given at

Checks may be sent to:

ABWE Donor Services
PO Box 8585
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8585



We are excited for this opportunity and the work that the Lord is doing in the people of Togo and our hearts as well!!!

*“For this very reason,
Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.
For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

2 Peter 1:5-8

In His name, with joyful anticipation (!),

Blake and Emily Wilson



<http://www.togo.abwe.org/slideshow/309>