Togo, West Africa

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Using Medicine and Technology to Grow Christ's Church Making Disciples in Muslim Mango, Togo and Beyond

If we had to sum up what is weighing on our hearts in one word it would be: <u>deadline</u>.

We attended training part 2 (of 3) in Harrisburg this last week and learned a lot about planting a church in a different (or sometimes not so different) culture. While we were at training other topics naturally came up and we came to realize just how close we were to being ready for language school and that the process needed to be started right away. When we got there it was still five months away... but as we left we realized that it was only *five months away*! And with the application deadline for language school enrollment in January fast approaching, we knew that if we waited any longer we risked being blocked out until the next semester in August. But we also weren't at full support yet either.

A tough decision had to be made.

After prayerful consideration we have applied to language school near Paris for January! We're excited to be starting this process and at the same time apprehensive because it sets specific deadlines that must be met.

So we're praying and trusting God that the remaining needed support will come in. It has to; we need it to come in. We are not given permission to leave for language school until we are fully supported. Our goal is to reach 85% of our monthly before the end of August so that we can attend part 3 of training and to reach full support by the end of November. If we don't meet those goals, if we cannot go to training part 3, there will be no language school until August 2018.

There are so many logistics involved in moving a family across the ocean... How do we get visas? What are our living arrangements? What stuff will we need? How to get all of that stuff there? How do we get our stuff that needs to be shipped to Togo packed and stored while waiting for a sea container and how does it get loaded while we are away?

Thank you to everyone who has been praying about these things and please be praying that God would make all of this possible and that we would retain our sanity in the process.

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Support level

## Monthly= 79% of \$5200

Setup= 40%

Travel \$0/\$4000 Vehicle \$3098/\$25000 House Setup \$15500/\$23500 Language study \$10000/\$25000 Misc \$5000/\$5000 Prayer Requests

For contacts old and new to be willing to partner with us to be fully support by the end of November. (This includes monthly & setup costs.)

That God would help us to meet our training requirement to lead individuals through the story of God's Word.

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