



# Jonathan and Bethany Edwards

*Using Medicine and Technology to Grow Christ's Church*

*Making Disciples in Muslim Mango, Togo and Beyond*



This last month could be easily said to be one of doing the leg-work to get everything ready. We set the goal to reach 85% of our monthly support by the end of August. And we're happy, relieved to announce that God provided in a big way by propelling us past that goal all the way to 93%! That's enough to allow us to go to the next and last training sessions starting at the end of October. That also means that we're less than \$350/month away from full monthly support. The goal is in sight. God is amazing! We're praying that God will bring us to the final goal of 100% before the end of October so that we can focus on setup costs and logistics. We're proceeding in faith that we will be cleared to leave at the end of the year.



## Prayer Requests

For contacts old and new to be willing to partner with us to be fully support by the end of October and have our setup costs by the end of November

For God's provision in working out all of the details required in starting a life overseas.

Along with that comes a lot of work. Perhaps we had forgotten or perhaps it really is so much more than before but it seems that the to-do list is long and time is short. Even in that God has provided. Each of us has started and is nearly half-way with our Story of Hope bible study training. We have applied for our visas to France and were granted interview slots with plenty of time to spare. (Others have had to wait months to get in.) We go to the French consulate in DC on October 10th. ... and God be praised, a friend who lives near DC offered to put us up for the night so that we didn't need to leave at 4:45 in the morning to drive there. Imagine someone who is not a morning person trying to interview after getting up that early and driving for over six hours in heavy traffic trying have a clear mind to answer important questions.

But God has provided even more... someone gifted us enough to purchase our plane tickets to France! That means that we now have a departure date - January 4th. The pieces are coming together. We're working with another missionary family in our area headed to Togo (Archers) on sharing a sea shipping container. We are starting to look into the different things that need to be shipped. Some items it is only possible to get in the US or it cost/quality effective to purchase here. We have created a detailed list on the next page including a registry and details about other items that we are seeking.

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Here are some ways to help out in tangibly way without donating money. Please let us know about or order before October 27 if you can help with:

- Household items:** Visit [www.amazon.com/wedding/share/edwards2Togo](http://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/edwards2Togo) for our registry. We will be purchasing these in the US before we leave. If you would like to purchase one or more of these items and have it sent to us, that will count toward setup costs and help us reach our goal. (Note: Some of the small kitchen items are recommendations. If you find similar items cheaper then send us a link and we can let you know if that meets the need.)(Please, ignore the “wedding” part. It’s the best way to do it.)
- Primary transport:** We are raising the funds to buy an SUV in Togo or but donation of an actual vehicle would go a long way. We need a suitable SUV reliable and in good condition with automatic transmission of brand Toyota, Nissan, Mazda, Honda, Hyundai, or Mitsubishi to handle the rough, dusty roads. It must have A/C. This vehicle will make regular long-haul road trips where getting stranded is not an option; reliability is important and good gas mileage is a plus. (Note: parts, service, and cultural factors limits us to these brands.)
- Alternate transport:** Utility 4-wheeler in good working condition with a manual transmission (preferred) sized for an adult. Used primarily for around-town and easier to maneuver through crowded streets than a full-sized vehicle.