

Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for my trip to Africa. God blessed me with a profitable and productive trip. As a result of spending time in Ivory Coast and Kenya, we will have the opportunity to create missions videos for 4 different missionary families. God was gracious and allowed us to accomplish all of the necessary filming despite tight schedules and even sickness in one of the missionary families. Over the next few weeks, the real work of producing these videos will take place.

BLESSINGS FROM AFRICA

God's blessings were evident on this trip. I won't recount all of them, but I want to share a few from the traveling portion of this trip.

Several of the airlines had carry-on baggage weight limits. On several flights, my carry-on bag, which contains much of my camera equipment, was overweight. Of course, I do not want to check my bag and have my cameras transported with cargo. I was grateful that not once did my overweight bag become an issue.

On a particularly tight connection in Nairobi, a law enforcement officer noticed me hurrying along and guided me to an entry with a shorter security line. His help saved me time and helped me to arrive at my connecting flight on time.



Top Left: Missionary Josh Clay holding a Bible study in the village of Anon, Ivory Coast

Top Right: One of the Clay children at Bible club. A reminder of the challenges missionary children face.

Bottom Row: During my time in Ivory Coast, I was blessed to film the first graduation of their Bible Institute. Eight students graduated. The following day, four of the graduates were also ordained.



Left: Two ladies in a Kenyan marketplace who had just received tracts.

Right: Missionary Matthew Rose and a church member sharing the gospel with children who started gathering while we were going door to door visiting.

SHARING A NEED

I want to take a moment to share a pressing need with you. The fundamental element of our ministry is the footage we capture. Without the footage, we cannot produce videos that tell the story of missions.

When we capture footage, it is our intention to keep it forever so that we can make revisions to videos in the future or even use it for entirely different video projects. Keeping all of our footage forever means that we have accumulated a large amount of data. Recently, we have realized how important it is to properly store and back up this data. In the last 3 years, we have had 3 hard drive failures or malfunctions. One failure caused us to lose data. The second two, we were able to recover the data from backups, but both cost time, effort, and even money to recover the data.

We have decided that it is time to move to a business-grade storage solution for all of our data, as well as a better backup solution at a second physical location. We have sought the advice of a trusted friend with experience with this kind of technology, and he has recommended equipment that we believe will be the right solution for our needs.

The system will be easily expanded to provide more storage capacity in the future, but the initial start-up equipment will cost around \$3,000.

If God lays it on your heart to help with this need, we would be grateful. Gifts can be sent to Worldwide New Testament Baptist Missions with Lens of the Harvest equipment in the memo. If we receive more funds than needed for this project, we will save the leftover funds for future video equipment needs.

Thank you so much for your part in our ministry as we seek to make videos that help us to lift up our eyes and look on the fields that are white already to harvest.

Thank you,
Nathan, Hannah, Grace, and Micah.