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Well, we got to the airport in Greensboro on January 30 and had to be rerouted before we even got started on the trip. Evidently weather had been a factor. God is in control. We got our boarding passes and enjoyed a great flight to the Ivory Coast...experiencing an extended layover in the Paris airport which caused us to arrive about 12 hours later than originally scheduled. Sometimes when a 3-week trip begins that way you might wonder what else could possibly be in store. We rest in the providential working of God in our lives...including our best-laid plans for travel. He is always good.

I have mentioned before regarding trips that there were *several highlights*. I don't want to wear that statement out but...there were *several highlights* on this trip.

First, we (Jim Bledsoe and me) had the honor of sitting in on a deacons meeting of the main church of missionary Bob Mach. It was a joy to give them a challenge from the Acts 6:1-7 text and remind them of the valuable place of faithful deacon ministry.

Jim and I both preached the first Sunday emphasizing the strength, capacity and new passion to live Christ like, the will of God and the importance of unity in the church.

Second, the next day, Monday, we, along with Bob Mach (and a mechanic) left for a small town called Divo. This is the place where a significant highlight of the trip played itself out. As you all know, one of the ultimate goals of the equipping ministry of ENW is to train the national pastors to train the next generation of pastors (II Timothy 2:2). We want the national pastors to see that responsibility/privilege clearly, understand it thoroughly and embrace it enthusiastically. Three of the pastors we have been training for the last five years did the training in this pioneer conference. Each dealt with an important doctrine ENW taught them back in 2009—The Doctrines of Biblical Sufficiency, The Mission of the Church and Progressive Sanctification. It was a thrill to be there and encourage them in this endeavor. These pastors were training pastors. The host pastor had several of the men who had been sent out from his church there to sit under the ministry of these Ivorian Pastors.

Pictured here between Jim and me are the three national pastors who taught in Divo—from left to right are Kouassi Lucien, Kamano Jean & Kaho Marcelin. Folks, this was a huge blessing...to God be the glory!



Third, on two consecutive weekends Jim and I did two mini conferences for the main church on the doctrine of Biblical Sufficiency requested by brother Bob Mach. He wanted his church family to hear this emphasis compacted into a short time frame. It was with humble hearts we accepted this invitation and with great boldness we had the liberty to proclaim the absolute sufficient, comprehensive and exclusive (no other resource is required for "life and godliness") nature of the word of God...from the word of God. It is a *biblical case* for biblical sufficiency and exclusivity!



Fourth, between these two mini conferences we conducted our fifth ENW pastors training conference. All the pastors from Divo joined us for a total of about 45 men. Jim and I were joined for this week by one of Faithway's other pastors, Daniel Hicks. The three of us had the privilege of ministering to these men all week. This training unit, number 5, is Foundations for Church Administration. The comments were encouraging. One of the most respected pastors stated on the final day, *what we have received this week is indescribable*. Once again the word of God brings hope and help to pastors who are eager to learn and practice what they have learned.



Interestingly brother Bob Mach indicated that this conference might be the only conference in the Ivory Coast with this expressed purpose of bringing together and training pastors.

Finally, I had the privilege to go out into one of the villages where the medical component of Bob Mach's broad ministry had been used by God to not only open doors for evangelism but to see the embryonic beginnings of another church plant. The Sunday I visited the village was only the second meeting/service of this new work. Three men from Bob's church came to conduct the meeting. There was about 50-60 in attendance. The word of God was preached—the story of blind Bartimeus. One of the blessings of this is to know that ENW will have a continual part in equipping workers to minister more effectively in this village church plant.

On a personal note, Chris continues to serve at the Winston Salem Rescue Mission. Her faithfulness has paved the way for me to continue to travel and train. *Her price is far above rubies.*

We have recently lost \$2000 of annual support that keeps us hovering around 70% of the total we need to be fully supported. We have been at this for eight plus years now and are still a ways from being totally funded.

In light of this, I would ask you to pray diligently with us regarding this need and to consider possibly becoming a supporting partner with ENW in training nationals to train nationals.

If this is something you believe you could do, it would be most appreciated. The gifts are tax deductible and checks can be made out and sent to Faithway Baptist Church, 610 East Lake Drive Greensboro N.C. 27401...marked for ENW support. Thank you for any consideration in this ministry.

Thank you for your continual interest in this vital ministry. Your prayers and financial gifts are an investment for the cause of preparing faithful, capable men to shepherd God's flocks.

One final note regarding upcoming trips...ENW annual trips have to be financed above our monthly support so you read of this in nearly every report letter.

The general cost per trip (including but not limited to international tickets, food, accommodations, transportation on the field, extra baggage costs within the mission country, conference materials and occasional conference scholarships for needy pastors) is approximately \$3000.

If a church or individual would like to take one of these trips on as a project, that too would be a huge blessing.

Our eighth trip to Uruguay is coming up this April.

Chris and I hope that your life is filled with God's blessings and that those blessings are clearly identified resulting in praise given to Him.

Once again...THANK YOU. Partnership in ministry is wonderful and I hope you realize that as a contributor as much as we do as the recipient of your prayers and gifts.

For His glory alone,
Bill & Chris Hill

