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Greetings in the name of the Lord,

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Family- We are all doing fine as Joseph is in his last year of school. This has been a sad time for us as we know that he doesn't have much time to be here with us before he moves to America to start the next chapter of his life. Because there are many things I will need to help him get adjusted to, he will be with us for around an extra year so I can take him back and help him settle in. Deborah and I are both struggling with this reality. Joshua is now 15 and getting taller. It is funny to see him grow in different ways. Jeremiah is doing well in school. Deborah has been working on some neighbor girls trying to get them into church. We have two that have been coming, and we would love to see them get saved.

The last few months have been crazy. We are finally getting our paperwork going forward for a piece of land we have purchased for the second time. The first time the village chief sold us the land that wasn't his. Because it is the village chief's office, we really have no recourse here. We are partially through the paperwork process. When we complete this we will have to submit and get approval of building plans before we can go further. We have several obstacles because of corruption, but we are hopeful.

We have started back our teen night as an outreach in our area. We are doing this once a month to try to get the gospel into our teens in our area as many are into drugs, alcohol and fornication at younger ages here. It is usually around 14 when everything starts. The peer pressure in our village is unreal.

Our Saturday visitation has taken us to a village not too far from us. Another missionary and I are going to a nearby village, and last week, I was able to witness to a man in French because he is a foreigner here from Burkina Faso.

Continue to pray for us as we are preaching on the radio twice a week, once on Wednesday morning and once on Friday night. The radio gives us access into homes and vehicles over an hour away from here into parts we can't get into ourselves.

The church is going slow right now as studying the Bible isn't part of the "Christian" culture here. Singing, dancing and all kinds of charismatic influences along with the prosperity gospel and denominational allegiance have dominated here over salvation and actual Bible knowledge. Some of our teenage boys have left the church for the world and its influences. My heart breaks when I see them. We have a few that are coming that aren't saved yet; pray for that.

Please pray for Amouse, Erica, Julliana, and two Ivorian ladies that come sometimes and for the Saturday morning Bible club kids that they might be saved. Amouse is a 35-year-old electrician that is so helpful to me but has yet to get saved. He has helped me get the land stuff together as well as community lighting near the house. He goes to the radio every Friday night when he is in town. I can't get him to come to church. There is a young man with a drinking problem. They call him Bebe. I have talked to him, but he is never sober enough. Pray for Paquisi as well; he sells lottery tickets. Our village is a hard area, but we don't pick the place; God does that. Pray that I can get the gospel into our people and that God will soften their hearts.

The Harrisons