

The Shumakers

May-July 2025

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

God never ceases to amaze me. His goodness is so real. We are blessed to be able to serve Him full-time here in West Africa. The months of May and June found us back in America, and God really blessed our time there.

We were able to report to several faithful supporting churches. It is always a blessing to be able to thank those who have so generously invested in God's ministry in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Each congregation was gracious, kind, and excited about all that is happening on the field.

We were also able to participate in and preach in two different camps. It was an honor to be invited to challenge the young people at the "Who will Go?" camp. This camp is very different than most camps. It is focused on enabling the young people that come to become full time Christian servants. Many there had already surrendered to missions. God has definitely used Pastor Chris Hewett and this needed ministry. We were also able to be with my good friends Bro. Duane Moore and Pastor Mark Stroud for their kid's camp. It was a blessing to preach and help.

The main reason we came to the states was because our two daughters got married. It was a joy to participate in both of their weddings held only one week apart in the month of June.

Last year, Emily and Meredith each began to talk to a young man. As time went on, I told Rebecca, "We might have a marriage in 2025." Then, after a little time longer, I said, "We might have two in 2025." As a father, I couldn't be any prouder of the way my two daughters handled their courtship and marriage. I have told many people that they made it easy on me. They both held Godly and Biblical standards the whole time. They respected everything that I asked them to do. The Lord blessed the way they honored Him.

Emily married Antonio Montañó who is such a "people" person. He is very compassionate and truly loves the Lord. Antonio is still praying about where God wants them to serve, but Lord willing, it will be in the ministry in some way or another. The two met at Ambassador Baptist College and were married in North Carolina.

Meredith married Josh Kowach, a young man who has a heart for the Lord and ministry. Josh's parents are missionaries to South Korea, but it wasn't until the weddings that we had the pleasure of meeting them. The two met at Bible college at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenville, SC and were married there. Their plans are to serve Jesus somewhere on the mission field once Josh gets finished with school.

I have had a two-fold prayer for all my children. First, I prayed that they would be saved. Second, I prayed that they would follow God's will, serving wherever He would lead. Emily and Meredith have been such wonderful daughters since birth until now. Emily was born in Togo and Meredith in the Ivory Coast, and they have spent much of their lives serving with us in West Africa. They both served in different ministries of their respective Bible colleges as doors opened for them. I am thrilled with the thoughts of what God will do in the new chapter of their lives as married women while they continue to serve with their husbands.

Thank you for how you have loved and supported both the ministry God has called us to and our family. You have had a special part in the lives of our precious daughters and all of us. God has used you to make this missionary life possible for us, and it's been the best life for us all!

His servants,

Keith, Rebecca, Emily, Meredith, Isaac and Caleb Shumaker

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