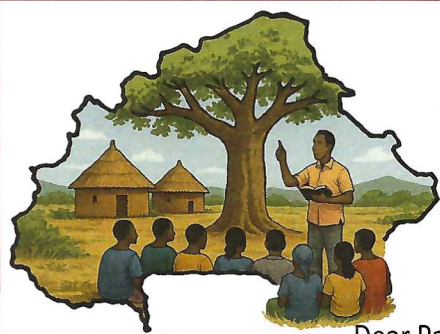




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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

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Since getting back from our quick trip to the States, we have been wide open. The summer months are great ministry months for us here in Burkina Faso.

During the summer, we were blessed to have my son Isaac back with us after his first year of Bible College. He was a great blessing. Our Pastor's son, Connor Hanks, also came to be with us for two weeks. He and Isaac were roommates last school year at Golden States Baptist Bible College. They preached several times for us and even held a revival. What a blessing to have two young men, one 20 and one 19, preach the Word of God with conviction and authority. Each night of revival the crowd grew. God really used these two young men to deliver sound doctrine that touched the heart of our people.

Our first camp of the year was our young adult camp held in the beginning of August. We had around 180 people including campers and workers. The theme was very simple, "Love Jesus," and much of the preaching dealt with simply loving Him. I believe many people struggle to live the Christian life to the fullest and see it as a burden because they have a problem with their love for Jesus.

Our second camp was our teen camp. We were blessed to have around 180 campers and workers for this week also. The enthusiasm, openness to the Gospel, and zeal of the teens and counselors make teen camp so wonderful. One of our leaders said, "Don't tell the young adults, but teen camp is so much better." While we kept the same theme for the second camp, it was amazing how God changed the direction from one camp to another to meet the needs of different campers. God really moved during the services, and we had 23 professions of faith during the week.

Three days after camp, Isaac flew back to start his second year of Bible College, and I flew out to the Ivory Coast with our intern John DeSpain. John feels led to Gabon but has come to Burkina Faso to learn the language, culture, and ministry over the next six months.

My trip to the Ivory Coast was so blessed. I taught a Bible College course for seven hours a day for five days straight days while preaching revival each night. The next week we traveled 9 hours by car on a nice road until we arrived at the city of Biankouma. For the next 3 hours, we only covered 30 miles on a more difficult road and arrived at Tom-poudie, a very remote village. A young man named Julien has started a new church plant in this village. He was pastoring in Burkina Faso, but because of the terrorism the people left the village. He moved to the Ivory Coast to work and start a church. The village was so welcoming to us. They treated us as kings while we were there. It is one of the prettiest places that I have ever seen. Mountains surrounded us, birds chirping all over the place, beautiful trees, cocoa trees, rice fields, etc. made this place majestic. In spite of all the natural beauty the thing that thrilled my heart the most was how God is moving in this place. While we were there, 12 precious souls were born again. Julien has a desire in the next year to start another church in a neighboring village. We will be going back next year to help this new work flourish. Thanks for letting God use you to help make all this possible.

His Servants,

Keith, Rebecca, Isaac and Caleb Shumaker

