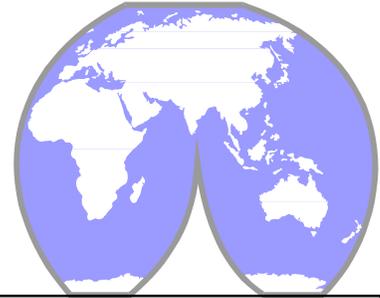


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**MISSIONS UPDATE**

**September**

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Dear Friends,

**Report for the First Half of 2004**

It has truly been fruitful ministry as we have been traveling and ministering in West Africa. It is a privilege to teach and encourage the leaders and churches. There is so much to tell and so little space, but we will list our travels by country. Also, Anita Taylor traveled with us to see Africa and tutor Marie-Louise.

**Senegal**

We ministered in Senegal two times. With us for the first time were Pastor Jim and Janet Higgins.

DAKAR - the capitol, we were with our friends Pastor Michel and Verna Andrade. Michel is a pastor, great interpreter and host. They had a new baby in January named, Ariel David Andrade.

ST. LOUIS - We had an exciting pastor's seminar in beautiful St. Louis – the old capitol of French West Africa. This was Fred's second time there to encourage the leaders in this city with very few churches.

TAMBACOUNDA - This was Fred's second seminar there as well. Attending leaders had to travel a long distance to come. They reported that since last year their churches had grown substantially and the home church there had doubled! They were so thankful that we came and to know that they were not forgotten.

DAKAR - We returned to Senegal in May and we were blessed to be a part of the March for Jesus in Dakar. Senegal is only .1% Born Again Christian. It was a joy to march with them and pray for their country.



## Bamako, Mali

Bamako is a lovely city filled with statues and memorials. We were privileged to hold a seminar here as well as teach in the Bible school. Both were so well received that we were asked to stay an additional week and continue teaching. Many of the pastors who attended had traveled from far away.

Every morning Fred taught the leaders at the Bible School from the book of Romans. At the end of the class a little old woman was so blessed and freed by the teaching that she sang out an ancient song of blessing.

## Benin

We were in Benin twice. The first time we were there to teach in the Bible School and for Graduation. We taught in the Bible School again in May. Fred's study guide on Romans was finally finished in French.

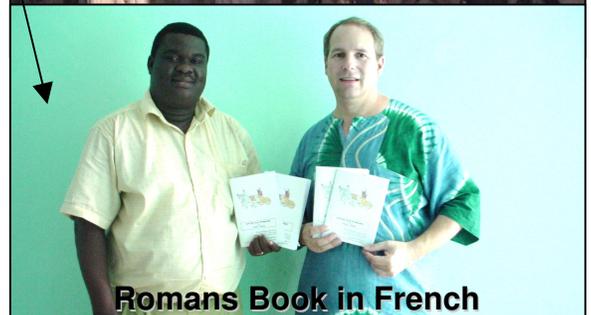
In Ouida we had a leader's seminar. This seminar was the first with special days for the pastor's wives.

The women in West Africa need encouraging. Many have no faith that God can use them. Debby had her second woman's conference at Pastor Nazaire's church. The last day was very exciting and the women didn't want to leave the meeting. Some stayed for hours afterward! They said that they had been revived.

God has never left us stranded on the highway. On our return trip to Benin a belt broke on our car just at sunset. Shining a flashlight under the hood, Fred discovered that half of the belt had ripped off, but half was still intact! We drove the remaining 100 kilometers to Cotonou. It was truly a miracle. Thanks for praying.

Driving to the village church, our last Sunday in Benin, was an adventure. (Many people are afraid to go out to the villages, but we are not and we've been to many.) After an hour and a half we came to a village and thought we had arrived at the church. We were surprised when the Pastor and his family climbed into our car and said we had to go a further.

Further down the small dirt road there was a huge mud hole that was covered with small branches and weeds. Our guides said to drive over them, but when we did, we got stuck and sunk deep into the mud. It was rainy season and pouring down rain. Our friends dug and pushed us out after 30 minutes. Then on we went till the road became a small path through a field. There in an opening was an excited church waiting for us to arrive. The van came to a stop in slick clay. We would have to be pushed out and have to travel back the same way we had come, but it was worth it all just to see the faces and feel the excitement in the air when we arrived.



## Abidjan, Ivory Coast

We arrived in late March for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graduation and to teach in the Bible school. The night we arrived happened to be the night before some planned demonstrations. We bought food and other supplies just in case we would not be able to purchase them the next day. The demonstrations didn't go as planned, but the city was still tense and shut down for a few days. Pastor Paul called the city to prayer and on Saturday many gathered to pray and ask God to heal their land.

It is always exciting to be a part of graduation and watch the lives of our students. One of our first graduates from 2000, Karim, sent his wife, Yvonne, to Bible School after he had finished. She became pregnant and wasn't able to graduate in 2002. Then they lost a young child. She returned to finish Bible School and we were thrilled with her as she received her diploma. Then in April Fred preached for Karim's ordination. He started his second church after graduation and it is prospering.

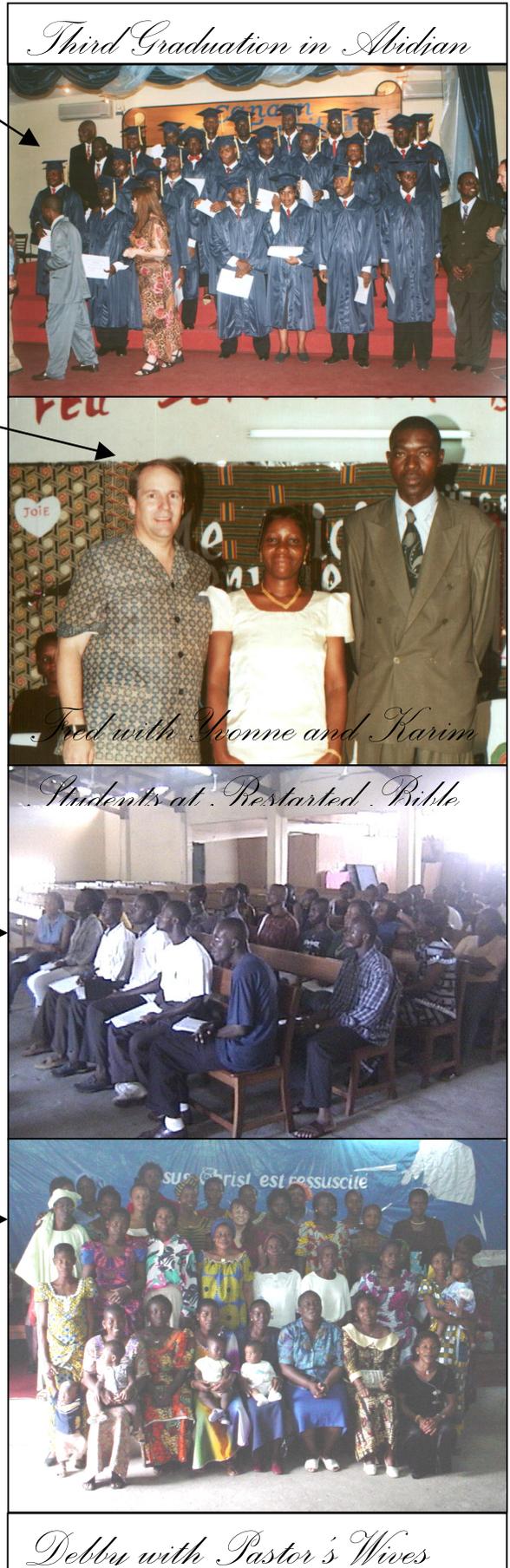
Our students, graduates and other pastors want us to come to their churches. We can only visit a few each time we are there. It is such a joy to see the churches our students have built and are leading. Thank you for praying for the students and churches.

Our Bible School, Ecole de l'Esprit, in Abidjan was reorganized and restarted the end of April. It is now, Ecole Biblique Rhema. Debby's dad, Charley Elwell, was there and he and Fred both taught the initial classes. We had 38 new and eager students. What a privilege to be a part of the student's lives and teach them the principles of the Word of God.

One Friday night Debby spoke on "Suddenly" and challenged the people to believe God for a miracle. After the service a man came forward. He had constant chest pain for over seven years, but the pain had suddenly gone away. Praise the Lord!

Debby was invited to speak to a meeting of Pastor's wives. We had been sick and she missed the first few days. Connie Alessi was there and able to do the first meetings in Debby's place. Debby was then able to do the final meeting. The women were greatly encouraged by the meetings.

Please continue to pray for Ivory Coast. The country is still split in two. The country is stable, but having murmurs of discontent. The U.N. has troops there now to keep the peace. Pray for the leaders, both spiritual and political. They need wisdom to see their nation delivered from these troubles.



## Accra, Ghana

We always drive through Ghana on the road from Benin to Ivory Coast and back, but seldom spend any time there. Pastor Manford asked us to spend some time with him and his church, so we agreed. We were privileged to share in several meetings and to participate with them in a special Mother's day service. They have just started the Video Bible School and Fred was able to meet the students and answer many questions. We have been invited back for a woman's conference.



### Please Pray With Us For:

- **Pray** for financial provision. We still need about \$2,000 to pay off the remaining bills of 2003.
- **Pray** for our African Leaders Seminars, Bible Schools, Video Schools and workers.
- **Pray** for the Key Leaders we work with.
- **Pray** for our health and safe travels.
- **Pray** for our son Christopher. He has been accepted and will begin Regent's Law School in August. He turns 24 on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August.

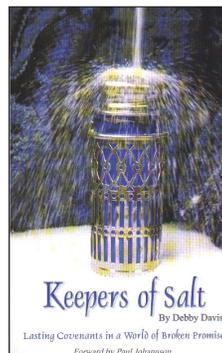
### Big Steps to Pray About

1. We want to start recording and producing our own Video Bible School classes. We would put the teaching on DVD with multiple language tracks of the different tribal languages where we work in Africa. This will be about a 10-year project - recording a few classes every year and then adding the different language tracks in Africa. We may be able to start in August. With modern technology we will need only about \$3,000 to get set up and then about \$2,000 for each class (Just a few years ago this would have cost hundreds of thousands.)
2. Part of our traveling is for Leaders Seminars in the cities and towns. It appears that in the next year, or so, we should start doing National Leaders Seminars. This would be a huge step, but it would make it easier for us to reach more leaders with less traveling. Please pray with us about this next step too.
3. We have helped a number of American and Canadians have an African missions experience and it has been a joy. We now have openings to place some full time missionaries in key cities in West Africa. They would help with Bible School, Video Bible Schools, Churches, crusades and more.

## Keepers of Salt

Debby's New Book is finally available! Request a copy with any donation and we'll be glad to send you one. This book is changing lives and is a must read for every Christian! She has also written a study guide as a companion book for personal or group study. We hope to have that workbook available soon.

Debby is having more and more women's meetings both in Africa and in the USA. If your church or group would like her to come do a seminar, please feel free to contact her.



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### *Thank You So Much*

Thanks for supporting us with your prayers and finances. We need you and appreciate your encouragement. We are your hands extended into this needy mission field. A am sure there is a special reward for you from our Heavenly Father. God Bless You Abundantly!

Serving Christ Together With You,  
Fred & Debby Davis