

KOKOU & YVETTE LOKO

April 2025

Partners and Friends,

Grace and Peace to you and thank you so much for your gracious heart for Togo and the Lokos.



GRACE HOSPITAL UPDATE

It is April 10, and we are trusting and waiting on our Good Lord for another miracle of **\$6,500 to pay staff**. We worked hard and replaced both doctors, as well as the nurse. Also, the midwife left us to go into the public sector. We pray God's mercies to help us never go through that horrible experience again. On April 2, Brother Klouvi sent me a note about our government launching another recruiting exam to fill vacancies and added "Let's get ready" as he and his wife also lost some of their high school teachers. On April 9, I went and reassured staff, especially the new recruits, to hang in there with us. Folks, we have such a great hospital outreach, but the devil is fighting us. We reluctantly shared in one of our newsletters about the first loan we had taken out in our entire lives to speed up and finish some work at the hospital. We still have \$10,200 out of the \$40,000 we borrowed. And how many times have we promised ourselves that we will close our eyes, ears, mouths, and noses to any new mission work or church plant... **but, here we go again!**



Here we go again! We launched Grace Hospital on February 2, 2022. But recently, we held our first baby dedication with a program entitled "*Born with a Bible in Hand.*" This is a uniquely designed program to act as a bridge to keep babies and parents close to the heart of God. This is accomplished by donating to each child a gift of items such as soaps, cups, etc., but it especially includes a bible with their names and info written inside. A fan of Grace Radio provided the first bathing soaps. It is too bad that we do not name the babies. The first born at Grace Hospital was named Ibrahim. Are his parents Muslims? NO! They just like the name and do not even know what it means. All new parents are urged to read their child's new bible to their newborns at night before they

go to sleep, and in the morning when they wake up. We want them to open their eyes to a hard-copy bible and not to a smartphone with all that goes in. Pray for "*Born with a Bible in Hand*" as we continue to work with these parents for their salvation. Only one out of the five families were saved.



After the baby dedication, we had another baby born and several more are on the way... so, **here we go again!** We must complete the maternity/ gynecology ward ASAP. The last 2 births out the first 4 were challenging as two women were in labor at the same time. We only have one temporary room as a delivery room, and it is also used as the bedroom for any nurse on duty.

The two babies born are Kokou (boy) and Akuavi (girl.) Amen!

Global Impact has requested help on our behalf of the purchase of four greatly needed birthing beds at a cost of \$4,000 each... \$16,000 total. To this date, we have raised \$5,250, leaving a **remaining need of \$10,750**.

The total estimated cost to complete the **Maternity/Gynecology Ward is \$64,000**. This includes labor, as well as the need for a DALLE Concrete Roof, which would allow us to build a second building in the future, if need be. The breakdown of the total cost to complete this project is as follows.

- \$22,150 - Dalle Roof (gravel, rebars, concrete blocks, sand, cement, etc.)
- \$14,500 – Tile for Restrooms and Showers
- \$ 3,700 – Plumbing and Sanitary
- \$ 4,200 – Electrical and Lighting
- \$10,300 – Aluminum Doors and Windows
- \$ 5,650 – Plaster and Painting
- \$ 3,500 – Sewage Systems

Note: If the tile and paint are donated, then the total cost would drop considerably.

CHURCH PLANT UPDATE

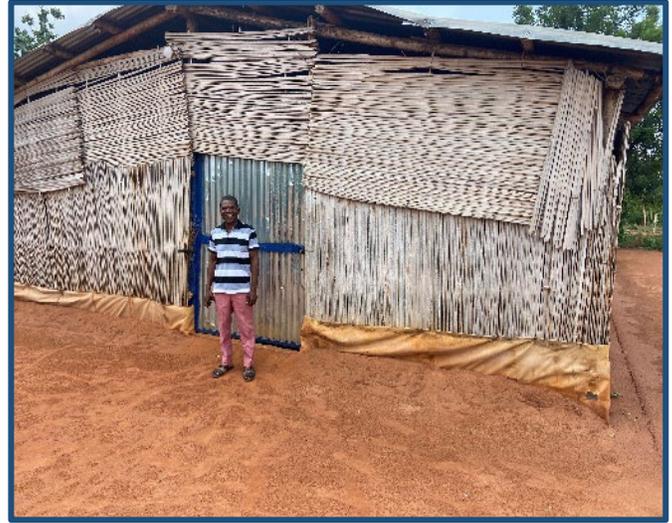
Pastor Christophe Agbassa is currently one of the chaplains at Grace Hospital. He had accepted to oversee the much-needed church plant in Pastor Samuel's heavy populated hometown. In years past, we brought two different medical teams from Mississippi and plowed the ground. But because money was scarce, we never started a church... **but, here we go again!** Pastor Christophe and his wife take our new motorbike and go every Thursday for a door-to-door outreach, and the results are proving to be phenomenal. AHEPE is filled with idols and voodoo in the midst of all kinds of churches, except the clean gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastor Christophe said the response of every church goer they asked about his/her salvation responded with phrases like "I go to church." or "I was baptized." or "I tithe." or "I am not a murderer." or "I love my neighbor." or "I speak in tongues." or "I do good works." They are lost in midst of all kinds of churches. And when finally presented with the simple gospel of Jesus Christ, their response was always, "I never heard that before." So, we are rejoicing about a new church plant underway in AHEPE and that several people are giving their lives to Christ. **Here we go again!**

Three months ago, I received a call from Joseph, who I talk with often. Who is he? Eleven years ago, Joseph called me and shared how he had just got saved listening to "Missionaries' Lives and Works", a radio program on Tuesdays (EWE) and Thursdays (French) with a huge audience led by Pastor Samuel. Joseph asked if Grace Radio had a church in TSEVIE (a city North of Lome) that he and his family could join. I responded, "No, sorry." But I located a church where he got baptized and later served as a deacon for about nine years. Six months ago, Joseph decided to relocate. Downtown TSEVIE had become too crowded, and traffic became a nightmare as the main road to the Nord passed through the city. While he was asking people for a solid bible church, the only name coming up again and again was called "**Grace Radio Church.**" He decided to check it out and met with the pastor. Pastor Pascal told Joseph that he too was saved through Grace Radio and went twice to see me in Lome. I have his name "Brother Pascal – Radio La Grace" in my phone. He will call from time to time to greet and encourage me. I recall after he got saved that he came and met me twice seeking help to be trained for the ministry and to start a church in TSEVIE, where he and his family live. Not having transportation, I simply recommended that he tuned into Grace Radio and especially to programs like *Missionaries' Lives and Works*, *African School of Theology*, and *The Church: God's Most Precious Gift to the City*. Now that we have Grace Radio online (<https://radiolagrance.tg/>) you can join these in listening (in French translated into EWE) on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm local time. So, that was how Pascal got his bible training. I also told him that financially we were not in position to start a new church and encouraged him to start a house church with his wife and 3 children using much of Grace Radio's programs. He faithfully did, and that's why their church got the pseudonym of "Grace Radio Church." I would not take Joseph's word for it, so I rushed to TSEVIE and met Pascal. And Folks, when I met him and heard his story and saw what I saw, I said... **here we go again!**



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This is the church building with Pascal standing proudly in front of it. You do not understand. We are not talking about how it looks. It is sitting on a public road. He told me that per my recommendation, they started a house church in a rented room. But as landlords do well here, they would raise the rent whenever the church grows numerically. So, Pascal and his people got behind in their rent and were kicked out with nowhere to go. But later, the church landed on a public road. People here use the unbuilt sections of public streets/roads for shops, gardening, etc. at their own risk. I asked Pascal why he didn't tell me anything about his trials and tribulations? He said, "When I listen to the radio and hear about all the needs like Grace Hospital, mission churches, support for mission pastors, then how could I?"



Pascal is a very humble and gifted preacher/teacher and a hardworking man. He does everything in his might to keep a roof over his family's head, food on the table, three children to school, the oldest of which is in Lome.

I told Pascal and his deacons to look for a piece of land (even though I swore to myself that there would be no more mission work), but... **here we go again!**

They found a 40mx60m piece of land in a perfect location across the street from elementary and public Junior High schools. By faith, we extended the hand of association and are praying for **\$23,140.53 for the property.** If we can acquire it by July 2026, we will host a gigantic VBS with 1,000-1,500 attendees expected. We would then move Grace Radio Church before the government shows up.



We've already brought the church under Mission BIG's umbrella to shield from any government crackdown for legal standing.



Friends, we are heading your way soon before we are crushed under heavy burden of mission's needs. We are coming with many needs and praying for **BIG MONEY, BIG MONEY, BIG MONEY!** As soon as we land, we will send a detailed list of ministerial items we need. And all God's children say... **HERE WE GO AGAIN!**

Faithfully representing you with thankful hearts,

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Here we go again!
Won't you join us?!?!