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## Equipping Missionaries World Wide



Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker - March, 2012

As we mentioned in our February newsletter, we headed to Togo, West Africa for most of March. We were in Northern Togo outside of Kara, in the small village of Pya. This is in the Sub Sahara Desert and we were there at the end of the dry season. Ed was in town shopping for plumbing supplies and the thermometer read 47 C, which is 116 F! Yes, it was a dry heat! We were working with colleagues Esaho & Beatrice Kipuke at their ministry headquarters. They have a school with 42 girls. The school has a 4 year program where the girls learn basic French (Togo is French speaking but tribal languages are common), math, music, hygiene, nutrition, gardening, writing, religion, sewing, & cooking. The sewing projects are currently their "money" products, and are beautiful! We have some samples here in Atlanta if anyone is interested.



Our goal for this trip was to install an electric submersible pump into their drilled well which had a hand pump. We also wanted to construct an elevated tank, and begin the piping to the buildings so the girls could have running water & flush toilets. During our 2 week stay, we did install the pump, performed a very successful pump test, began the trenching for the pipes, and started the

footings for the elevated tank. It was a very blessed trip! On the right is Ed working with the local Togolaise engineer.



Besides working on the well project, we were kept busy just being a part of an active school. Linda had a Bible study for some of the students as well as women from the community. We are accustomed to double translations, but this Bible study was in English from

Linda, translated to French by Beatrice, then translated to Kabye, the Northern Togo tribal language. While the women were at the school for the Bible study, we took the opportunity to have a well dedication service. Whenever &



wherever we have a well project, we always dedicate the project to the Glory of God! What a blessing to have this dedication service with so many beautiful women.

We attended church with the Kipukes which was a great experience. However, the service was to continue for about 4 hours! First, the service was in French; then the entire service

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was repeated in Mine, the Southern Togo language; then the service was repeated in Kabye, the Northern Togo language. We left after the French portion of the service.

There are 10 different villages in the surrounding area of Kara, Togo – Pya being one of them. Weekly, the 10 chiefs from the villages meet with the head chief. As part of their weekly meeting, they came to the school to greet us. Only 8 of the village chiefs came, plus the head chief who is a woman. It was a treat to see how beautiful the chiefs dress for this weekly meeting. Togo dress certainly makes US dress seem rather colorless!



When we returned to the US, we had the opportunity to visit Aldersgate UMC in Montgomery, AL. The church had a Water Walk to raise money for a water project. The participants were encouraged to carry water, in various containers and fullness, for the 1 mile walk. Here is Ed with George Mingledorf, Co-Director of the Missions Committee for Aldersgate. The 2 were encouraged by our trip to Togo where people carry everything on their heads. BTW, those containers they each have are NOT full!

The end of the month we had a wonderful time of fellowship with colleague Sue Givens. She is the Director of the Nuevo Horizonte Methodist School in Asuncion, Paraguay. She is in the US promoting the school, and encouraging donors to sponsor children at the school. Check out their web site at <http://www.paraguayschools.org/v2/en/>. The school is the location of our first well drilled in 2002.

We ended the month of March with a visit to our family in CA. Our oldest grandson turned 4 on March 27<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed to be able to share his birthday with him, and his 2 brothers, ages 2 and 4 months! A busy household with 3 little boys.

We want to thank all our supporters for the encouragement we continue to receive. Your prayers and financial gifts help make projects such as we have going in Togo possible. If you would like to make a contribution to our ministry, or to a water project, please send donations to: The Mission Society, 6234 Crooked Creek Road, Norcross, GA 30092. Please mark your check "Baker Support #0264" or "Baker Water Fund #0743". To God be the Glory!

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