

EKENI FAMILY

Deaf Missionary



Serving the Lord in the Ivory Coast

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Family

By the grace of God, we are all fine! The whole family is doing well. We are all happy because our family will soon grow. My wife is pregnant with our third child, and in a few months she will give birth. We have 7 Deaf teenagers in our house. Their education is not easy, but the Lord supports us. We are thankful to the Lord for providing for our needs during the year 2022.



Jude , Léonce ,Horokia ,Nathanael , Namon

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

The Ivory Coast (West Africa) is a mixture of many tribal groups that form a French speaking republic. The country is divided between Catholics, Muslims and animists (indigenous occult religions). Protestants, Baptists, and others make up only a small portion. In the cities, many adults have at least a primary education and can usually read French. But in the villages, some adults speak only their native languages. Polygamy and fornication are widespread, and an estimated 5% of the population is HIV-positive. Côte d'Ivoire has experienced 11 years (2000 - 2011) of political-military crisis that has resulted in many deaths. The general situation of the Deaf in the country is very precarious and difficult. Nothing is done for deaf people. Since March 2015, we have been serving the Lord through the Deaf ministry in Ivory Coast. On Saturday June 25th, 2022 we organized a day of fellowship among the Deaf people to mark the beginning of our activities for 2022. One of our main activities is the Deaf Bible Camp. We held it from August 21-26, 2022, in the city of Anyama. The theme of this Bible camp was "Let's walk to maturity" from 2 Peter 3:18. This activity gathered 115 people, including 98 Deaf. It was a very enriching time for the Deaf people who learned a lot and enjoyed good fellowship. The year 2022 was enhanced by the visit of a delegation from IPM to the Ivory Coast. The vice-president of IPM Field Ministries, Matthew Barfield accompanied the Director of Deaf Ministries, Kevin Maki, and his wife visited us in Côte d'Ivoire from October 19-27, 2022. The purpose of this visit was, first, to go to the different mission fields of the MBF (Fundamental Baptist



Biblical Seminar Deaf Ministry



Deaf Christmas

PRAYER REQUESTS :

- May God grant the financial means for the purchase of two pieces of land planned for the construction of the Deaf Bible Training Center.
- May God provide the funds for the purchase of a vehicle for the Deaf Ministry mission trips.
- May God continue to meet our financial needs.
- May God permit the establishment of a Deaf church in the city of Agboville, and for the creation of a Deaf ministry in the town of Abobo.
- May God soften the hearts of the Deaf so that they may be touched and transformed by the Word of God.
- May God raise up Deaf and hearing leaders in our ministry to lead with us.
- May God grant us the financial means to organize the Deaf camp in August 2023.
- May my wife's pregnancy progress well and for protection for both the baby and my wife.
- May God grant us all at home very good health.

Mission) in order to get a feel for the work there, and secondly to organize a missionary seminar for all the leaders of the Deaf Ministry in Ivory Coast. We had a wonderful time with the IPM delegation. During the year 2022, the Lord convinced us to reach out to the Deaf in other parts of the country with the Word of God. In March 2022, we started missionary trips and prospecting in the towns of Adzopé, Agboville, Abobo, Daloa and Man. In these areas, we found communities of Deaf people lost and far from God. We have decided for the year 2023 to focus on the planting of a Deaf church in Agboville, and the creation of a Deaf ministry in the Fundamental Baptist Church of Abobo. On Wednesdays and Sundays, we are in these two localities to teach and preach. We are planning a baptism of the first Deaf members of these areas for August 2023. We want to give thanks to God for IPM and those many donors who made it possible for us to provide a beautiful Christmas and New Year's celebration for many Deaf people. Thank you sincerely for all that you do for us through meeting our needs. May the Lord bless and reward you by meeting your needs as well! We are still praying for each of you. (Heb 6:10)

The Ekeni Family



Deaf Bible Camp

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