

# EKENI FAMILY

## Deaf Missionary



Serving the Lord in the Ivory Coast

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### NEWS FROM THE FAMILY

We thank God for always watching over us. We bless the name of God who grants health and well-being to our children and all the deaf people who live with us in our home. We are happy for the young deaf boy Mambo, whom we recently took into our home. With biblical education and guidance, this young deaf boy is gradually calming down and stabilizing. Every Sunday, he is present at our side in church. Our family rejoiced on Saturday, December 13, with the graduation of my wife, who completed three years of biblical training at the Fundamental Baptist Bible School. It was a beautiful ceremony that brought together many people, including relatives, friends, and colleagues. The Lord has been faithful, as He allowed us all to celebrate Christmas and enter the new year 2026.

### MINISTRY

Regarding the ministry to the deaf, we are very grateful to God for all His blessings. With the funds that IPM recently transferred to us, we were able to purchase a one-hectare plot of land on which we plan to build a vocational training school for the deaf, as well as a church for evangelism and Sunday services for the deaf. Currently, the land is being cleared and prepared. We extend our sincere gratitude to IPM, and to all the churches, and individuals who contributed to the purchase of this land.

Since Sunday, November 2, we have opened a new sign language class. We have 22 people who are being trained in sign language every Sunday evening. We pray to God that some of them will commit themselves to the ministry to the deaf alongside us.

On Thursday, November 13, I traveled to Ghana, where I stayed for a few days in Accra. The primary purpose of this trip was to find a language school where I could further my English studies. I also visited our IPM Africa Regional Director, Dr. Seth Mohenu, to greet him and seek some advice in the ministry. The trip was a success, and according to my schedule, I should return to Ghana in March, 2026, to begin my advanced English classes.

During his visit to Côte d'Ivoire for the graduation ceremony of students completing their training at the Bible school, IPM Regional Director, Dr. Seth Mohenu led a seminar on the theme of mission experience. We participated in this seminar, which took place on Monday, December 15, alongside other missionaries from different regions of Côte d'Ivoire.

The month of December, marked by the end-of-year celebrations, kept our ministry busy. We celebrated Christmas Eve at church and participated in Christmas carols, games, and skits. During the Christmas season, we also shared food donations with the deaf community so that they could have festive meals for themselves and their families.

We would like to end by informing you of the sudden death of one of our deaf members. He was one of our



best brothers and fellow workers. Manzan Morel Edgard was 24 years old and was baptized by Missionary James Campbell on Sunday, August 8, 2021. He returned to his heavenly home on Monday, January 12, 2026, while I was writing this report. The news of his death has cast deep sadness into the hearts of all the Deaf people here, but we are comforted because we know that he is saved, and we will see him again one day in Heaven with Jesus.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray continually that God will provide funds to begin construction of the Deaf center.
2. Pray that God will provide us with a car to facilitate our work in the Deaf ministry and to transport our large family.
3. Pray that God will provide us with the means to purchase a tent so that we can open a second Sunday school class for the deaf.
4. Pray that God will comfort all the deaf people in our ministry following the death of our valiant brother, Manzan Morel Edgard.
5. Finally, pray for the salvation of the deaf in Ivory Coast through our ministry.

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