

# EKENI FAMILY

## Deaf Missionary



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### FAMILY NEWS



My wife, Horokia, and I are always grateful to God for all His blessings. We praise God for granting us good health and well-being for our children, as well as for all the Deaf people living with us in our home. We are delighted with our children's excellent academic results. Our son, Nathanaël (11 years old), and his little brother, Jude (7 years old), both ranked first in their respective classes. We took part in the celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 5. Overall, it was a very meaningful celebration for our church, and in particular a time of joy for our family. My wife's niece, Kayatou (21), who was a Muslim, accepted Jesus and was baptized on Easter Sunday. She has been living with us in our home for three years now. We praise God for His wonders in our family.

### MINISTRY

Regarding the ministry for the Deaf, we are deeply grateful to God for all His blessings in our ministry. We wanted to strengthen the bonds of fellowship among the Deaf members of our community. That is why, on Saturday, January 10, 2026, we organized a time of encouragement and a meal with the Deaf community. It was a wonderful time of fellowship among our Deaf brothers and sisters.

For the spiritual training of the Deaf, in addition to Sunday school and all the visual materials received from IPM as teaching aids and lessons, we have also started a new study program called "Source of Light Course: The Discoverers' Club." These are well-developed courses designed for the spiritual guidance of young Deaf people. The topics covered in these courses include salvation and practical Christian living. At the end of each course, certificates of encouragement are distributed to all Deaf participants.

We participated in the missionary conference organized by the Port-Bouet 2 Church from Wednesday, February 18, to Sunday, February 22, 2026. It was a time for missionaries serving in the field to reconnect with all the brothers and sisters in the church who support the mission every month. Like all the missionaries at this conference, I had the opportunity to present the work I do daily with the Deaf community. At this missionary conference, Dr. George Dapaah, who came from Ghana, taught us and encouraged us to commit more fully to the work.

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, we all traveled to the Anyama area for a day of sports and fellowship among our various ministries for the Deaf. The day's program included a Bible study on the theme of following Jesus. We played Bible trivia games. At noon, we shared a hearty meal. In the afternoon, we played sports with several teams of young Deaf people. It was a joyful time for everyone.

The month of April was marked by the celebration of Easter. It was an important moment for our Deaf community. Singing, teaching, preaching, and sharing a meal filled the program on April 5, 2026. We also had the joy of baptizing a 43-year-old Deaf man that day. His name is Djezou Koffi Gervais, and he has been attending our community for five years now. In recent months, he accepted Jesus Christ and has resolutely committed himself to following Him.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please continue to pray for the salvation of the Deaf community in Ivory Coast. There are many Deaf communities in Ivory Coast, but the Gospel has yet to reach most of them.
2. Please continue to pray that God will provide funds to begin construction on the Deaf Community Center. We are currently carrying out site preparation work.
3. Pray that God will provide my family with a car to facilitate our work in the Deaf ministry and to transport our large family;

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