

Hello from Mango, Togo

April 13, 2014

After years of preparing to serve in Mango, God has brought us to this reality in His perfect time. It is because of partners like you who have been with us from the beginning that we could be here today. **What a journey it has been...we appreciate your faithfulness to pray and support the ministry that God has called us to.**

Living in the northern part of Togo where 90% are Muslim, we have found the people to be friendly and welcoming. They are anxious for the hospital to open, since healthcare is essentially nonexistent. The projected date is this upcoming January and many are working hard to reach this goal. The water needs are tremendous, precipitating a vast outreach in this area. Garon is working with local Togolese in trying to obtain a water source for the hospital that many have contributed to and will meet long lasting needs for years to come. What a blessing it was to receive this generous gift for the hospital from you.

We have been reluctant to share our personal needs with you but several friends have encouraged us to do so. So here goes...

**We were quite surprised when we moved here to find the housing situation very limited.** We have taken up residence in a house, much like the others, that requires substantial work. *Basically the house is a shell*, which we just finished roofing, but still requires electricity, water, plumbing, lighting, floors, painting, etc... Home improvement has an entirely new meaning for us now. How we miss Home Depot !



*Living Room*

We are living in a room outside the house for the time being, and yes it does have a bathroom and a place to cook. It will be the new norm for us for several months.



*Just the start*

**As you can see, there is much to be done to make this livable.** As rental contracts go here, we had to pay five years upfront rent in addition to the repairs. This did catch us by surprise, as many things do here. But we know God has called us to serve in Mango and we are in it for the long haul. We also think about the future missionaries who will follow us in living here.

***Our building and repair costs so far are as follows:***

Roof \$3800  
Wall reconstruction \$1500  
Electrical \$1600  
Plumbing \$2000, which includes water purifier  
Painting \$1300



*Brick making for the walls*

These are some of the costs we wanted to mention. *We are trusting God to provide as He has been Faithful getting us to this point.*

If you would like to contribute to this effort, you may do so through ABWE.

[www.abwe.org](http://www.abwe.org) gives the information needed for donations.

Our missionary number is: 0134811

*“Look among the nations and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days, that you would not believe if told” Habakkuk 1:5*

We are looking with anticipation for all that God will do here in Togo,

*Garon and Susan*



*American Gothic-African style !*