

THE PATE FAMILY

IVORY COAST

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March 2021

Dear Prayer Supporters,

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and financial support for us this past month! March has probably been our busiest month of deputation to this point, but we are thankful for the grace of God that guided us through every day. Thank you to each of you who have been praying for special strength and grace for our family. God has orchestrated many details and answered numerous specific answers to prayer, for which we are so grateful. We have found encouragement this month from Deuteronomy 33:27 "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms..." Truly "complete weakness and dependance will always be the occasion for the Spirit of God to manifest His power." (Oswald Chambers)

DEPUTATION UPDATE:

Throughout this month, we have traveled in six states and presented our ministry in six churches for meetings or conferences. We are very grateful that God has added two new supporting churches this month, bringing our support percentage to just over 50%! Over the next month, we have scheduled meetings in both Iowa and Michigan.

This coming weekend (April 2nd and 3rd), I have the opportunity to preach three times at a Teen Spring Retreat at a camp in Southeast Iowa. This is the camp near where Katie was reared and where she was saved as a young child. I will be preaching on the following topics from John 20 and 21: "Secure in Christ," "Satisfied in Christ," and "Surrendered to Christ." Please, join us in prayer this weekend as we seek to make an impact in the lives of these young people.

Last weekend, our family made a quick trip in-between deputation meetings to attend and participate in the funeral service for our pastor's wife, Jenny Deatrick. This is a specific situation where God's grace has been greatly manifested. Please, continue to pray with us for our pastor, his family, and our sending church family.

VEHICLE UPDATE:

Several of you have been aware that our truck, which we use to pull our camper, has had several issues over the past couple of weeks. God used several good friends to point us in the right direction to be able to find good mechanics, borrow a church van, rent a vehicle, find temporary housing, and even end up purchasing another truck. It is overwhelming to me how many direct answers to prayer we saw in a very short amount of time this week. I encourage you that God does hear and answer your prayers for us as your missionaries. Thank you to those who helped us in many difficult scenarios and for those who have been praying for us. At the time of this writing, we are back on the road with a working truck pulling our camper. We didn't believe this would be possible for several more weeks but God answered above what we could ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

In Christ,
Josh, Katie, and Allison Pate

Prayer Requests	Praises
1. Teen Spring Retreat in Iowa	1. New supporters – now at 50%!
2. Continued healthy pregnancy for Baby Girl #2 – due late May	2. Wonderful meetings and conferences
3. Wisdom, timing, and location for French language school	3. God's protection and provision with our vehicle situation
4. Our pastor with the recent passing of his wife	



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