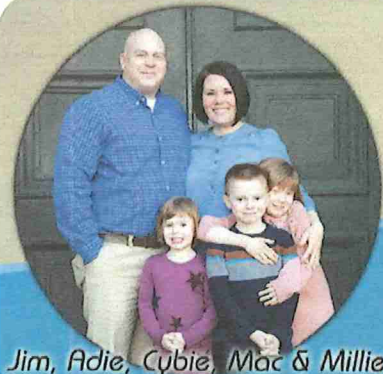


France The White Family



Jim, Adie, Cybie, Mac & Millie



BAPTISMS

Several years ago, while our teammates were home on a short furlough, we had three French visitors come to our church. We didn't know who they were at the time, and we found out that nobody had personally invited them. They had been attending an evangelical church in town but were becoming dissatisfied so they thought they would give our church a try. Nearly three years later these folks are still coming. One of them, Christine, whom I've mentioned before, has gotten saved. She's been in and out of church but is thankfully attending more faithfully now and is starting to really grow in Christ. The three began inviting others and one of those that came was a retired lady named Annie. Annie has been attending faithfully and this past month followed the Lord in baptism!



It's been a few years since our son, Mac (9), and our younger daughter, Millie (7), have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Since their salvation, we've pointed them towards baptism and explained the significance of obedience and identification with Christ, but we never wanted to force them to take this step. Thankfully, last month when I brought the subject back up with Millie, she said she was ready and couldn't wait! Mac, on the other hand, felt more timid and the thought of baptism was terrifying.



Despite this, he and his sister both got baptized the same day as Annie! It was such a blessing to see three believers take this monumental step of obedience in their Christian lives!

TOGO UPDATE

Adie and I often look back with thankfulness on the opportunity we had to start a church in the village of Bohou while we were living in Togo, West Africa. We have such wonderful memories of how God worked through the getting of land and building a church and parsonage and growing that sweet group of believers. It's now been nearly 7 years since we left Togo but God's still working at the Eglise Baptist Biblique de Bohou (Bible Baptist Church of Bohou). We keep in touch regularly and have been able to occasionally continue to support the work there.

This month, we heard from the Pastor overseeing the church and he told us that after nearly 12 years of working on the paperwork for the property, they had finally secured the "Titre Foncier". While the church has owned the property from day one, what they did not have was a governmentally recognized deed to the property and this is what the Titre Foncier is. It formally legalizes their ownership. It means that nobody will ever be able to take their property from them and if the government wants it, they'll have to pay market value for the land and buildings. It's a huge step and rare step for any church in Togo. We rejoice that God has provided them the peace of mind and security.

Adie and I sincerely thank you for your kindness and prayers for us. We wish you a very special Christmas season celebrating the birth of our dear Savior!