



THE GAYLE GAZETTE

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Wow! What another busy, busy month! We have been blessed with help from CWE—Christians for World Evangelism this month. They have sent out 3 work teams of 20 each to help us to start the building of the newest cuisine (1 set out of 4). Michael is finishing the last day of wk four, in 4 different villages with the medical evangelism team, that they always finish a project with. It's always so fun to work with them, and they produce a lot of great results, but it's also a lot of work being on the receiving side of such packed weeks. We appreciate their ministry partnership greatly. It's so inspiring to see the progress on the HBB Vision Project with teams like these. (Picture next month)

ARWEN Right now, the Mally family has not decided on the next treatment for Arwen, besides rest and love. But, as they are praying and looking into options, Arwen and family were sent to Disney World in FL as part of the Make-a-Wish Foundation. In fact, that is where they are now! What a nice break from a MI winter and a great family memory builder! Arwen did break her leg though on Monday, before leaving on Weds, for D.W. We're praying they get ahead of a lot of lines! :)

Michael and some of our great CWE medical friends: Dr. Jim Smith, Dr. Terry Schmidt, and Dr. Jack Maniscalco at one of the village clinics this week.



Michael with a group of kids at another CWE medical clinic. The medical teams in the villages are always such a great evangelistic tool—spiritual and medical healing all in one!!

This has been a great month in many ways, but also a very hard month. There have been a lot more deaths at the hospital recently, especially of children. We always have more than we'd wish, but it seems worse right now. Harmattan season doesn't help health here either. There also seems to be a spirit of oppression and discouragement among the missionaries which also effects the Togolese. We know that we are all tired and overwhelmed with all that needs done. It is not easy on the front lines. We know that it is a spiritual battle. And we know that because we are reaching out purposefully to more unreached people groups and increasing the ministry here, that the battle will be more intense. We truly covet your prayers. Please help to hold our arms up! We know, as always, that HE will win the war, but being in the battles are hard. We claim a victory in His name!



Michael, Dr. Tom Kendall, and Ephrem (our head PA) in Lome to talk about education of our employees as we upgrade and expand. They clean up pretty nicely don't they?

THANK-YOU as always for being such an important part of His Ministry in Togo!

Cheryl got her first bout of dysentery (we've been here almost 15 years now) this week. Thankfully, she was able to be treated with IV fluids and antibiotics (at home), and is almost recovered. It makes one realize, even more so, what the "early missionaries" went thru who came before IV fluids and antibiotics. Many died from strange illnesses, that we now treat easily. Thankful that we do live at a hospital setting. Thankful for modern medicine. (Will they 100 years from now, say that we were living in barbaric times? Think of the Star Trek movie about the whales and Dr. McCoy treating patients when they traveled back to the "past" with their modern, futuristic methods and called the "70's" medicine barbaric? We know, it's just SciFi, but still, it's somewhat what we think of the past.) Being sick helps one really appreciate one's health. Thankful that what Cheryl had was treatable and easily cured. And the "to-do list" didn't get done, while she was sick, but it's still there and waiting "to-do!" Thank-you for praying for our health. We do not take health for granted either.

Do you notice that Michael seems to be featured in February? Well, it's not only because he's wonderful, but also because it was his birthday on the 21st! It's a special month to celebrate his life.

Michael hanging up the wash. Cheryl, and others, truly appreciate how much of a servant's heart Michael has. He is a blessing!



Photo by Judy Bowen