

*"...and (Jesus) sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick,"
(Luke 9:2, NIV).*

MICHAEL HEALTH UPDATE: Michael finished his 4th and last chemo treatment on April 17, which had him feeling terribly for the Easter weekend, but we expected that. Then we left for an 11 day trip to St Louis for the National Christian Medical Dental Association Convention. We were blessed with visiting different prayer partners on the way and had a great conference, but Michael never felt really tops. Thankfully we were able to attend and make many connections for missions and His Glory!

We decided also to wait to report to all of you, our wonderful supporters, until after Michael had some further scans and saw his oncologist, whom he saw yesterday. Michael has been complaining of a lot more shortness of breath since he started chemo. The good news is that there are no other signs of cancer at this time. The bad news is that there seems to be some sort of other inflammation process going on in his lungs. So now, he has an appointment to see his pulmonologist in a couple of weeks (who sent him to the surgeon last year), to see if this is something temporary due to the chemo or something chronic that was also developing last year.

Michael says that his nausea and extreme fatigue are lessening since he's now about 5 weeks post chemo. He will be finishing his anti-TB meds too in a couple of weeks. (Since he was diagnosed with latent TB, the Infection Disease doctor didn't want him to go on chemo without treatment.) After Michael sees his pulmonologist, he will go back to the oncologist, and we will see the next steps.

We always appreciate your prayers and faithful support. Even though Michael is not his usual self, he is able to keep on keeping on! Only because of His Grace and your prayers!



L-Michael & Cheryl at CMDA Conference. We are all a spoke in His Wheel as we work together for His Glory!

R-a special trip to ABWE headquarters in Harrisburg, PA. We are with our trusty African leaders—Andy & Jackie Kirby—and Dr. & Mrs Jack Kehl current surgeon in Togo home on furlough.



TOGO NEWS

The upgrades to the hospital are continuing slowly but surely. Since the hosp is in a different country, we don't have the same benefits and choices as in the US. The solar panels finally got cleared from customs, and now HBB is waiting on permission to install them (from the gov't), and then the team who is helping the hospital on this has to come out. The hospital now has real sidewalks so that people in wheelchairs can get around better! We're working on getting the larger chapel built—for both employees, patients, and their families. We're very excited about the chapel being a huge ministry tool along with our other ministries at the hospital and surrounding area. The team is also working to go on and start adding another surgical suite or two to handle the increased surgeries due to the training of surgeons going on. And the Pres of the country, who came to power in April 2005, (who said that he would only serve for 2 five year terms, but then he formed a new political party and served another 10 years) was recently made the Prime Minister of the country. He was appointed by the T. Legislation and has this designation for life. There appears to be a new "figure head" pres of T now. (We have to be vague for security reasons. Sorry!) The fighting in N. T is intensifying as rebels from the M community push down from other countries. Please continue to pray for safety for all of the team in both the north and the south. [We] are confident that He who began a good work [in us and all the Togolese] will continue it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus," (Phil 1:6, NIV). We are not discouraged. We are content to be following Christ daily, step by step! We are confident, because we know the end of it all. We know the last chapter of Revelation. "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror, then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known," (1 Cor 13:12; NIV).