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I.C.C.A NEWS

A Newsletter from Rev. Alain & Jada Tanoh, Missionaries
& Church Planters to the Ivory Coast



The Year 2015 at glance

- ◇ Jada and I were officially appointed as full time Missionaries to the Ivory Coast/French Speaking West Africa by the PCG World Missions Board in May in Dallas, Texas.
- ◇ From July to August, we were able to return to the field after a 5year hiatus due to the civil war in the country. It renewed our sense of urgency. We can't wait to go back!
- ◇ Upon our return from the field in August, we started our US itineration. We have been blessed to minister so far in parts of the SOMO, IA, East and SW TX districts. Since the beginning of the year, we have been in OK and now Northern Cal.
- ◇ Our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all of the bishops and pastors who have opened their doors to us throughout our US itineration.
- ◇ May God bless you all for your generosity!

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus, May His Grace be yours in abundance!

Jada and I are pleased to introduce ourselves as the newly appointed PCG full time missionaries to the country of Côte d'Ivoire (also known as Ivory Coast/ West Africa).

Our vision is to plant a healthy and vibrant place of Christian worship (***The International Christian Center of Abidjan or ICCA***), welcoming a multicultural congregation in the City of Abidjan which will serve as a Central hub for the purpose of Spiritual Covering, Financial Seeding & Accountability, Compassionate Outreach, and Pastoral Training & Apostolic Launching for the Missions Field of Ivory Coast. More than simply a church, the **ICCA's** vocation is to be a place for shaping and molding the next generation of young African spiritual leaders.

Born and raised in Africa, I came to the USA after my graduate studies in France, in hopes to complete a PhD program. As the firstborn of a very large family (17 siblings), my goal at that time was simple: make a lot of money to help my family in Africa. But God had another plan, a better plan than the one I envisioned. I truly believe that having a true personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the best thing that happened to me since I moved to the USA over 20 years ago. Since then, my wife and I have been on a wonderful journey of ministry that is returning us, full circle, to my ancestral homeland of Ivory Coast.

Our calling for this part of the world became even more obvious when we realized that the PCG organization didn't have a missionary in the French-speaking area of West Africa.

We are truly excited about the next leg of our earthly pilgrimage as we endeavor to minister to many and to bring the "Light of The World" in an area which has been for so long ruled by the powers of spiritual darkness.

What a privilege to be among the laborers for the Harvest and to be called for such a time as this!

As we itinerate around the country to raise our budget to go, we are in search of partners who will not only pray for us, but will also commit to support us financially while we are on the missions' field.

OUR MOST URGENT NEED: LAND FOR OUR CENTER



There are been some drastic changes in the country since our last trip before the civil war. Some of them very good such as the new toll bridge that links the two banks of the city of Abidjan, which is a blessing (Traffic jams here are notoriously atrocious), or even the completed highway from Abidjan to Yamoussoukro, the capital of the country.

But some have shocked us such as the price of owning a piece of land in the city which is up tremendously, compared to our last visit five years ago! Abidjan is now a very crowded home to 6.5 million people and real estate is the booming business!

With this in mind, we were mildly satisfied when we were offered 5 acres of virgin land for \$100,000 in an area of the city just miles away from downtown, nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Ebrie Lagoon, the main waterway in the city. It is mainly home to a very poor fishermen population which is of a strong Catholic background. This would be ideal for a spiritual and community outreach campaign. The area has been largely secluded from the expansion of the city, due to the lack of direct access over the bay and for years, could only be reached by an old and dysfunctional ferry. This is about to change with the construction of couple new bridges, one of which is already completed and in service since April 2015. We were told that the rates in the area have already seen a significant increase since then and are not about to stop soon with construction of the 2nd bridge slated to start in the very near future.

This is why we urgently need your help right now. We have a chance to lock in right now by providing a down payment of at least \$30,000 to secure the deal and to set up a payment plan thereafter. We can't wait until we gather the funds through itineration as it will be too late.

Would your congregation or district prayerfully consider any good size donation for this urgent need?

Your designated check or contribution can be made out to: **PCG World Missions PO Box 211866 Bedford, TX 76095 World Missions Account #1505/ Ivory Coast Land Project (Designated) or online at www.PCG.org**

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. May you be blessed beyond measure!

Itineration Schedule

- ◇ Northern California District: January 10-February 14, 2016
- ◇ Oregon/Southern Idaho District: February 17-March 13, 2016
- ◇ Central California District: March 16-April 27, 2016

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