

MOTHER'S FUNERAL – October 21-22, 2011

After several suggestions of funeral dates, consensus finally fell upon October 21-22. The all night evangelistic wake will be held in the village on Friday night, October 21, with burial on Saturday morning. Yes, more than a month away. The body is in the morgue. Praise God for formaldehyde to preserve the body. Pray that the generator will work if electricity goes off.

Gozié is traveling back to Accra. Lord willing, he will arrive home tomorrow night (Friday, Sept 16).

May the several of the villagers and people attending the funeral be drawn to Jesus Christ. Many family members are either animists or Muslims.

“DAUGHTER’S” WEDDING – October 15, 2011

My spiritual daughter, Djata, has had her wedding date changed twice due to outside circumstances (death of an elderly member of the family and civil war). When I visited her in Abidjan, RCI, this past June, she was discouraged. Because of all the delays, she wondered if God even wanted her to get married. As you may recall, her Muslim family was initially opposed to her marrying a Christ follower.

Now, a year and a half after the initial wedding date (Easter weekend 2010) the third date is set. Djata has asked me to be her witness. The role of a witness in Ivorian culture is very important. If there are any difficulties or questions in the marriage, the couple seeks out their witnesses for counsel and advice. Eli jokingly told Djata that the reason their wedding has been delayed, was so that I would get married and then be able to give even wiser counsel. J

The wait hasn't been in vain, for God always knows the perfect timing. May they have learned and applied all that God wanted to teach them about Himself and themselves during this period of waiting.

May God have mercy on this couple and provide a beautiful day with minimal to no glitches as they finally unite as husband and wife. May their new home radiate Christ in their community. Eli is still looking for a full-time job in accounting.

Praise God that Sherri can participate in both events in one trip, which will be considerably less tiring and less expensive.

OTHER ITEMS OF PRAISE AND PETITION

The Africa by Radio conference was a success. Our team is encourage with the possibilities of providing member care to Christian cross-cultural workers serving in remote places through this means. A new ministry venue, however, requires additional laborers and finances. Pray for God's timing and provision.

Our team will be doing tactical planning this month as we look back to review what God has done in 2011, and look forward to see what He wants MMCT-WA to do in 2012. We want to know His mind.

The first week of November we will be hosting a Member Care Provider's Consultation and Retreat here in Ghana. We have missionaries traveling in from Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Burkina Faso, Nigerian and Congo Brazzaville for the event.

Thanks for praying. We appreciate you!

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