

**LIFE CHANGING** . . . that is the power of God's Word. Thanks for praying for the Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills (SYIS) workshop that took place the first week of April in Ghana. What an interactive week of learning it was as we looked at biblical principles and practiced various relational skills. Pray that the participants (and facilitators) will continue to let the Holy Spirit transform their lives and their relationships as they return to their respective ministry locations in Ghana, Togo, Mali, Benin, Niger and Gabon. The next SYIS is offered in Guinea 25-30 April 2011.

**LIFE CAPTURED** . . . An airstrike on Monday, 11 April 2011 weakened the stronghold of former Côte d'Ivoire President Laurent Gbagbo allowing on-the-ground troops to take him into custody. The four-month presidential standoff between Gbagbo and Ouattara has come to an end. But, the effects are lingering. Political and ethnic tensions remain. Reconciliation and restoration will take time and the power of God. Please keep praying as the Lord leads.

As we continue to watch the news unfold, we pray for wisdom to know when Gozié should make a trip back to Côte d'Ivoire to see family and obtain necessary papers for the immigration process. We have not yet received the letter from the US Embassy that was sent on 31 March 2011. Please join us in praying as we wait patiently and trust His perfect timing. Pray also as we consider when it would be best to take our Home Assignment . . . paperwork, housing situation and MMCT needs are all factors in the decision.

**LIFE COSTS** . . . The crisis in Côte d'Ivoire has had a huge impact on the Baptist Mission Hospital in Ferkessédougou where Sherri served for 14 years. Fewer patients have come for care because they have no money. Medications and other supplies have become more expensive. We praise God for national doctors and registered nurses on staff who have replaced missionary professionals. However, their salaries are paid out of the revenues of the hospital, which is not the case with missionary personnel. If the current financial situation is not reversed, and the net loss continues at the same rate, the hospital might have to close within a few months due to lack of money. God has mightily used this ministry of compassion to build His kingdom—in this past decade, over 100 people per year have become Christ-followers. Please pray!

**LIFE CONTAGIOUS** . . . Sherri has been battling an infection for the past month. She is on her third round of antibiotics and will see the doctor again this Friday. May God give her the measure of health that would honor Him the most.

**LIFE CONTINUES** . . . *"He is risen. He is risen indeed."* Easter—celebrating the life, death, burial and RESURRECTION of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This historical event makes our faith valid, gives hope, peace and reason to live. May we continue to live our lives in His resurrection power as we share Him with others.

Thanks for partnering with us in this LIFE giving ministry.

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