



### Praises:

- ◆ We moved to Sassandra!
- ◆ Several people saved, including our head mason (builder).

### Prayer requests:

- ◆ For Eden's salvation
- ◆ For grace parenting our little girls
- ◆ For our house to get finished soon

### Dear Friends and Supporters,

These past few months have been quite busy— especially for Seth! He has continued to make trips back and forth to Sassandra every week to supervise the building of our house. As of Friday (July 3), the rest of the ceiling for our house was poured, so work on the second floor can commence!

Toward the beginning of June, Seth took two of his brothers and his cousin with him on a trip to Abidjan for some errands in the city. It was around a nine hour drive there, and they spent a couple of days there so that Seth could take care of some business with our passports/visas, purchase some materials for our house, buy our puppy, and show his cousin some of the fun tourist attractions. They had quite an adventure on the way back. Seth loaded the car extra full with heavy tile (we think he forgets he isn't driving a semi-truck! :D ) which weighed it down substantially— and also left much less room for all those poor boys. They made a stop at a place Seth calls Chimp Island so that his cousin could see the chimpanzees there; unfortunately there was only one left, the others having died off since he last visited several years ago. Then they stopped in Sassandra so they could drop off the tile and supplies. At some point they pulled over to tow a public transportation vehicle out of

a muddy ditch, which was very appreciated by the passengers who thought they would have to sleep on

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the side of the road. Then, in a turn of events, shortly before they reached San-Pédro, they ran out of gas and had to be towed into town BY a public transportation vehicle. Our gas gage hasn't been working properly. Finally, they made it back around 10:00 p.m., after a roughly fourteen hour journey.

As mentioned above, Seth bought our puppy while he was in Abidjan! Our puppy is a handsome little fawn-colored boerboel whom we named Teddy! I (Paige) am a literature-nut, and named him after a character in the classic novel *Little Women*, for those who are curious as to how his name was chosen. He is such a sweet, affectionate, playful dog, and he has practically doubled in size already! He's already a great family dog, and we trust he will make an excellent guard dog once he's a bit bigger.

We also rented an apartment in Sassandra a few weeks ago! Our plan was to move in shortly after we got all of the paperwork sorted out, but due to some setbacks (electricity and water needing to be set up in the apartment, car trouble, etc.) we were not able to move until this past Tuesday (June 30). It took a little longer than we expected, but we praise the Lord for allowing us to move to an apartment in Sassandra! We are finally living in the city where Seth has dreamed of ministering for about seven years.

Now that Seth doesn't have to drive so far every week, we can extend the life of our car. Seth can also keep things moving over at the construction site now that we live nearby. He is planning to start a Bible study for his workers on Sunday afternoons. All of them are invited, but only four so far are born-again Christians.

We are enjoying having our own space and getting to be a family with our own routine again! And living in an African apartment actually helps us to see a little better how the nationals live everyday life. African apartments don't really come with amenities, so we have a tiny kitchen (probably a little smaller than an American half-half-size bathroom) with a three-burner stovetop we purchased. There is no oven. We also don't have a washer or dryer, so I am hand washing our laundry and hanging it to dry! It's sort of fun to do laundry the old-fashioned way, though it gives me more respect for my great-grandma who would've had to do that for much of her life. It certainly is hard work!

We are slowly starting to get to know our neighbors a bit. On Saturday (July 4) morning, a group of curious children came over to check out the new people. Seth gave them a spontaneous Bible story and they all seemed to enjoy that. A little later, a young boy name Oriel came to visit us. He attends a Charismatic Assemblies of God church in town, and came to tell us that he is a Christian like us. He wanted to sit and pray for us. It was very cute! Since then, he stops by often, calling us Mama and Papa or Tantie (auntie) and Ton-ton (uncle) and asking for snacks. Its a little bit mischievous of him, but we don't mind. :) He is definitely a cutie.

On the Fourth of July our little Eden turned three years old! It is so hard for us to believe three years have passed already. She is a beautiful blessing from God and we love being her parents. Please pray with us that she will get saved soon!

Thank you for your faithful prayers for our family and our ministry!

Happy in His Service,

Seth, Paige, Eden, and Zion Cuthbertson

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