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NEXT STEPS TRAINING GRADUATION

THIS MONTH OUR TEAM COMPLETED THE NEXT STEPS TRAINING PROGRAM! OVER THE PAST 3 WEEKS WE HAVE HAD COURSES CONCERNING MISSIONARY FRAMEWORK. FOR EXAMPLE CLASSES COVERING: LANGUAGE, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, ALTAR WORKING, FINANCES ON THE FIELD, SPIRITUAL WAR-FARE, MINISTRY FROM A NON-WESTERN PERSPECTIVE, UNDERSTANDING CULTURE AND WORLD-VIEW, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, AND SO MANY MORE! DURING THIS TIME WE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECIEVE WISDOM FROM THE BENSON FAMILY STATIONED HERE, ANGIE CLARK, ALLAN SHALM, LUKE AND SHELLY LESUER, RANDY ADAMS, AND NICK AND PAM SISCO.



"OUT IN THE WILD" EXPERIENCES

A HIGHLIGHT OF THIS MONTH WAS VISITING THE MANY CHURCHES! ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS WE HAVE TRAVELLED UP TO 3 HOURS, AND GETTING TO SEE THE DIFFERENT PLACES AND MEET NEW PEOPLE HAS BEEN WONDERFUL. WE RECENTLY DID OUTREACH IN A VILLAGE AND WE SPOKE TO MULTIPLE PEOPLE THAT PRACTICED VOODOO, ABOUT JESUS! IN THE SAME VILLAGE WE GOT TO SING ABOUT JESUS, WITH A GROUP OF CHILDREN WE HAD MET. OUTREACH HAS BEEN MY FAVORITE EXPERIENCE SO FAR BECAUSE I LOVE THE SPONTANEITY IN NOT KNOWING WHO YOU'LL MEET OR WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE.



BEHIND THE SCENES

ON OUR CALMER DAYS, SCHEDULE-WISE, WE HAVE BEEN VISITING LOCAL RESTAURANTS, AND ONE IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN A GO-TO. WE HAVE MADE A CONNECTION WITH THE PEOPLE WORKING THERE AND WE ARE PRAYING FOR A STRONGER BOND AND THE CREATION OF A FRIENDSHIP! WE ARE EXPERIENCING THAT RELATIONSHIPS YOU BUILD CAN LEAD TO OPEN DOORS FOR DISCIPLESHIP! SOMETHING WE HAVE ALSO EXPERIENCED ON OUR DRIVES DURING THE TRIP IS THE UNPREDICTABLE TERRAIN. SOMETIMES FLOODED, FULL OF DIVOTS, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET TO SERVICES AND TRAVEL IN MOVE THE MISSION VEHICLES! THIS WAS VERY NEAT TO SEE THE FRUIT AND IMPORTANCE OF GIVING TO MOVE THE MISSION. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN HAVING FUN WITH THE TYPICAL POWER OUTAGES HERE IN WEST AFRICA! ROOFTOP STARGAZING ON THESE NIGHTS HAS BECOME A FAVORITE OF OURS!

RESTAURANTS AND POWER OUTAGES!

