



NEWSLETTER

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Barrels of Blessing

Praise God! The barrels have made their way across the Atlantic Ocean and are now in Togo. We were amazed and truly blessed by the response to this project and could see God's hand at work every step along the way. Hoping to send 3 or 4 barrels was dreaming too small because God had bigger plans and provided everything we needed to fill 14 barrels, which were taken to Moline, Illinois at the end of May. They were then loaded in a container in Chicago and transported to New York to get on a big container ship. They then made their long journey to Togo across the

ocean and made it into port at the end of August. One barrel was picked up by WAAST (West African Advanced School of Theology) and was full of school and office supplies. The other 13 barrels were picked up by M.E.RE.NA (Evangelical Mission for the Restoration of the Nations) Church to share and distribute among their different branches. God not only provided the donation of items and funds but also provided for the safety of the barrels as well as transportation for the barrels from Lome to Kpalime. The people of this region are so excited and we were able to bless

these churches not only with supplies and clothing for the people but also needed resources for their churches as well. We were able to send some laptop computers, projectors, a generator, a printer, and many different office supplies. All of this will help with their efforts in evangelism and spreading the gospel in this region. We are so excited about this project getting completed and want to thank all of the individuals, families and churches their help and prayers. For more information about the barrel project or to see some more pics and videos please visit our website.



Encouraging Words

We as Christians are all called to advance God's Kingdom here on Earth and to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). While not all of us are actually called to GO to another country or to the mission field, that doesn't mean we aren't still called to do our part. I have been reminded of this lately by one of the more popular parables that Jesus told in the Bible, the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). In this story a man is going away and leaves some of his possessions with his servants, one was given 5 talents, one 2 talents, and yet another only 1 talent. When the man returned he called his servants to give an account of what they had done with his possessions. The first two went out and doubled what they were given and the man praised them and welcomed them in and said he would give them even more responsibility. The last servant who was given 1 talent came and returned it after burying it in the ground to keep it safe. The man scolded this servant and took the 1 talent away and gave it to the one that now had 10 talents. He then sent the servant away.

Jesus is actually talking about His return in this parable and those servants are us. We are all given talents, abilities, resources, and responsibilities that we will one day have to give an account to Jesus for. We aren't all given the same things or even the same amount just like the servants in the story, some are given more and some less depending on their ability and talents. Jesus does expect and require us, however, to take what we are given and use it for His glory and purpose. Taking what we are given and only using it to gain things on earth that will someday fade is similar to what the last servant did in burying his talent. What Jesus wants us to do is take what He has blessed us with and use it to expand His kingdom here on earth and even though you may not be called to go to a faraway country, you are still called to make a difference and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. That may be to the people you come in contact with each day, it may be going somewhere far away, or it may be by supporting those people that are called to go. Some day we will all stand before the King to give an account of our lives and I know I want to hear him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." My question and maybe challenge to you is, "What type of treasures are you accumulating and where are you storing them?" I encourage each of you to take a personal inventory of what God has blessed you with (not just money and possessions) and how you can use it to glorify God and expand His kingdom. After that is done spend some time praying and asking God to direct you in how He wants you to use what he has granted to you.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Evangelical Mission for the Restoration of the Nations (MERENA) Kpalime



The Evangelical Mission for the Restoration of the Nations (MERENA) Church in Kpalime was founded in 2005 when the Lord asked Roger and Happy Abaya to leave their jobs in Lome and start a church in Kpalime. After obeying God's direction in September 2005, a cell group opened and a church started 3 months later. One of the main focuses of this church is discipleship and through this many have stepped into leadership and even ministry. The church in Kpalime is the headquarters and has around 215 people. They have 3 other branches in other communities that were planted in 2012 and 2015. They are a cell group

based church which helps them grow quickly in a hostile area, especially in a Muslim area. They offer weekly teaching and sharing at cell meetings which are open to everyone. Other programs they offer include; Children's Ministry, Adult Literacy Class, Healing Classes, and Counseling Sessions. The church also does a lot of evangelism; door to door evangelism as well as outreach opportunities called immersion. In the community they sponsor food and clothing distributions, visit the sick and elderly, and have a Qavah Program that enables the community to take care of its own problems without the government.

Kpalime Church Building Project

Now that the Barrels of Blessing project has been completed we really feel God leading us to resume the campaign for the church building project for the Evangelical Mission for the Restoration of the Nations Church in Kpalime. This is something God laid on our hearts when we were in Africa and feel it is time to help this church get a building that will be secure and meet the needs of their growing congregation. Their property sits right on the edge of the Muslim neighborhood, which is where they feel God has called them (they have seen 8 Muslims come to Christ) but it also means they are subjected to persecution. They must remove everything after each event or they run the risk of having everything stolen. This has happened multiple times in the last year or so and

will continue to happen until they get a new building that can be secured properly. We have prayed about this and feel God will provide the \$30,000 it will take to get a larger church with balcony constructed in Kpalime and without God intervening there is absolutely no way the local people could do this. We have a specific building campaign we are starting and hope that if God lays it on your heart to help that you will do so. We feel we need at least 67% of the funds in hand to start (\$20,000) and hope to have this accomplished by Christmas. It may sound like a big undertaking but what we have learned is that we serve an even bigger God. Included is a breakout of the different donation categories and how many donations are needed from individuals, families,

organizations, or churches at each donation level. WAKE Ministries is a 501 c3 non-profit so all your donations are tax deductible. If you would like to make a donation you can mail it to our address at the bottom of the newsletter and just mark on it Kpalime Building Project. We thank you for your prayers and support. For more detailed information on this project check out our website under the projects tab.

Building Project Campaign

<u>Donation</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
\$2,000	5	\$10,000
\$1,000	8	\$8,000
\$500	12	\$6,000
\$250	16	\$4,000
\$100	20	\$2,000
Total	61	\$30,000

Please check out the post on our website homepage to see updates on the progress of this campaign.



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WEBSITE**

www.wake-ministries.com

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

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