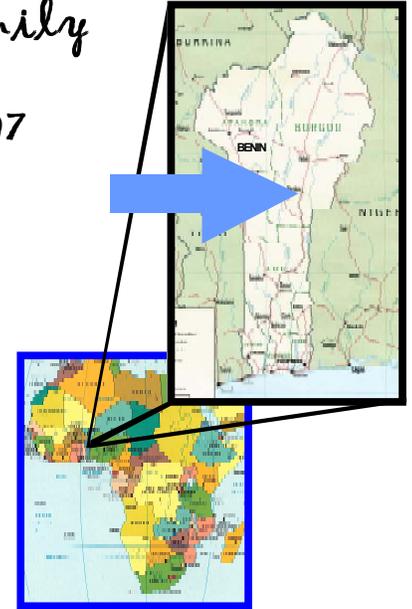


# 3 Months

# in Benin

The Cox Family  
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Amazing! On August 18 we celebrated our third month in Benin. We are thrilled to be here and have a wonderful peace that this is exactly what God has for us at this time. In addition, the moving of God's hand to bring us to this point was nothing short of miraculous. When we wrote

our last newsletter we had just stepped out in faith by booking our plane tickets. At that time, we still needed \$2000 per month and a substantial amount for our one time outgoing expenses. Through one very

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large and very generous gift all of our remaining outgoing funds were given. Currently, we are almost completely supported.

You will also remember from our last newsletter that all four containers for the project were supposed to be in Benin by June 4th. The first container has just arrived. The transmitter was in this container along with some of our household belongings. We continue to wait for containers two, three and four (container four also contains some of our belongings).



Cox kids on the Tower



A number of people have asked what is Paul doing without the containers and the needed pieces? Unfortunately, there is not a shortage of work to be done here in Benin and West Africa in regards to the proclamation of the Gospel (if anyone wants to come and help let us know). So far Paul has had lots of meetings trying to get up to speed on the project and other issues in West Africa. To this end, Paul has been to Ivory Coast once and to Cotonou numerous times. Cotonou is a six-hour drive from Parakou, some of which is over bad roads. Ivory Coast is a two-hour flight from Cotonou.



Nehemiah, Paul, Micah Joy, Donna & Miriam

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School has started for Donna and the kids. Donna is home schooling the kids though not at home. We were asked to join two other missionary families in renting space from a school that has been closed for several years. There are nine children, three are Australian, three are Swiss/German and three are Cox kids. The kids have settled in quickly. They love the freedom to walk to friend's homes, school or to go buy bread off the side of the road.

We have sent many thank you notes and postcards from here, though we fear you may never receive them. So, just in case, let us take this opportunity to say thank you. Please know that we are very appreciative for the packages, emails, phone calls, prayers and financial support. We could not be here without you.



Miriam, Micah Joy, Donna and Nehemiah on the first day of school

## You know you are in Benin ...

- ... when instead of watching for cars on the main road you are watching for scooters, goats and chickens
- ... when looking for an ironing board and measuring cups at the market they ask why do you need such things
- ... when you do not need to set your alarm clock because the 5:15AM call to prayer from the mosque next door does a nice job
- ... when you frightened children because you are the first white person they have seen
- ... when you are not sure what kind of meat you are eating but you are too afraid to ask
- ... when you go for days without internet or phone service
- ... when you feel that it is a good day if you get more than one thing accomplished
- ... when x-rays cost \$6 US (yes, we have needed a few of these, praise be to God no serious breaks)
- ... when cows are tied on top of taxis

## Contact Info

Are you kidding, if you need to contact us get a flight to Benin and deliver the message in person. OK ... OK ... OK maybe you should try to email or call first but no guarantees, as communication to and from Benin has not been the best.

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Please remember the time difference. (i.e. Call us first thing in the morning, US time, and do not call after 3PM MST unless you want to get us out of bed.)

### Praise:

1. God's miraculous provision
2. God's providence and protection as we traveled and setup home in Benin
3. A good start with the ministry here in Benin

### Prayer:

1. Protection for our family in the home of voodoo
2. Arrival of containers and necessary equipment for the broadcast of the Gospel
3. The team who will be assembling the equipment

### Support Information:

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Please ensure Paul and Donna Cox is on the memo line