

Containers on Site

International intrigue, mystery, third world politics, cultural differences and God's invisible hand is not the start of a best selling novel but were part of our lives in getting two containers (which contain the final items needed to start the broadcasts) out of port. An attempt to even

summarize the details would be impossible in this newsletter.

However, God's invisible hand moved in such a way that only He can receive the credit for what happened.

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Praise be to God that the containers are at the site. We know that for the last six months we have talked about getting these containers and now it is finally a reality. This has brought on a whole new understanding and dependence on God and His timing - West Africa style.

Merry



Christmas

We had the privilege of having Chuck and Darlene Saunders in our home for seven weeks. They are missionaries in our office in South Africa. We worked with the Saunders in 1999 when we served in Swaziland (Southern Africa). Chuck is here to help with the final installation of the station and Darlene is helping at the school and around the house. We will certainly miss her baking.



Chuck & Darlene (holding Davy) Saunders, Paul, Donna, Micah Joy, Nehemiah (holding Abby) and Miriam. Davy and Abby are the two new additions to the Cox family

Amazing! On November 18 we celebrated our sixth month in Benin. We can hardly believe it. It seems that we have settled into the West African rhythm fairly well. As the holidays arrive, we will miss our family and friends more than ever. But for everything there is a season, and this is the season to adapt and develop new traditions with the mission family and friends here. We are sure our next letter will be full of stories of a very non-white Christmas.

Donna is directing a children's Christmas play with about 15 children in it. The children are busy making costumes and sets with a bit of help from parents and the Saunders.



Cox kids getting water from the well at the transmitting site (do not worry we have indoor plumbing at our house).



Miriam, Micah Joy & Friend



Micah Joy & Chuck Saunders catching butterflies

You know you are in Benin ...

... when fast food is buying yam frits and bean cakes (made from a small lentil, soaked, whipped and fried) from a lady's kettle off the side of the road.

... when you can buy baguettes (long loaves of bread) on the side of the road, four for a dollar.

... when you make homemade dog food because you cannot always find it in the market and if you do find it, it is \$15 for a little imported bag.

... when a malaria test is positive and the technician assumes you do not want to see a doctor.

... when the only mail in your mailbox are packages from wonderful friends and family! Can you imagine no credit card offers, no advertisements...?

... when you see rain clouds building, you quickly light your candles before the electricity goes out.

... when you have lived in a place for six months and have not found a reliable car to buy

Contact Info:

Since our last newsletter we have had an improvement in communications to the States and our Internet phone is working. You can call us via our Dallas number which rings in our house:

214 764-3929

Please remember the time difference. (i.e. do not call after 3PM MST unless you want to get us out of bed). As always the email is the best way to contact us:

family@cox-net.com

Prayer requests

Health, protection against malaria and other African illnesses.

Children's Christmas Play that it will be a witness to those that see it.

A reliable vehicle.

To start broadcasting the Gospel of our Lord.

Praises

Both containers on site.

No one was seriously ill when the Cox family had malaria in November.

The extra help Chuck and Darlene gave while here.

Please send financial support to: TWR, PO Box 8700, Cary NC 27512. Please ensure Paul & Donna Cox is on the memo line.