

Hallelujah

we are on the air!

The Cox Family
Newsletter
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At the writing of our last newsletter we were in the midst of trying to get all the broadcast equipment working. By God's grace, on February first we started broadcasting the gospel and solid Biblical teaching. This was a momentous day for TWR. While it was a joyous day, it was very exhausting and challenging to get to that day.

Paul is now the Station Director. The original plan was for Paul to act as the regional engineer for West Africa and be part of a leadership team that would run the station here in Benin. However, due to a multiplicity of factors, Paul has been assigned the position of Station Director for Benin. He will still help with engineering in West Africa as time permits.

Now that we have been broadcasting for a couple of months we are also looking at what infrastructure needs to be put into place to provide long term stability and sustainability. While we are working on many parts of our infrastructure including staffing within West Africa, it is clear we desperately need more missionary staff.



TWR Transmitting Site in Benin

Help Wanted

Urgently needed one teacher/assistant for 2008/2009 school year. The teacher/assistant will work with a trained teacher sharing the responsibilities of teaching children of TWR families, grades K-6, in Benin, West Africa.

We are also looking for an engineer/technician and a mechanic/maintenance person.

If you are interested, please contact Heather Johnson 800 456 7897 or hjohnson@twr.org. If you know someone who might be interested please have them contact Heather.



Nehemiah, Micah Joy & Miriam on Valentine's Day

Crippledness - Donna's reflections on March 8, 2008

On our way to school most days, we see two heart touching things. One is a crippled goat, though we call him "our crippled lamb". He was born just after Christmas and quickly reminded us of a favorite Christmas book by Max Lucado called *The Crippled Lamb*. In the book the crippled lamb could not go to the field with the shepherds and was left behind in the stable. God used this lamb to help keep baby Jesus warm. Micah Joy often exclaims over how brave this goat is. When he falls, he works his way back up. Micah Joy also asks "What do you think his special job will be?" Then of course, "Mom please can we keep him?" though she knows he belongs to someone in the neighborhood.

The second is a little girl that walks by our house several times a day going back and forth to school. She always walks behind the other children. She has a stooped back and feet that turn in. Smiling, she says to me everyday, "Mama, give me money." I respond with a laugh "No, you give me money." This little exchange is now my morning joke. This little girl never wears shoes. Flip-flops are so cheap

here that most children wear them. Last week I was so sad to see her picking her way through the trash dump we walk through on our way to school that I bought her some flip flops. This morning we saw her and gave her the shoes. She was so happy and sad at the same time. She put the shoes on but could not walk in them because her feet turn in, though she kept trying. I was mad at myself for not thinking about why she did not have shoes. I assumed it was because she could not afford them. Through tears I told my kids, if she had been born in the US they would have corrected her feet when she was very young and she would probably be able to play and run like the other kids. But that is not the case here. You see lots of crippled people sitting on skateboards with flip-flops on their hands going down the road. I pray that my children, as well as myself, never lose site of how blessed we are, never lose sight of what life is really about serving and worshipping our Savior and in our areas of "crippledness," we will be brave and strong in the task set before us.



Donna & Micah Joy in the neighborhood

Important Postal Information

Many of you have sent packages, for which we are grateful. However, most have not arrived. Please contact us before sending packages. Likewise, we have sent many thank you cards that are also lost Please know how grateful we are for your gifts.

Contact Info:

Through the wonders of the Internet, 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 email is the best way to contact us:

family@cox-net.com

Praises:

We are broadcasting the gospel and Biblical teaching.

After a year of waiting and searching, we are close to purchasing a vehicle.

We have been in Benin a year!

Prayer request:

Pray that God would send more laborers to work with TWR in Benin.

Pray that we would be able to finalize the deal to purchase a vehicle.

It is hot season, pray that we would function and sleep well in the heat.

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