

Greetings from West Africa – we're “home!”

Our summer trips back to the USA end almost before they start. Super short and never long enough to visit everybody on our list. But we are starting to get into this annual rhythm (and promising to do better next time).

Larry enthuses: “With my new eyes, I can see so much more! I'm not afraid to drive at night.” We both had lots of medical appointments, anchoring us to the Fresno area most of June and July. That meant visiting only the four closest partner churches and a few of our individual supporters. Special thanks to Larry's home church for arranging housing and heaping a bunch of other goodies on us—we were truly pampered and are grateful. God blessed us both with fresh medical clearance to return to Africa.

Family time was also a blessing. Many have **prayed for Lydia in her battle against cancer**. God has been answering in a big way. The chemo and “targeted treatment” shrank the tumor, and the follow-up to surgery has been a lot more manageable. The pathology report shows **no residual cancer** in the margins. Thank you for praying so faithfully.

The cartoon graphic of the ocean-going container is actually a prayer request: the updated digital piano keyboard for the church worship group (not a grand piano), the PA system and microphones, plus lots of school supplies, are somewhere in transit, soon to hit the docks and head for customs inspection.

Please pray for reasonable customs duties (\$o would be fantastic!) and a smooth path for delivering and introducing the new equipment.

Just after we left for the US in June, our church finally did the long-awaited **electrical generator upgrade**. Hooray! We can now run our equipment through the whole worship service! (Instead of limiting ourselves to what can run on batteries... a **huge** difference). We're still problem-solving to come up with more than enough materials for our media ministry, so we can feed our YouTube channel and our web page each week. We're making progress, but twice in the last 8 weeks, the entire file system with all the freshly captured video files mysteriously disappeared from our main SSD. Twice! With new systems, we're still discovering what new failures to overcome due to operator error, such as turning off the generator before we were done, or equipment glitches. Last Sunday one of our guys stepped on the extension cord twice,

turning off the mixer both times. By 30 minutes into our morning service, we concluded that a child had probably walked off with the cute remote for the ceiling-mounted media projector. Koly hopped on his motorcycle to bring the 17' extension ladder to climb up and turn it on. You can't make this stuff up! You have to

keep a sense of humor! YouTube tutorials only get you so far, and then it's trial and error to learn the new procedures (and only when the generator is running for our services). With a skeleton crew due to summer vacations, we captured just enough to stitch things together and upload the video and audio materials that help feed our church movement. (If you enjoy non-English content, write for links...) Meanwhile, **please keep praying for our media team to learn the new systems and develop confidence** and awareness of our whole context. In light of how many new things we are facing, I am taking a moratorium on preaching in the daughter churches until December, and I hope to start preaching twice a month next spring.

Meanwhile, Pastor Van and I are researching various ethnic groups' approach to courtship and marriage – fascinating, and likely to lead to new ministry areas for both of us.

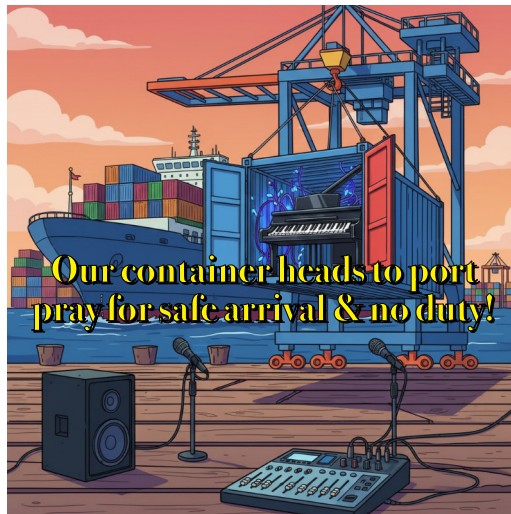
Beachhead Academy Co-op School

Thank you for praying for Barb and her students in the mission school. She suspected that this would be her **most challenging year ever**, and now she's sure of it. There's a lot of complexity, with so many schedules and learning and teaching tasks to balance constantly. Some of her English Language Learners are scrambling to catch up to their grade level. It's a relentless pace for both students and teachers, including parents, who fill in with mother tongue instruction and selective other subjects. **Please**

keep praying for additional help for our school. We would love to take even more off the parents' plates and free them up for their main ministries. We need more help.

Yours to make Christ known,

Larry & Barb



We dream of a time when our movement can help spread the multi-lingual praise of God throughout West Africa, contributing to the edification of believers and the evangelization of non-believers.

