

Summer 2025

THE DRAKE ADVENTURE

🌐 Dear Friends and Supporters, 🌐

We would like to begin by saying a big thank you to all of you. Your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support have carried us through many transitions these past 4 months, and we are grateful to each of you. This has been a season of change for our family as we packed up our house in Togo, sold our home, cars, pets, and many of our items that made our house a home. Then came back to the States for a furlough and moved into the mission house at Salem Baptist Church, and found our new normal. But also a season of God's goodness and provision. We're excited to share what He's been doing!

✈️ Returning for Furlough

This term serving overseas has been so jam-packed full of ministry opportunities, as you remember from our previous prayer letters. And as you can see right now, our schedule is still jam-packed. The Lord has



led us back to the States for schooling, fundraising, and getting the kids into College. Transition is never easy, but God has been gracious. Returning has given us opportunities to reconnect with family, adjust to new ministries in the States, and reflect on all that He has done in our time in Togo. We continue to see His hand guiding us as we take steps forward into our next ministry in Lomé, Togo. **WE ARE GOING BACK!** Just so you are clear on that, God has confirmed that in our hearts, and we want you to hear loud and clear that we are headed back to Togo (Lord willing). We will be moving to the capital city of Togo, which is Lomé, where we will be helping equip churches to multiply and be missional, so we can reach the surrounding countries. We are also going to help the board of ABWE Togo as a liaison to the government.

This is so exciting for us.

🏕️ Summer at Camp Merriwood

This summer, Oceane worked at Camp Merriwood. She worked hard to minister to campers and staff, investing long hours in the kitchen but also getting to have the joy of serving on a team that got to see lives changed by Christ. It was a good time for OC to gain leadership skills, deepen her servant's heart, and learn to be more reliant on the Lord in her own life.

Meanwhile, the younger kids had the blessing of attending camp. They came home with fun memories, new friendships, and a deeper love for Jesus as well. We are so thankful for Merriwood and its impact on our family!

🎓 College & School Milestones

This fall has brought big milestones. OC officially moved into Liberty University, beginning this new life for herself. Crazy to think we have a college student (she's still our baby!) We're





praying for strong friendships, that classes would go well, and continued spiritual maturity as OC settles in. The discipleship is alive and thriving at LU, and we are blessed to have her go there.

At the same time, Faith got accepted to and has started the Dental Hygiene program at Forsyth Tech in our town. It's a highly competitive and intense 2-year degree that will

give her the certification she needs to practice in dental clinics in Lomé, Togo. We didn't know that this was as challenging and intensive a program as it is, but she is tackling it head-on. Pray that she has perseverance in her studies and glorifies Christ in this classroom setting.



Reconnecting with Churches & Supporters

One of the joys of being back has been the opportunity to visit churches and supporters. Each visit gives us the chance to share stories from the field, testify to God's faithfulness, and express our gratitude for your partnership. These times remind us that ministry is not done all by ourselves and that we are part of a larger family working together for the sake of the gospel. We are trying to raise another \$3000/month of support because we are really undersupported currently. Please consider joining our ministry team but supporting us



financially. We are glad to also be at our sending church as often as possible, serving on the worship team and having an open gym time of volleyball for fellowship. Our church has been without a pastor for the past 2 and 1/2 years and it looks like this coming Sunday we will be voting in Dr. Tim Miller as our new senior pastor. We are so so so excited about that and the future of Salem.

Life at Home

While much of the family has been on the move, Adam has been faithfully holding down the fort at home. From coordinating details of these transitions to supporting the kids in the morning before they head off to school and when they come home, he's kept us grounded and steady while everyone else is going in a million different directions. This is a huge change of pace for him (if you know him, you can imagine), but he's also been able to focus on his Master's degree, which he will graduate with in May 2026, hopefully.

How You Can Pray

For OC at Liberty: wisdom, spiritual growth, and friends.

For Faith at Forsyth Tech

For our whole family: grace, patience, and steadfastness

For fruitful visits with churches and supporters.

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With love in Christ,
The Drake Family