

Giving Thanks

At this time of the year, as we enter into the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons, most everyone is making plans to be with family and to celebrate through the sharing of food, the giving of gifts and hopefully, reflecting on ALL the ways that God has cared for us this year!



We also express our deep thanksgiving and love to Jesus for His countless blessings in our lives and for giving us the privilege of working for Him in Africa! In addition, we're deeply grateful for each one of YOU who pray for us and who give of your finances! You

help us work in West Africa and YOU have helped to provide clean water to countless thousands of people through your giving!

THANK-YOU...AKPE...MERCI...KEALEBOGA...NGIYABONGA. In any language it means a HEART-FELT THANKS from us.

The Water was Worth the Wait

Well into her eighties the story of her life is revealed in her face. This woman in Tchankossi, Benin was so excited as she told us how the new well brings her great joy.



Every evening she used to take her small portion of food along with her empty water pan and walk the great distance to an old well that had very limited, bad water. She laid down

to sleep in the dirt near the well so she could be one of the first to get some of the water that had seeped into the well over night.

Now she is so overjoyed that the **Africa Oasis Project** has put a well next to the church and it is accessible to everyone. The new well and pump has a plentiful supply of fresh, clean water. She no longer has to sleep in the dirt. God has blessed the village of Tchankossi with a new well!

Difficult Roads to Difficult Places

65 miles from the "almost paved" road, five hours of driving, one way. Then back again in one day. As I drove over the moonscape road toward two distant and remote villages in Togo, West Africa I thought about how this very difficult road typified the life the people in this region live. We drove through deep canyon-like ruts, over and around large rocks that nearly blocked the road, deep mud holes and deep sand in other places. And it just seemed to go on and on. In villages along the way, we saw so many people living just as their ancestors have lived for centuries. Houses of mud, sticks and grass are deteriorating and yet, in village after village we see simple buildings with simple signs that indicate an Assembly of God church.



The Christians face persecution every day as they are driven away from any local source of water. Cholera, dysentery, diarrhea, and even yellow fever are common. Medical help is non-existent.



The national leadership of the Assemblies of God in Togo has asked the **AFRICA OASIS PROJECT** to provide fresh water wells in four villages in the region. In one village the Chief, who is a believer, is suffering from yellow fever as we write

this. He asked his pastor, "please pray to find someone to come and drill a fresh water well in our village to help relieve the sickness". We REALLY want to help these people who live **at the end of the difficult road in a difficult place.**

(For the full story please visit markandvickiealexander.blogspot.com)

A Christmas Gift for Others

The pastor, the village chief and the church are praying for the miracle of a fresh water well. **We can drill that well** with your help. Please partner with us and the **Africa Oasis Project** so that we can bring the life giving water to these remarkable people.



Pastor Toro & family, Séiboude

Would you consider sponsoring a fresh water well in one of the villages of **Séiboudè** or **Guerin Kouka** or **Tindjassi-Sara Kawa**, or **Agbawilika**. **What a great Christmas gift this would be!**

For online contributions to the **Africa Oasis Project** please go to the website listed below and PLEASE designate "West Africa".

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