



Kristina Casalis

ASSISTING CHURCH PLANTERS IN THE IVORY COAST

Dear Friends,

God has been teaching me so much about prayer these last few months. I love Philippians 4:6 which says, *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”* I love that we can boldly approach the throne of God with our requests, thanking Him in advance for what He has in store. And what a privilege it is to pray with other believers, to lift one another up in prayer. I can so clearly see God’s provision and guidance these past few months, and I have no doubt that your prayers have had a part in this.

Praises and Prayer Requests

I continued to work with students at the university via the English club and the English Marathon program. Both programs have provided numerous opportunities to speak with students about Christ and share the gospel. I have also made additional connections with other English teachers who have invited me to participate in additional programs. **Please pray that God would continue to allow me to reach students with the gospel at the university, and that God would give me wisdom about accepting additional opportunities.** I want to be able to connect with as many people as I can so that I might share the gospel, but I also want to use my time to invest in the lives of those that God brings along my way.

In my last prayer letter, I mentioned that a student asked to meet with Rémi and me. We were able to meet him for coffee and spent several hours answering questions and sharing the truth of God’s Word. He is part of a “Christian” cult, so he knows a lot of “Christian-ese,” but after our conversation, I do not believe he has accepted Christ as his Savior. However, it is clear that the Holy Spirit is at work. We gave him a Bible, and we plan to meet with him again soon to answer more questions that he has. **Please pray for Jeremiah’s salvation.**

In June, I also began teaching an eight-week English course. It started with two students, grew to about ten students, and finished with four students who consistently participated in the course. Out of the ten “rotating” students, there were five students who were not Christians. We had a few opportunities to share the gospel briefly. While they did not attend regularly, I’m praying that what they heard and saw will be gospel seeds planted. We finished this course at the end of August, and I’m planning to start an intermediate course in the fall. I have several university students who have expressed interest in taking a course with me if it were closer to the university. **Please pray with me as I seek a place closer to the university to do evening courses.**

These evening courses also opened up a door for Rémi. I realized that of the students who attended my class was having difficulty writing. His name is Mohammed, and I could tell he had a thirst to learn. I told Rémi about him, and after speaking with Mohammed, we learned that he had never attended school and therefore had never learned to read or write. So Rémi offered to teach him, and he happily accepted and asked if he could invite a friend as well. Rémi is working regularly with them and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Both young men are not saved, and so **we are praying that God will use Rémi to not only teach them to read and write but also bring them to Christ.**

In addition to his work with these students, Rémi has an opportunity to work with students at the literacy center, an outreach program of the church. He is also regularly working with a missionary couple on their French, and he finished his certification program to work as an editor. He has many open doors through which he can work and serve, so **we are simply praying that God will show him how best to manage his schedule and exactly what work He has for him.**

Finally, at the beginning of August, we worked as translators with missionary Kristine McLaughlin's ACCESS program, a program that uses medical missions to reach into villages, share the gospel, and connect people to a local church. We spent four days in two villages where over 1,200 patients were seen. After each consultation, the patient spoke with an Ivorian who shared the gospel. Of those patients, 431 made a profession of faith (this includes patients who had previously accepted Christ). The local churches have begun following up. **Please pray that the churches will continue to see fruit from this ministry and that the new believers will be disciplined and begin to grow in their faith.**

Your prayers are making a difference in our lives and in the lives of the Ivorians. Thank you for partnering with us in reaching the people of the Ivory Coast with the gospel. I would also like to add that we believe the need for prayer is mutual, and that we would love to hear from you so that we might know how to pray for you. **We would love for you to email us and let us know how we can pray for you and your churches.**

Thank you for your faithfulness. We love and appreciate you!

Because of Christ,

Kristina Casalis



My teen girls surprised me for my birthday



A group of kids joined our game at the park



Thursday English Club at the university



English Marathon finale at the university



A full evening course from my summer English session



Rémi and the two students he is currently working with



In the village of Akouyaté for the first day of ACCESS



A patient hearing the gospel after his consultation

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

While my letterhead and signature will say Kristina Casalis, my legal name remains Kristina Premo. With our limited time in the states and with all my accounts and official documents being in that name, we felt it best to wait until the next furlough to proceed with a legal name change. Therefore, to all donors, **please continue to make any checks out to Kristina Premo.** Thank you for your understanding!