

Nate and Emily Wilkerson

Church Planters to West Africa, Serving in Benin - January 2024



Dear Pastors, Prayer Warriors, and Personal Supporters,

Thank you for your faithfulness to serve Jesus and support the work in West Africa!

Wrapping up 2023

We are so thankful for the year the Lord has given us in 2023! We began this year still living and working in the ministries in Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso with Brother Jason Rishel. In February we moved to Ouagadougou and had a blessed six months working under Brother Keith Shumaker. On April 4th we welcomed Alaska Brooks into our family. She was born six weeks early yet the Lord gave her the strength she needed to grow and thrive! We experienced more sickness during this time in Ouagadougou but God was faithful to provide the healing we needed each time. At the end of August, on Nate's birthday, we said goodbye to Burkina and flew to Benin. We spent one month in Benin setting up our up our home and creating more contacts to help us begin our life and ministry in this new country. We returned stateside for furlough on September 25th and have had a sweet time of rest before we begin a pioneer work in Benin. We do not know exactly what the next year will hold but we are eager to serve the Lord and give him the glory with whatever may come our way!

Christmas in North Carolina

We had the joy of spending December in North Carolina with Emily's family. While there we still had opportunities to travel to multiple churches giving updates about the ministry. We spent one Sunday in South Carolina visiting two churches right outside of Greenville. Both of these churches have supported us over three years! We are so blessed to have such faithful partners in the ministry. We are also so thankful for each Christmas gift that was sent in as an addition to our normal support!

Last month of furlough!

We are officially counting down the days to our anticipated return to Benin! Lord willing, we will be flying out on January 24th. Please be praying that we will have a smooth month of preparation as we take care of the final details before our flight!

Your Missionaries to West Africa,
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Is God Calling You?

During this year we would like to challenge you to pray about possibly serving on the mission field one day. We spent an entire year before our move searching for missionaries in Benin. After multiple trips in person, internet searches, phone calls, and emails we found one. He put us in contact with a few others. Even after finally making some connections we have only found a handful of families going. The need in Benin is vast. The need around the world is vast. We are praying God will do a movement this year and get more Christians to the mission field to meet the need on the front line. If you feel God is leading you to the mission field but you have questions please send an email! Maybe you can't say that you feel called but you can still go on a mission trip! Go and see what God is doing around the world! If neither of these are an option then we ask that you pray more laborers to the field. Let's use this year to see more missionaries sent out for the advancement of the Gospel!

