



Seminar participants ... from every nation ...

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“... I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. ...And they cried out in a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’”
Revelation 7:9-10

From Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo-Brazzaville, England, Ethiopia, Ghana, Holland, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Scotland, Togo, and the USA, twenty of us gathered for a consultant training seminar. More than the practical training in consultant skills (which was very helpful), I treasure the bonding that took place among us as brothers and sisters in Christ who are committed to bringing His Word to the peoples of Africa in their heart languages. Mohamad and Isabelle, at the far right in the photograph above, serve with their three small sons in Niger. He is originally from Mali, she from Congo-Brazzaville, and they met in Ivory Coast. Mohamad shared his testimony with us – born into a Muslim home, taught that Christians are “unbelievers,” he was won to Christ through the love of a man who went out of his way to befriend him and through reading the book of Genesis, which captured his heart. He has seen God use the book of Genesis to capture the hearts of many people with Muslim background. Before people can understand who Jesus Christ is, they need to understand who God the Father is and what has separated us from Him.

Thank you for praying for my visa and my growth through the translation consultant seminar in Togo. God arranged it all for my good. During the consultant practice sessions, I found it difficult to look at the “big picture” instead of just the details. A consultant must see the big picture. Please pray that I will grow in my ability to do this. My African brothers were much better at it than I, and I truly thank God for them.

I listed the house for sale on December 1st, and on January 15th, just 13 hours before leaving home to travel to Togo, I signed an agreement with the buyers. Yes, God “did it again!” Please praise Him with me for His faithfulness. At my request, the closing date for the sale is set for March 11th.



John (from Ghana) & Carolyn discuss exegesis of Philipians.

I need to find a place to stay (preferably in Longview) from March 11th until June, when I plan to return to Ethiopia. I know the Lord already has the place prepared, and I value your prayers for a hearing heart as I seek to walk with Him through the next few months of preparation for the ministry He yet has for me.



Lunchtime: Eating fufu, a sort of dumpling made from pounded yams. Michael spoons tomato-based sauce with meat & vegetables over it.

*Thank you for your partnership!
Forgive me for not adding personal notes this time. Besides needing to pack & dispose of things for the move, I've been summoned for jury duty February 23rd – March 6th.*

His for the nations,

Carolyn Ford



John practices consultant-checking Konay's translation (from Benin) of Psalm 82.