

# Christmas Joy

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Our goal is to develop spiritual movements that continue to reach people for Christ in every country. Our Sending Team partners with Athletes in Action (AIA), a CCC ministry, to send staff members who help begin these movements overseas. Here is a story of an AIA ministry in Togo (in French-speaking West Africa) which is reaching the sports influencers to help reach that nation for Christ.

*This past May in Togo, AIA director Magloire Pilibana hosted a Coaches' Clinic. He invited teachers and coaches from the U.S. who offer credibility and helped draw a larger number of local athletes and their coaches. The presentations were translated into French, and Athletes in Action estimates that 60 coaches were exposed to the gospel. Thirty individuals indicated that they invited Christ into their lives (50 percent!). What makes that even more amazing is that quite a few were from a Muslim background.*

*At a similar clinic in Mali last year, one of Togo's best coaches and one of their top players had received Christ. Then this year they attended the Togo clinic in order to share about their faith and how they are growing despite the opposition they face.*

*Coaches coming from Côte d'Ivoire for the clinic accepted Christ the very day of their arrival through the ministry of AIA staff from their country. They're now in a follow-up Bible study. Interestingly, an interview featuring these same coaches was aired on national sports television during the coaches' event.*

We praise God for how He is using our CCC staff in Togo and around the world. We feel very privileged to serve God by sending American laborers to help bring the Gospel to those in need. Thank you for your support and prayers which make our ministry possible!

We are so grateful to the Lord for you! With the economic uncertainty that has affected so many people, we are reminded of your sacrificial gifts for our ministry. Whether we're getting to and from work, filling the fridge, or guiding the Sending Team, we can do this because of your generosity.

As 2009 comes to a close, would you consider giving a special Christmas gift for our ministry so that we can continue this important work of sending US staff members overseas? Our son Ben has been in orthodontia this whole year preparing his teeth for the jaw surgery that is going to be scheduled this spring. The jaw surgery should realign his jaw and teeth correctly for his lifetime. We're asking the Lord to provide \$10,000 to cover the part that insurance does not cover. We are also very much in need of a second car. If any of you may be considering replacing yours, and willing to donate a 4-door automatic to us, it would be a great help. Otherwise, we would need additional gifts of about \$5000 for that additional vehicle.

You have been so gracious over the years, and for that we give thanks to the Lord. If you are able to help, please make your check payable to 'Campus Crusade for Christ' and mail it back to us in the enclosed envelope, along with the response card. If you would prefer to give your gift online, go to <http://give.ccci.org/give/0257817> and follow the instructions.

Thank you so much for partnering with us to bring Good News to people like athletes in West Africa!

Christmas Joy in Jesus,

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