



# LOCAL IMPACT

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## SMIDDERKS TO GO

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF REV. HINK & KAYLENE SMIDDERKS

WE ARE TRYING TO INVEST OUR TIME IN THE LIVES OF LOCAL BELIEVERS TO LEARN, TEACH, AND GROW THE KINGDOM. HINK IS TEACHING AT THE WESLEY MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AND IN A LOCAL CHURCH. BOTH OF US CONTINUE OUR LANGUAGE STUDIES. KAYLENE IS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL WOMEN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WE ATTEND. WE BELIEVE THE RELATIONSHIPS WE BUILD ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY INFORMATION WE PROVIDE OR ACQUIRE.

### NEW FRIENDS

WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SOME FRIENDS BY VIRTUE OF OUR LOCAL CHURCH. AT OUR PASTOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT WE HIRE A WOMAN IN THE CHURCH TO HELP WITH HOUSEKEEPING. MARIE IS A MATRIARCH IN OUR CHURCH. SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE TOLD US THEY CAME TO FAITH THROUGH HER. ESSI IS A YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS HELPING KAYLENE WITH CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH. SHE IS ALSO A LOCAL WORKER WITH WUNDERS AND THRIVE. THESE ARE MINISTRIES OF THE LOCAL CHURCH DESIGNED TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING. CLAUDE IS OUR LANGUAGE TEACHER. HE HAS EXPRESSED A CALL TO MINISTRY AND IS TRUSTING GOD TO GUIDE HIS NEXT STEPS. HINK IS TAKING ON A MENTORING ROLE WITH A YOUNG COUPLE ABOUT TO START PLANTING A CHURCH IN TOGO - GENTIL & CAROLINE. CLEMENT IS ANOTHER YOUNG MAN WHO IS EXPLORING MINISTRY. HE IS ALREADY DOING EVANGELISM IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

### KAYLENE STUDYING

KAYLENE IS CURRENTLY TAKING AN ONLINE CLASS TO MEET A REQUIREMENT WITH OUR MISSION ORGANIZATION. SHE IS WORKING ON THE CLASS UNTIL DECEMBER. IN ADDITION, KAYLENE IS STEPPING UP HER FRENCH. SHE IS WORKING WITH ESSI ON CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH. THEY SPEND ONE MORNING A WEEK SPEAKING FRENCH TO IMPROVE VOCABULARY AND PRONUNCIATION.

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CLEMENT PREACHING IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD



# Free Methodist Church AFRICA

## HINK TEACHING

HINK HAS BEEN GETTING A LOT OF TEACHING TIME LATELY. HE TAUGHT A COURSE AT THE WESLEY MISSIONARY INSTITUTE ON SPIRITUAL FORMATION. THERE WERE 4 STUDENTS FROM NIGERIA, LIBERIA, AND SIERRA LEONE.

HE HAS ALSO BEEN TEACHING FREE METHODIST HISTORY AND POLITY AT THE LOCAL CHURCH. THIS CLASS USES THE NEW CURRICULUM RECENTLY WRITTEN BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR AFRICA. THERE IS A TENTATIVE TRIP SCHEDULED TO NORTHERN TOGO IN NOVEMBER FOR HINK TO TEACH OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY. ALL OF THIS TEACHING IS PART OF A PLAN TO PROVIDE NEW TRAINING STANDARDS IN WEST AFRICA.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- FOR PERSPECTIVE TEACHING TRIP TO NORTHERN TOGO IN NOVEMBER.
- FOR LEARNING FRENCH AND LOCAL CULTURE
- FOR ESSI; MARIE; CLAUDE, CLEMENT, GENTIL & CAROLINE - LOCAL BELIEVERS GROWING IN MINISTRY
- FOR OUR TEAM WRITING NEW CURRICULUM TO BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY 2026



GENTIL & CAROLINE PREPARING A MEAL IN OUR HOME

## GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY PARTNERED WITH US. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A "SUSTAINING PARTNER" YOU CAN FOLLOW THE LINK TO THE RIGHT

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THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH-USA COMMITS TO MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO HONOR YOUR REQUESTED GIFT DESIGNATION. IN THE EVENT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, OR FUNDING EXCEEDS THE NEED, YOUR GIFT WILL BE APPLIED TO A SIMILAR MINISTRY AREA THAT BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH.