

# The Whites

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Adie and I have been in Togo, Africa for three terms working in two different church plants. During our last term, God began working in our hearts about our next step in ministry. After much prayer, searching the Scriptures, and godly counsel, we concluded that God was directing us to the French-speaking island of Martinique to start our next church.

For us, this move is about one thing: following God's calling on our lives; much the same as Paul followed God's direction to another place. Our hearts are saddened to leave Togo where we have had a very fruitful ministry and have many dear friends we leave behind. We had never seen more exciting and fulfilling days in the ministry than what we were witnessing in Togo. However, we know God is moving us and we want to be obedient.

We left our church in Togo in good standing and believe it will continue to do great things for God into the future! In July, we transitioned the church over to a national pastor and wrapped up all construction projects. In a little over two years, we were blessed to purchase land, build a sanctuary and a parsonage, dig a well, construct a children's building, and complete 300 yards of wall to protect the property. God has been so good and we are very thankful for the privilege to have served Him for over 12 years in Togo!

Martinique is a French Department (State) located in the French Antilles. We have discovered there are only 15 Baptist Churches for nearly 400,000 people. The majority of the islanders claim to be Catholic (95%) with only 5% being evangelical and sadly, no new church has been established in over 10 years.

Adie and I are excited to be forming a church planting team with former Togo teammates Jeremy & Mattie Benbrooks who are 10-year veteran missionaries serving with BIMl. Our desire is to plant the first Baptist church in Martinique in nearly 10

years. We have spent the last eight years working closely together in ministry in Togo. We have both pastored, trained nationals, and planted churches. I believe we are equipped for this transition and we are excited about the prospects of starting a new church in Martinique. Having already visited the island and seen the need, we have a better understanding of the task that awaits us. Our goals remain the same as they were in Togo; we are church planters with a focus on evangelism. The only thing changing is our location. Our call, desire, and burden for the lost are completely the same.

We will be home for a furlough in mid 2018 and prayerfully will be ready to leave for Martinique in late fall of 2019. In order to see these goals achieved, we will need to raise additional support due to the high cost of living on an island. Another hurdle to overcome is securing immigration documents for France. Please pray that God will expedite this for us.

We have set up a temporary page on our website (<http://wordpress.missionaryjimwhite.com/> password **transition2018**) that should provide more information about the transition.

Your prayer and financial support are very important to us. Thank you for joining with us for over 15 years as we have served the Lord in Togo. We are looking forward to the future and pray that God will do great things in Martinique!

