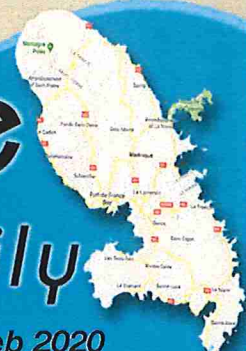




Martinique

The White Family



Jim, Adie, Cybie, Mac & Millie

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Adie and I pray that 2020 is off to a blessed start for everyone! We're so thankful for what God has done for us and how much He's brought us through to this point in ministry. 2019 was a year of transition as we prepared to come to Martinique and we felt God's leading every step of the way. I was telling Adie that it's amazing how just a little over a year and a half ago we were still in Togo, so nervous and excited about the next steps and now we are here in Martinique and ready to be used! It feels like a whirlwind now but we're so thankful God was with us through the whole process.

While we might not be in Togo any longer, we are thankful for modern communication that allows us to keep in touch with some faithful members of our dear church in Bohou. I've spoken to Alphanse a few times over the past couple months and nothing filled my heart more with joy than when I heard he was home for a summer break from his job as a teacher and had started preaching a couple times a month! When we left, he was still too timid and not quite ready to preach. I love how God grows us and stretches us to be what He needs us to be. Through one of my conversations with Alphanse, I asked about Mr. Koukou. He was a guard who worked with us for nearly 8 years. When we started the church in Bohou, he approached me and said that God was leading him to join along side us and help. For those years, he provided invaluable encouragement, godly leadership, and cultural insight. When Adie and I left, we thought since he lived about a 45 minute walk from the church that he might stop helping. I was pleased to hear that despite us not being there he still walks the 90 minute round trip at 66 years old, each and every Sunday. I'm so very thankful for the Christians that

God brought into our lives and the ministry we were part of in Togo. We miss Togo and continue to be blessed by the growth we see in His church and the precious believers there!

Please continue to pray for our work here in Martinique. We are excited about the opportunities that God has for us. This week, a pastor friend invited us to a local pastor's fellowship where he introduced us to several other island pastors. We believe that their wisdom, experience, friendship, and prayers will be crucial in establishing this new church. We have been diligently searching for a place to rent in Le Marin, on the Southeastern side of the island. However, many of the locations we've found have either been too large and out of our price range or up for sale instead of rent. Other buildings we've asked about have been deemed unsafe during an earthquake. Our intentions were to get something and start our new church quickly but this step has been a bit more complicated than we expected. Right now we have a couple good leads. Please pray with us that God will open the right doors and give us someplace to start meeting soon.

We feel just as burdened for the lost here in Martinique as we did in Togo and are eager to see how God builds His church here. The other day, Adie and I went to an appointment in the capitol to get some paperwork resolved. While we were there, we met a group of young Mormon men and we were impressed by the need for the gospel here. There are others who are hoping to reach the people of Martinique as well and with a message that will not lead them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. We pray that God allows His gospel to be spread throughout this island!