



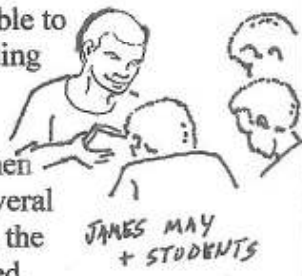


- ① I DRIVE FROM SIQUIRI GUINEA TO BAMAKO, MALI
- ② FRED FLIES TO BAMAKO FROM DAKAR, SENEGAL
- ③ I JOIN FRED'S FLIGHT + WE ARRIVE IN OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO
- ④ WE BUS TO FADA N'GORMA
- ⑤ WE BUS + TAXI TO DAPONG, TOGO
- ⑥ TAXI + BUS BACK TO OUAGA (SAME AS ④+⑤)
- ⑦ PLANE HOME

Now, the church in Burkina is at the other end of the spectrum. This church has never had a missionary assigned to it. An English-speaking Lutheran refugee from Liberia founded the church. His name is Rufus Kormah. The story of how he ended up in Burkina and founded the church is a little long, so I will save that for another newsletter when we don't have as much material to cover. The church got a big boost when Rev. James May did his French language work in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina. At that time he was able to do some evangelism in the city and train several leaders who have since begun attending the CLET in Togo. Still, up to now this church has only a few congregations.



RUFUS



JAMES MAY + STUDENTS

Rev. Reinhardt and I flew into Ouagadougou where we were able to attend church, then took a bus out about five hours east to Fada N'Gourma where Rufus lives and has several churches. After spending a few days, we bussed on down to Togo where we attended the opening services for the new academic year at the CLET. Then on Sunday we attended church in Nano about a half hour away. This place held many memories for me as it was the village where the Bucks had worked and we had visited more than twenty years ago. The mud village church was packed with over three hundred people. After that, several rounds of meetings with the church officials and CLET officials began. I learned a lot seeing how things run and how they are dealt with. Then we took a taxi back to the boarder, got on the bus, and headed back to Ouaga for our flights home. The trip was a success. I spent one day not feeling well at all in Ouaga, and I feared a rematch with the malaria that hit me in Ghana last March, but God is good and I felt better the next day.

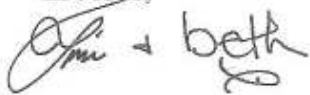


So I have been oriented to the work in Togo and Burkina. I live in Guinea so I need no orientation here. Our family spent six months in Côte d'Ivoire as we prepared to begin Lutheran work in Guinea, and I know their leaders and am familiar with the boarder crossing, so I don't need orientation there. That leaves the church in Benin. So Rev. Reinhardt and I are hoping to visit there together soon. In October I will be at a meeting of the Africa Management Team in South Africa. That will be the official beginning of my work in this area.

While this kind of work is never really what I wanted to do in missions, I really saw areas in which I believe I can be of service to these churches. So in the coming months we will keep you informed about how these two different areas of our work are working out: one to advance missions among Muslims who have never heard the Gospel, and one to raise up and facilitate the growing church as it learns to carry on the task itself in Africa. May God bless these ministries as we seek to reach the world for Christ!!

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