

THE GAYLE GAZETTE

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*"...and (Jesus) sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick,"
(Luke 9:2, NIV).*

We have been blessed this year, with Michael getting pneumonia in February—read on! The radiologist read his chest x-ray as having something else going on besides the pneumonia, but Michael had to get all cleared up from that, before the doctors could look into things further. Starting in May, he's been checked out for latent TB (not contagious) due to all of his years in Togo. Then he was checked out for pulmonary fibrosis. The pulmonologist said that Michael needed a biopsy to verify the diagnosis. The cardiothoracic surgeon saw all the info, and told Michael that he suspected lung cancer. His biopsy confirmed this at the end of Oct. He had his follow up appt with the surgeon, and Michael is scheduled for a right upper lobe removal on Dec 6th. Pray that the cancer is not part of the chest wall—which could make his cancer inoperable. Whatever happens, we know that any day could be our last day on this earth, and that God is always in control! We're very thankful for his pneumonia that pointed out the problem. For our good health (otherwise) and for the ability to keep on working/doing ministry all year long (except for missing a week mission's conference during his pneumonia). And we're thankful that his surgery and recovery are during the Christmas Holidays, when there aren't too many mission's conference or invitations going on. Best case scenario—the lobe comes out, and we continue on. OR the lobe can't come out, and we pray about what to do next. We will keep you all updated with our next newsletter. At this time, we are trusting God for His provisions and timing. God is good ALL the Time! We are praying for you also. We don't take your partnership with us lightly!



Michael was blessed to attend the MedSend preconference, and then the Global Missions Healthcare Conference in Louisville in Nov. It's always such a blessing to represent missions and especially medical missions there. Photo on the left is Michael and Dr. Tom Kendall (one of our Togo surgeons/administrator extraordinaire) with some of the 3,000 plus young people checking out medical missions. Photo on the right is of Michael with Gail Gambill of WMM fame, and the Molsees from our northern hospital in Togo. Please pray for many young people to feel led to full-time missionaries from these types of conferences!

Michael: "After attending a medical missions conference earlier in Houston, I caught an Uber ride back to the airport. My driver was a young, Cuban-heritage man by the name of Rolondo, who is studying to be a nurse. We struck up a conversation very easily talking about family and his studies. When asked about his faith, he said he was a mix of Catholicism and animism. He was very forthright in his beliefs and was very knowledgeable about syncretism (mixture of two or more religions) and his belief that there was more than one way to heaven. He wanted to know my thoughts on the topic of election, pathways to heaven, etc. A very inquisitive young man to say the least. I directed him to the Gospel of John and 14:6 in particular. He likes podcasts so I gave him a couple of tracts and the names of John Piper and RC Sproul as examples of Bible-teaching pastors. I prayed with him when we arrived at the airport and wished him well. I pray that he will continue to seek and find the one true God and His Son Jesus and hopefully see him one day in heaven!" The fields are white onto the harvest! Thanks for praying for Rolondo's true salvation and discipleship!

Thank-you for continuing to pray for the ministries in Togo. The hospital expansion/upgrade is slowly coming along. The training of African surgeons is starting its second year at our hospital in the south and the third year at our hospital in the north. Please pray for the new surgeons to learn well and to grow in Him! Nationals are being led to the Lord, disciplined, and churches are being planted. Thank-you for praying for spiritual growth to be strong and spiritual warfare battles to be won. Continue to pray for the country and for His truths to prevail. Please pray for the missionaries on the field to stand strong and to have love and peace for one another, as well as the strength and perseverance needed for their ministries. Most of all, please pray for His Will to be done in all of our lives, no matter where we are!

"Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all people. For great is the Lord and most worth of praise....," (Psalm 96:2-4a, NIV).

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