

April 2015

First class in the new Sunday School Building!

Today, May 3rd was our first class in the new Sunday school building! The older children met here today, as we are still ordering benches for the younger children. You can see below that the children can now write at their desk instead of kneeling on the ground. I'm happy that we can actually order benches in an appropriate size for small children, and they won't have to continue to dangle from adult heights. Thank you so much for everyone who has prayed and given to make this possible.



Sunday School teacher's conference

The first week of April, I attended the national Sunday School teachers conference with 5 others from the Bongolo area. The picture to the right is from the road along the way there. There were about 80 participants from all over Gabon. Some things were what you would expect from a similar conference in the US. We talked about different teaching methods and reviewed some new materials. The first picture below is one the sessions- this particular one was outside. Some things were very different from the US. We took turns for cooking and clean up. The other two pictures show how we boil water for morning coffee over a wood fire and clean up from supper dishes.



Praises and Thanks

- Grace, right, had her 16th birthday this month. We celebrated with a pillow case dress. She is the oldest of the children I follow for HIV care and I am thankful that she is doing well.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for a young, pregnant women in the hospital with TB and HIV. Lesley has tuberculosis, which is not responding to medicines, so that intermittently she coughs up significant amounts of blood. She is also now developing heart failure at 23 weeks into pregnancy.



Thank you for praying.
Blessings,
Renée

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Here are a few more pictures.

- First, a spontaneous group photo from the conference.
- Next, frying fish outside over a wood fire. Many people here particularly like to eat the heads, while I try to decline politely.
- Hair extensions, done at the conference. They were cute, but they pulled up my forehead, so I couldn't close my eyes tightly. I've decided not to go with this as a long-term style change.
- Cooking the noon meal.
- The outside of the Sunday School building.
- A group of boys carrying one of the benches to the building.

