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## Africa Update Bill & Judy Kirsch

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A few days ago, I was privileged to be a part of the graduation exercises for our school in Lomé, Togo. Graduation services are great celebrations in Africa. Every one of the 118 students who graduated that day was greeted and cheered by a host of family and friends who were there to celebrate the occasion with them. Many of them are already pastoring large churches. Their congregations were there to celebrate with them as well. Among the graduates were three very special students. These have earned their PhD in Theological Studies. All of them shared exciting testimonies of how God has opened new doors of ministry to them, that

they otherwise would not have had before studying at PAThS.

These three, pictured to the right with their spouses, will join others who are now trained to support over 350 Bible schools and extension programs across Africa. They are equipped to train the trainers of pastors for the 10 churches we are planting in Africa every day. I am thankful for



them, and for you, because your support allows Judy and me to follow God's call to equip leaders for the exponential growth of the African church.

Training at PAThS is unlike much of the training that happens today. If I can use a baking metaphor, we do not give these students loaves of bread, but rather teach them how to make their own bread. We see their spirit and mind not as a warehouse to fill but as a tool to be used. We desire to expand their mental and spiritual capacities to be instruments to be used of God to give the African church the moral and spiritual leadership it so desperately needs. These graduates are "Africa's Hope" because they understand that Jesus is the hope of the world.

Thank you for your support, which enables us to equip these African leaders.

Sincerely, Bill & Judy Kirsch

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