

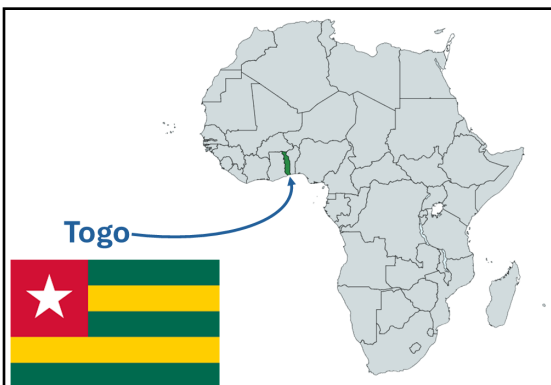


## From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends of Equipping The Saints,

Thank you for praying for my ministry trip to Togo. I cannot begin to express what a joy it was to visit our national (indigenous) missionary partners in Togo at the beginning of March! Our Togolese partners are doing an amazing job of sharing the gospel, making disciples, and planting churches!

I had the privilege of training and encouraging 24 pastors and church planters from Togo and Benin for the first three days of my trip. These leaders are on fire for the Lord, and are seeing many come to faith in Christ! Later that week, we traveled north to visit five new church plants in rural villages of Togo. A highlight of the trip for me was seeing Bibles, sent by Equipping The Saints, being distributed in person. We presented 50 Bibles to believers who had never had their own Bible, and as you can see, they were joyfully received. These Bibles are having a huge impact on the spiritual growth of these believers!



Togo is just one of the many countries served through our Bibles for Africa project. We help provide Bibles and other resources for many Christian workers. The leaders of the church planting movement in Togo have divided Togo into 17 regions, and their goal is to plant at least 3 churches in each region every year! For reference, Togo has a higher population than our home state of Virginia, yet is half the size.



### **“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6)**

I heard many wonderful testimonies while in Togo. Here is just one of those testimonies from the church pictured above:

One Sunday, a little boy went home and told his uncle about the sermon he had heard that day at church. His uncle was not a Christian and was hardened to the gospel. The next Sunday, everyone was so surprised to see the boy’s uncle in the congregation. The pastor even asked him “What are you doing here?” That day his uncle heard the good news and made a decision to follow Christ!

This testimony reminded me that no one is too young or inexperienced to plant a seed in someone’s life. It is truly incredible how the Lord uses his workers around the world to accomplish his purpose! You are a part of that, too! When you partner with us in prayer, volunteering, or financial support, you are having a global impact!

To God be the glory,

Justin Hoy

Executive Director

#### **Praises:**

1. Justin’s ministry trip to Togo—God is using the Bibles sent by ETS to touch many lives!

#### **Prayer Requests:**

1. Pray for the church planters in Togo
2. Continue to pray for our growing outreach to Hispanic pastors in our area
3. Please continue to pray for the persecuted church around the world
4. Pray for revival in America and around the world