

# THE BROWN FAMILY

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PLANNING AND BUILDING WITH PURPOSE

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NEWSLETTER

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Building His Kingdom  
One Project At A Time



## PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

### Successful trips to Togo and Liberia!

\*Matt was blessed with a Togolese crew member who was able to translate daily morning devotions.

\*AND we were able to reconnect with a few team members from 2019.

\*God provided the perfect US team to join us—and each one at just the right time.

We received a few one-time donations at the end of 2022 and gained a few individual supporters in the last quarter of 2022!

Matt has been able to commit more time to ministry related tasks and support raising & has been able to attend gatherings of pastors more regularly. He also enjoyed connecting with other men & church leaders at Calvary's Men of God Conference in March.

We NEED financial partners to help us reach 100% funded so we can take trips to assist with projects in progress and/or projects waiting for a project manager. *Building His Kingdom one project at a time.* Pray for discouragement not to set in.

Several ABWE projects are waiting in the wings to be cut loose, likely later this year. Pray for wisdom and direction for us and the Construction Group leadership as to our involvement in one of those projects later this year.

Continued relationships with Togolese friends and fellow missionary friends in South Togo.

\*\*\*Contact us if you'd like to hear more about our trip to Togo or would like to know more about joining us in the future!! We'd love to chat!\*\*\*

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Village of Light Apartment, Togo  
Stay tuned for GoServ Global,  
Liberia Update

### SUPPORT UPDATE

We continue to fluctuate  
between 40% & 50%.

Would you partner with  
us in prayer and/or  
monthly support?

## FAMILY UPDATE

~Rylie is ENGAGED!!!

~Isaac had a great first year at Capital Univ but is transferring after this semester. Our wolverine fan will likely become a BUCKEYE!

~Avery is finishing her first year of homeschooling strong and is looking forward to warmer weather to be able to run EVERYDAY. Whose child is she?!

~Christmas does happen in Togo and although different, can be good! 😊

The Village of Light school for visually impaired was founded in 1977 by ABWE missionaries Dal and Kay Washer in Kpalime, Togo. Today the school offers complete room and board for all students, teaches a K-6 curriculum incorporating the scripture, offers a 2-year trade workshop program and employs a staff of 28 Togolese workers. As the 2022-23 school year was approaching, the school faced a "good" problem. Housing at the girls' dorm had become overcrowded—the result of girls in Togo being allowed to stay in school longer. At the end of September 2022, the school administrators reached out to us seeking assistance with building a new house parent apartment.



In less than three months, the construction team worked with the school administrators to design a new apartment and a team was on the ground in Kpalime to begin construction. Matt was able to lead a team comprised of Village of Light staff, local masons, iron workers, welders, plumbers, electricians, and an American volunteer team of six to build an 865ft<sup>2</sup> conventional block construction apartment complete with running water for restroom and shower fixtures. Over the course of four weeks, Matt and his team were able to complete the structural elements of the apartment including foundation work, pouring the slab, laying the walls, setting trusses, and roofing the structure. Finish work has been completed by the Togolese workers and the apartment is now occupied.

