

Summer  
2006

**PRAYER**

- Souleymane and Salaam for salvation
- Grace with regard to the war
- Church construction in Gbegbessou
- Health and well-being
- Children in the States
- PASTORS & THEIR FAMILIES:
  - Richard
  - Eloi
  - Evariste
  - Anatole
  - Emmanuel
  - Mattias
- Our return to the Field

# Tim & Barbara Downs

## FURLOUGH IS OVER ...WE'RE OUTTA HERE

It's hard to believe that we were getting off of the plane a year ago. So much has transpired since that time and now we're ready to return to the people to whom God has called us.

While in the States we visited 85 churches. Most were supporting churches where we gave a report, but some were new and God has added some needed support. It's always a thrill to expose new people to the work of God in Africa!

For those of you that like numbers, I thought that the following might be of interest. Not including our personal expenses for simply living, our furlough expenses were as follows:

- Gas \$4561.71
- Restaurants \$1917.51
- Hotels \$1210.43
- Misc. including airfare, tolls, dry cleaning and etc. \$3099.54

The grand total **\$10,789.19**  
This represents about 51,000 miles driven, including personal miles. And due to the high gas prices we flew 20,237 miles.

Honestly, that just doesn't seem to be an expense too outrageous to me. It is biblical and responsible to report to the churches that have contributed to the work in Côte d'Ivoire through the years and we are glad to do it.

***PRAYER-NET***

It has been a little while since we have updated our Prayer-net group. However if you think that you should be getting email from us and aren't, drop me a note and we'll make sure that you get added to the list. When we're in Côte d'Ivoire the messages are more frequent because it feels like we need you more.

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## Political situation remains tense

When the war started in Côte d'Ivoire in September 2002, we all thought that it would be settled in a few days or weeks. Now we're preparing to "celebrate" the fourth anniversary of the war. The division between North and South still remains in tact making travel difficult.

There is continued sporadic fighting along the "front" which is about 25 miles from our home in Yamoussoukro and military activity is constant in the region.

Protests remain a constant concern since they usually lead to heavy looting and car-jackings. One must keep his ear to the ground in order to be aware of what is planned for the day. A protest march can erupt in a few hours and bring hundreds of thousands of people into the streets. All angry and lawless. There have been several of these protests in Abidjan and in November of 2004 almost all of the French owned businesses in Yamoussoukro were destroyed. Little by little missionaries and

business-people alike are leaving the country. Many of them definitively.

Please pray that the war will be resolved and that we will be able to continue working even if the conditions do not improve. We are determined to stay as long as God allows .