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“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay.”

**Matthew 28:5 (ESV)**



**April 16th, 2025**



*Destroyed Pygmy church (left), Pastor Modeste with boxes of Bibles he distributed in 2023 (right)*

## Bibles for the Pygmies

Thanks to you, SF was able to purchase 150 Bibles and one *Africa Study Bible* for our partner **Pasteur Modeste François Mutshiawudi Mbombo** to distribute among the **Pygmy believers** in the DRC's equatorial forest. This May and June, he plans to travel through Kinshasa, Mbandaka/Equateur, Pendjwa, and Kiri, avoiding a group that hunts and kills people in the Bandundu province. He requests prayer for his family, provision for his travel needs, a training event for Pygmy pastors, and the rebuilding of an evangelical Pygmy church in Kiri Centre recently destroyed by a torrential downpour. Please also pray for the timely printing of 100 copies of *Multiplier les leaders* (Multiplying Leaders) at the print-on-demand center in Kinshasa for Pastor Modeste's journey.

**Learn More about Our “Bible Distribution” Project**



*Distribution of SF's Sunday school materials at Pastor Galilée's Bible school in Haiti*

## “Deep Challenges” in Haiti

SF partner Pastor Galilée J. Périlus writes that Haiti is “in panic mode” as gangs wreak havoc throughout the island nation. He requests prayer for:

- Peace and security in Haiti, that God would calm the storms of violence and bring safety to the people
- Provision for those in need, that the Lord would open doors for food, clean water, and medical care
- Wisdom for Haiti's leaders, that God would guide them to govern with justice, integrity, and love for the people
- Spiritual revival, that the Church in Haiti would stand strong, bringing hope, unity, and the light of Jesus Christ
- A solar power system for the Bible school he leads
- Books for the library
- Financial support to continue the classrooms' construction

Pastor Galilée challenges us to pray without ceasing, reminding us that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1).





*Pastor Abidi and his wife Enyonam (left) and their new baby (right)*

## Birth Complications

**SF partner Pastor Mawuli Abidi of Togo asks us to pray “seriously” for his wife Enyonam and their new daughter born April 3rd.** Enyonam has been hospitalized for three weeks. Due to complications with labor and a malformed chin, the baby girl has respiratory difficulties and has been in an incubator since birth. Pastor Abidi requests prayer for the Lord to open the baby’s breathing pathways and straighten her chin; to give grace to his wife; and to help him to stay strong in the faith as he manages care for his family and ministry, especially as the hospital is 200 kilometers from their home.





*Training at the print-on-demand center in Kinshasa*

## At Last an Open Door

Since last year, SF has been trying to secure a contract with Publications Chrétiennes to print their titles in the DRC. **The new Director General Guy Foubue has granted a contract!** This open door to print titles in Africa comes on the heels of the French postal service's discontinuation of the economical postal sack, which now makes shipping directly from France cost-prohibitive. What an incredible example of God's perfect timing! This will allow SF partner Jacques Luwaku to have Kevin de Young's *What Is the Mission of the Church?* ready for his training of 300 evangelists in May. We invite you to praise God with us and to continue to pray for the print-on-demand center in Kinshasa.

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*Tom Rice's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren singing "The Goodness of God" at Tom's funeral. Sue is sitting with her back to the camera.*

## No Fear in Death

SF Director of Operations John Saucedo, who represented SF at Tom Rice's funeral, spoke warmly of the God-honoring service where Tom's children and eldest grandson shared memories and appreciation. The youth pastor of the church (now senior pastor) went with Tom on an Impressions trip to the former BLF print shop in Belgium. Thus began a journey where God led Tom to our board and then to become its president. A photograph album on display was dedicated to that trip. Those present and watching the livestream heard how Tom's family, gathered around him in his last moments on earth, was singing "In Christ Alone." At the beginning of the final verse, Tom was with them; at the end of the verse, he was with Jesus.

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.  
(Keith and Kristin Getty)*

**We pray you enjoy a blessed Easter. He is risen indeed!**

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