

# The Plane Truth

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## Home

We arrived home just before Christmas, in time to decorate for the holidays. Seth enjoyed pointing out all the fake tree “needles” that fell onto the floor. We praise God for safety in travel and the visits we were able to make the previous 3 months. During the month of January, Jason is able to do some preaching at our home church in Madera.

## Homework

During our prefield ministry we have a few assignments from ABWE that we are working on. Since we are hoping to attend one of the trainings in March, we are diligently trying to finish our work for that seminar. We have four books to read (*Cross-Cultural Connections* by Duane Elmer; *Let the Nations Be Glad* by John Piper; *African Friends & Money Matters* by David Marantz; and *The World of the Spirits* by Scott Moreau). We have committed to read one book each week in January and so far are gleaning some interesting insights from them.

## Retreat

For the second consecutive year now, we were able to attend a Christian worker’s retreat in beautiful Cambria, CA. It was a joy to be able to connect with other CA pastors and leaders. Jason Nightingale of Wordsower International was the guest speaker. What a privilege for us to be able to listen to his messages and hear him quote books of the Bible! One afternoon had a bit of free time scheduled, during which we were able to visit Hearst Castle and see the magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean.

Pledged Monthly Support

\$0 66 % \$6,919

One-Time Outfit & Passage

\$0 90 % \$45,000

Please see back for more

## Goals

Our desire is to leave for language school in August, but as you can see from the diagrams here, that is dependent upon when we are able to attend the remaining training sessions, which are also dependent upon our support level.

Option #1 **with** 85% by the end of February

*MARCH 2012*  
Field Prep Seminar

*JULY 2012*  
Essential Missions  
Components

*SEPTEMBER 2012*  
Language School

Option #2 **without** 85% by the end of February,  
but at least by the end of October

*JULY 2012*  
Essential Missions  
Components

*NOVEMBER 2012*  
Field Prep Seminar

*JANUARY 2013*  
Language School

There are a few ways you can help us:

- ✓ Pray for us
- ✓ Support us financially and help us reach our 85% goal
- ✓ Let us know of any individuals or churches who may want to hear about our future ministry in Togo, West Africa
- ✓ Save on postage by receiving our updates by email, just send us an email at [jklaire@abwe.cc](mailto:jklaire@abwe.cc) letting us know

## Family Update

Since we have been back home in California, we have had some unseasonably beautiful weather (yes, you may come visit us and experience it for yourself!). It has been nice to be able to take Seth and Elizabeth for walks as they both love being outdoors. Elizabeth has recently begun sleeping through the night – hooray! We've also introduced baby food into her diet, though not on a regular basis yet. Seth enjoys being busy . . . playing with his toys, helping vacuum or do yard work, and continuing to explore what he's allowed to get into and what he's not allowed to get into. We are thrilled that he seems to love being a big brother. On the trip back home, both of the kids traveled quite well for the nine days we were in the van. There were only a few times when we had to work hard at keeping them entertained. Thanks for praying for our trip!