

Monthly Report from Côte d'Ivoire Koffi Tehua, Country Partner

What Is God doing?

Since 2002, our nation is in civil crisis. After many meetings outside without results, by the prayer of the Church, political leaders recognize that only our Christian God can save the nation. The Church also sees the necessity to unite as one. God is working to unite his people here to change the nation. Thank you for partnering with us.

Last month's highlights

-Establishment of network in the media sector (TV, Radio, press) called **UPMCI** (Christian Professional Media Union of Cote d'Ivoire) led by a member of our team.

-11 souls won for Christ last month in our church

-Seminar with 25 women leaders of the church.
Topic: How to talk about HIV prevention in the church?

-Seminar with Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict and West African network for Peace Building –Abidjan 23-27 Feb 2009



Koffi and his wife speaking at an HIV training



Koffi's Leadership Team

Goals for this year:

-Continue to share the vision of Breakthrough Partners in many sectors of society.

-Focus on two sectors for development: the Christian financial sector and women's associations.

- Training in economic development, 29 Nov -5 Dec 2009 in conjunction with Breakthrough Partners US and Chalmers Center for Economic Development

- Register Breakthrough Partners Ivory Coast

This coming quarter we will begin planning for the upcoming Christian Economic Development Training.

A story of testimony:

A leader of a local church said that before attending our training he didn't allow his members to go out for fear of losing them. After hearing the vision of Breakthrough Partners he recognized the goodness of being one, of working together. One of his church members is a businessman who had some problems with the tax authorities. In the very room they were meeting was the man he needed to talk with. The pastor introduced them and this man helped him right there! "If we are one, then when we work together we will know the power of God," says this church leader now.

Our ministry challenges as we plan for the future include 1) Church barriers, 2) Reluctance of some leaders work together, and 3) Selfishness.

Our praises and thanks that the women can talk openly about HIV in church; there is no shame to live with HIV. They are free. We also can see the benefits of working together and the joy this gives.

Prayer needs: 1) Unity within the Church, community and nation, 2) The upcoming training in Christian economic development – We need 150 practitioners who will be trained to bring this teaching into their communities. We also need funding for this training.