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## **Growing Pains**

Greedy decisions often cause loss instead of gain. You may remember that last year, the Farming God's Way project of Bondoukou halted when villagers allowed an unauthorized company access to land. Our Ivorian brother M., the owner of the property, had dedicated many acres for Community Health Evangelism (CHE) purposes. Sadly, the Indian company leveled the ground for their project before the government and M. could stop them. They destroyed crops, trees, and a partially working drainage system that had been installed in the past. When the foreign entity was eventually evicted and required to remove their heavy equipment, disgruntled villagers planted their crops on M.'s land, again without permission.

In the past month, heavy rains utterly destroyed every bit of the encroachers' crops. M. used the occasion to confront the villagers about their behavior. A cascade of effects from their deceit not only hindered a project intended to bless them all and caused M. to suffer, but it boomeranged on them. Their greedy decisions caused loss instead of gain. The bright note in this regrettable story is that the whole village now professes to be on board with M. for the CHE project. Several villagers are also very open to spiritual matters, as M. has made efforts to share the Gospel through an audio Bible and Discovery Bible Study.



## **Growing Partnership**

From a different project, we share a picture of the first fruits from the mushroom project that started this summer. Progress slowed from the lack of mycelium (growth from mushroom spores) that was supposed to be provided by the trainers. Nevertheless, we helped the local team discover ways to grow their own mycelium. As a result, their "homegrown" confidence deepens as they realize that they can find solutions to the problems they face. The two men pictured are training a dozen others who are also becoming disciples to save others or being saved.

## Growing Paws

We cannot resist showing off the female Rottweiler that joined our family this week. Luna is the stud fee from our male Rottweiler mating with a local dog this summer. She is a bundle of energy and keeps us on our toes. At only five weeks old, she is not big enough to handle life outside with the two adult dogs, so we have her socializing with us inside for a few weeks.



## **Prayer and Praise**

- Praise the Lord for the increasing spiritual openness in the village that suffered loss from their greed. Pray that the final legal paperwork on the land issue will proceed without delay. Hopefully, the case will be put on the docket before the end of 2019. If it is, when we return in the fall of 2020, the agricultural project will begin to move forward, accelerating as we confirm investors.
- © Continue to pray for our preparations to leave on November 19. Please lift up next week's five-day gathering with four Ivorian CHE practitioners. They will live with us briefly to learn, plan, and share.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin and Debbie Anderson

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