



"Celebrating All Women"

Mother's Day, a day we celebrate mothers around the world and rightfully so with all they do for our children today. There are moms that need to be recognized, that should be celebrated, that should be rewarded but as a church we can not forget those that struggle on this day. Some can look for hours at a Mother's Day card aisle and not find the right one because those words don't match the woman who raised them. There was pain, hurt, anger, addictions and more in their memories but today they choose to forgive, love and honor as God's word instructs. There are women that struggle with a life of infertility, miscarriages and rebellious teens. There are many that sit in church services around the world wishing they could celebrate with their mothers but have to wait until they are reunited at the gates of heaven. There are mothers that celebrate a day with a child missing either because they ran away, or they left this world too soon.

This year we hope that you will not avoid a church service because of the difficulties this can bring. Instead that you will join us as we remember the women that are gone, the mothers that are here and the ladies that struggle to conceive. We pray that this year when you attend our Mother's Day Service you will find hope, encouragement and comfort in our King. We invite you to a Mother's Day Service dedicated to ALL women. Yes, we will celebrate our moms and yes, we will recognize the amazing part you play in our families but if you

Personal Message



**Luke 24: 13-34
(NLT)**

The Walk to Emmaus

13 That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. 16 But God kept them from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. 18 Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in

are a woman know that you are not forgotten no matter your circumstance. If your mom is no longer with us or your relationship with your children is not where you wish it to be please join us and let us pray for the comfort that comes from Him and Him alone.

"Now these three remain: faith. Hope, and love- but the greatest of these is love." 1st Corinthians 13:13 (CSB)

Have a great month,
Pastor Jaime Ramirez



Happy Mother's Day

Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

19 "What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said.

"He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. 20 But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. 21 We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel.

This all happened three days ago.

22 "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report.

23 They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! 24 Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. 26 Wasn't



GAP Missions Ivory Coast Update

"Jungle Riders" Remote Village Outreach Results

"Jungle Riders" Oct-Nov-Dec evangelistic outreach of 2018 was hampered by unusually late rains but the team successfully reached 35 villages within their planned scope of 52 villages. We rejoice to share the great news that 1,927 souls trusted Christ as Savior. The "Jungle Riders" Follow-Up Teams are presently discipling these new Christians. They prayerfully hope to see 35 new churches established as the converts grow in grace and follow His Word. (New Works: Gueré-7, Beté-4, Yacouba-8, Wobé-11, Niamboa-4, Apollo region-1).



Now that the follow-up team has taken charge, the "Jungle Riders" team is released to move into new territories. We have already begun our 2019 campaign and expect great

it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" 27 Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, 29 but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. 30 As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. 31 Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! 32 They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" 33 And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, 34 who said, "The Lord has really

results. SIXTEEN New BICYCLES were purchased for the follow-up teams to help them facilitate their ministry. Each team member serves under the leadership of one of our mission's 29 established churches and their pastor. Also, FOUR New MOTORCYCLES were purchased for regional leaders plus an additional moto for Missionary Malachi who is overseeing four newly established Niamboa churches. The Lord has certainly answered our prayer of 2018, "Call unto me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things.."



Jer. 33:3 Thanks to all who helped us purchase the equipment and gave money to keep "Jungle Riders" moving. And, thanks to all for the many prayers.

GAP BIBLE Institute

Four advanced-studies graduates now operate satellite schools in various parts of Ivory Coast. This means we can accommodate students living in areas where they live.



Having Bible students who also speak the specific tribal language is a necessity and having these schools accessible to them locally will help to better expand the GOSPEL among

risen! He appeared to Peter."

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their people. Bible students are also gaining practical experience by serving on the "Jungle Riders" Follow-Up Team

GAP Orphanage

God has blessed us with 27 precious girls. Ages range from 5 to 19 years old. Some have been in our care for 7 years. Six attend high school and the others are in elementary. We have no government funds or sufficient individual donations to cover all the orphanage needs each month but God always fills in the blanks, meeting every need of every day. His promises are sure, or time and time again we experienced the joy of being under the care of His watchful eye. Many times HE goes beyond needs with special treats. The girls have never been short on the necessities of life. Our girls eat a lot of fish because that's the most cost effective way to feed so many.



One day I casually said, "Lord, I know these girls must tire of eating fish. I wish I could somehow give them a good meal of chicken or beef." A day or two after, a man drove up with his children to our gate. The guard called for me to come meet them and the stranger explained that he had a chicken farm and had seen our orphanage in passing. He wanted his children to learn the joy of giving. So, with smiles, his children handed 12 live chickens to the orphans. We had a delicious feast. Wonderful stories of God's provision and care happen

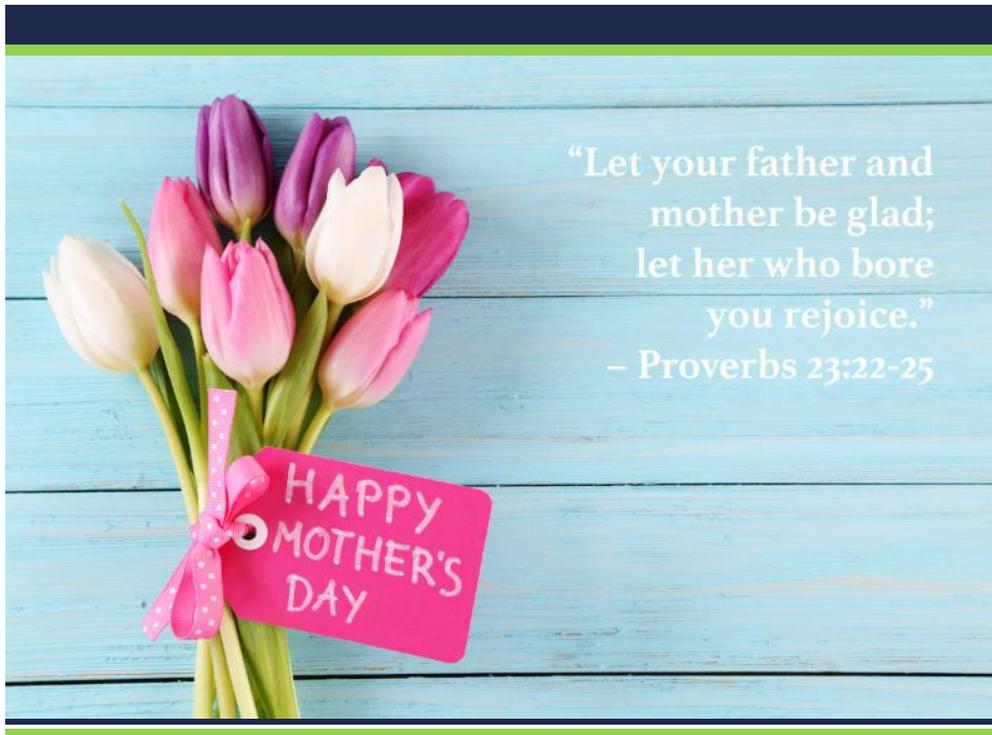
regularly around the orphanage. It is not an easy ministry but it is extremely fulfilling.

ALL for HIS Glory



I could not close this newsletter without expressing our gratitude to all who Prayed for LaNelle, encouraged and stood close by our family, and sent the many cards and notes expressing love and concern when she was stricken with Guillain Barré Syndrome. So many people from around the globe were ringing Heaven's bells on her behalf and God graciously answered our heart cry. She was paralyzed from feet to neck and could not move, speak, eat, or breathe on her own. GBS causes excruciating pain as the syndrome strips the protective coating off of the nerves. Doctors told us there was nothing they could do to arrest the sickness, it had to run its course. They could not tell us how far it would go, or, if it turned around, how fully she would recover. But God showed mercy and grace and we give honor and glory to HIM for HIS healing touch and for giving her back to us. Truly, she is a walking miracle. Rehab was so exciting as the smallest accomplishments of learning to walk and talk again brought elated joy. Now, we are able to travel and continue missions as always. She was such a brave witness through it all in attitude and actions and never lost her smile and sweet spirit. God used her in so many ways to proclaim His glory. We often said, to be by her bedside was like walking on holy ground. All the doctors and nurses were extremely

professional and gave excellent care, but they also loved her and seemed to be drawn to her wanting to know what made her so different than most other patients. The LORD gave countless opportunities to share the GOSPEL and our faith with nurses and doctors. This heart rending experience also brought a deeper meaning to life and love for our family. And, it also gave greater meaning to sharing the Love of Christ with others for we came to the stark realization that life and possibilities can change in an unexpected instant. Our consolation is that we never walk alone no matter the circumstance, challenge, or place life may take us. Life really is all about... HIS GLORY.



May is here and summer is coming! Spring has sprung, flowers are blooming and the all things new are sprouting. CF is always looking forward to all things new. This year has brought on some excited changes and we look forward to growing with you all in this journey.

We would like to thank all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and events day. So much work and effort was put into it with your whole hearts and we just want you to know how grateful we are for you. It was a great success for the kids and the adults. Lots of new friends were made as well as memories and good times.

CF Family Day is May 25th and we are so excited about it. We are working hard in planning it so please stay tuned for more details to come.

Did you know that CF is on social media? Stay connected!!



Twitter at: @cf_church



Instagram at: @Cypress_Fellowship



Facebook at: Cypress Fellowship.



We also have a new and exciting app for CF called the REALM Connect for apple and android. It's a private for use by church members and attendees only so you can share without the whole world looking in. You can see what is going on with CF, join groups, send messages/chat and you can even give on this app. If you would like a sign in please contact Lisette Kramer at 281-246-7700 or by email at admin@cypressfellowship.org

Upcoming Events

Wingman's Breakfast Saturday, May 4th Beginning at 8:00 AM @ Luby's	Titus Women's Group Saturday, May 4th cancelled for women's retreat
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Women's Meeting Thursday, May 2nd 7:00 PM in the portable building	Wingman Meeting Thursday, May 16th 7:00 PM in the auditorium
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