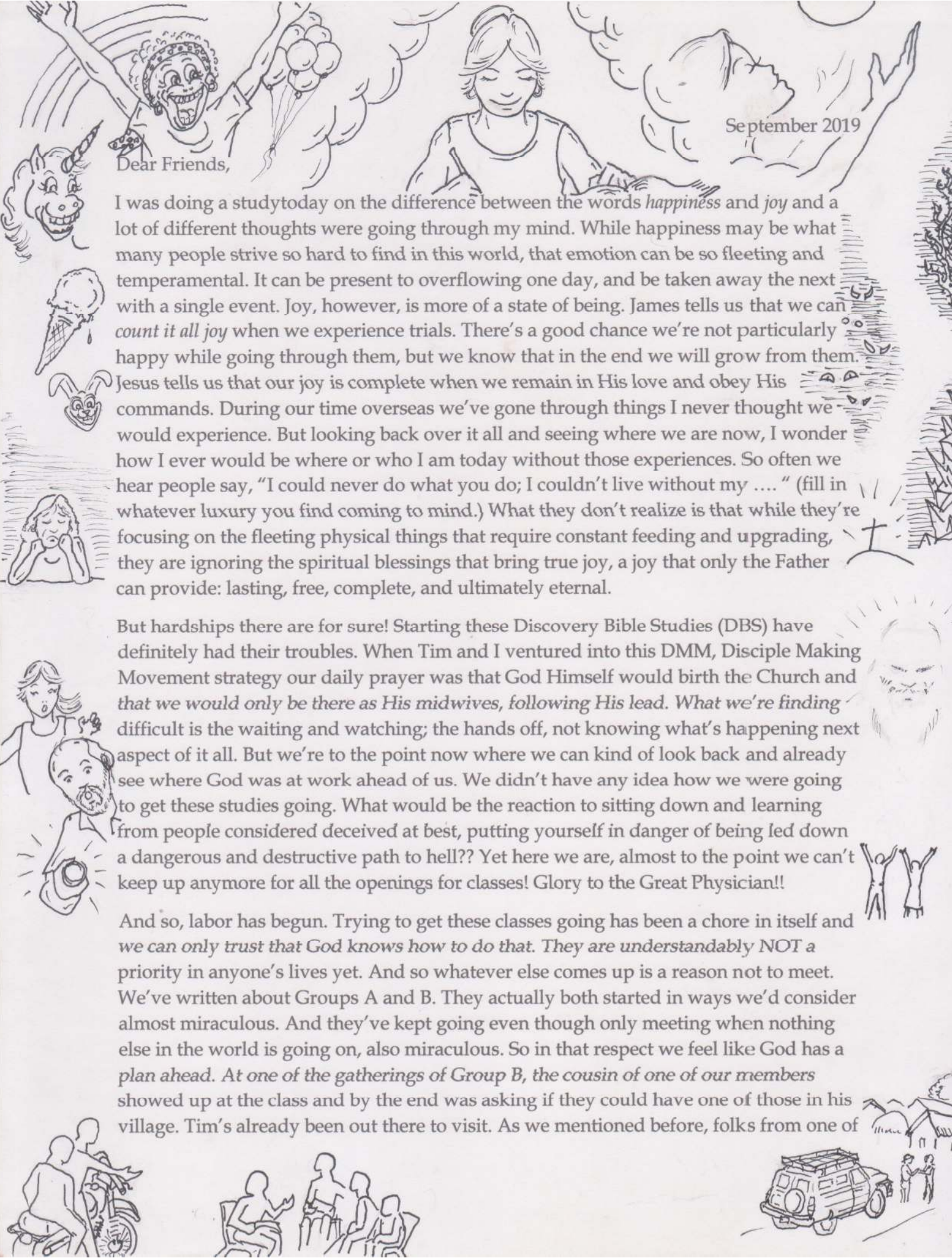



Dear Friends,

I was doing a study today on the difference between the words *happiness* and *joy* and a lot of different thoughts were going through my mind. While happiness may be what many people strive so hard to find in this world, that emotion can be so fleeting and temperamental. It can be present to overflowing one day, and be taken away the next with a single event. Joy, however, is more of a state of being. James tells us that we can *count it all joy* when we experience trials. There's a good chance we're not particularly happy while going through them, but we know that in the end we will grow from them. Jesus tells us that our joy is complete when we remain in His love and obey His commands. During our time overseas we've gone through things I never thought we would experience. But looking back over it all and seeing where we are now, I wonder how I ever would be where or who I am today without those experiences. So often we hear people say, "I could never do what you do; I couldn't live without my" (fill in whatever luxury you find coming to mind.) What they don't realize is that while they're focusing on the fleeting physical things that require constant feeding and upgrading, they are ignoring the spiritual blessings that bring true joy, a joy that only the Father can provide: lasting, free, complete, and ultimately eternal.

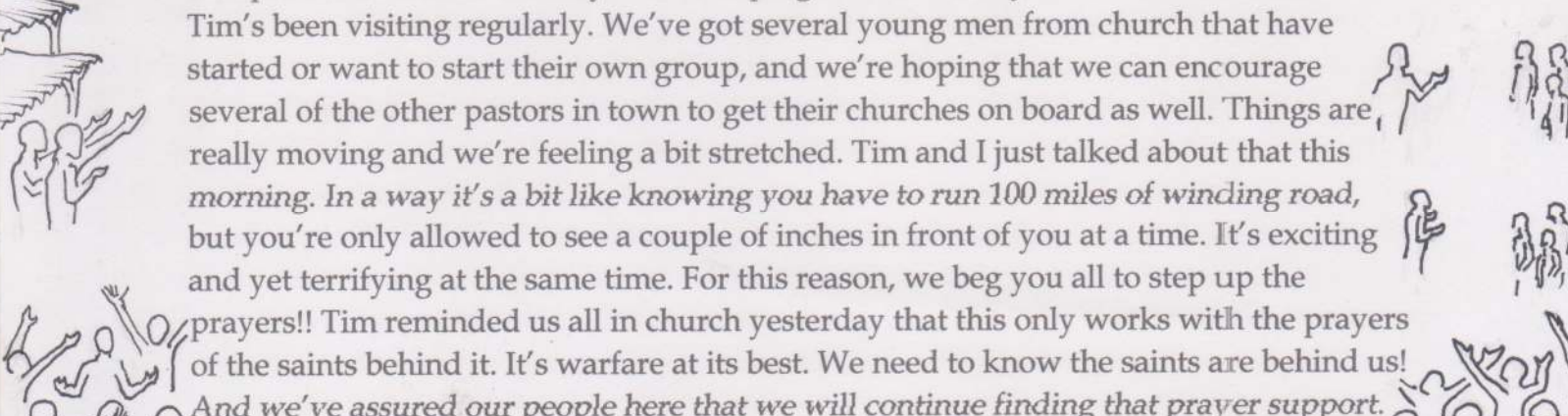
But hardships there are for sure! Starting these Discovery Bible Studies (DBS) have definitely had their troubles. When Tim and I ventured into this DMM, Disciple Making Movement strategy our daily prayer was that God Himself would birth the Church and that we would *only be there as His midwives, following His lead. What we're finding* difficult is the waiting and watching; the hands off, not knowing what's happening next aspect of it all. But we're to the point now where we can kind of look back and already see where God was at work ahead of us. We didn't have any idea how we were going to get these studies going. What would be the reaction to sitting down and learning from people considered deceived at best, putting yourself in danger of being led down a dangerous and destructive path to hell?? Yet here we are, almost to the point we can't keep up anymore for all the openings for classes! Glory to the Great Physician!!

And so, labor has begun. Trying to get these classes going has been a chore in itself and we can *only trust that God knows how to do that. They are understandably NOT* a priority in anyone's lives yet. And so whatever else comes up is a reason not to meet. We've written about Groups A and B. They actually both started in ways we'd consider almost miraculous. And they've kept going even though only meeting when nothing else in the world is going on, also miraculous. So in that respect we feel like God has a *plan ahead. At one of the gatherings of Group B, the cousin of one of our members* showed up at the class and by the end was asking if they could have one of those in his village. Tim's already been out there to visit. As we mentioned before, folks from one of

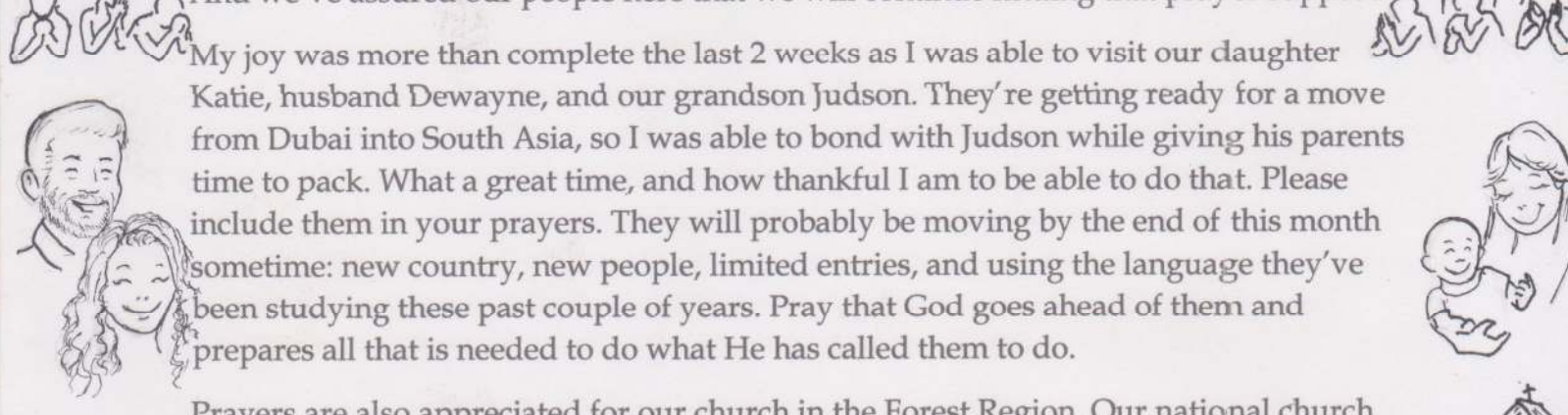




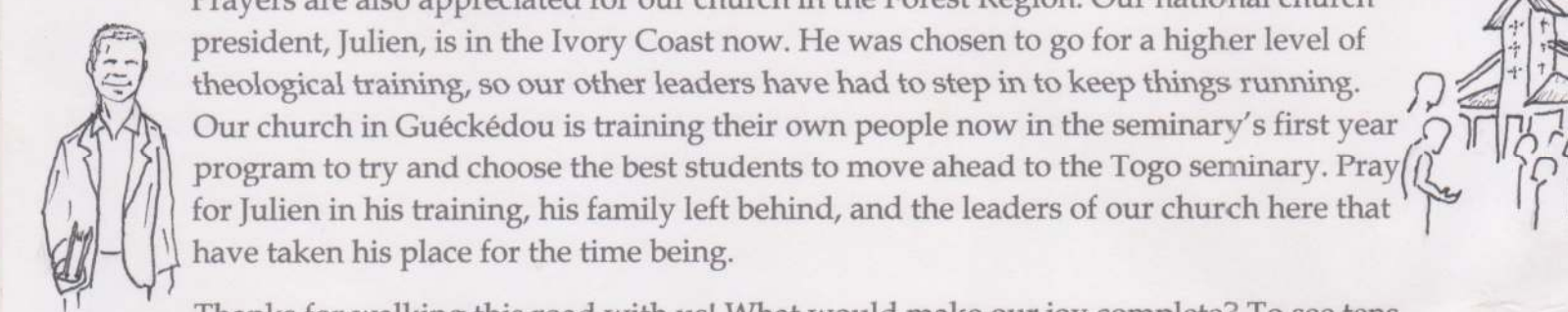
the villages where we gave out one of the wheelchairs is asking for a class. An English teacher here in town may soon start one, as well as another English speaker to whom Tim presented a bible recently. We're hoping to start a study in one of the markets Tim's been visiting regularly. We've got several young men from church that have started or want to start their own group, and we're hoping that we can encourage several of the other pastors in town to get their churches on board as well. Things are really moving and we're feeling a bit stretched. Tim and I just talked about that this morning. In a way it's a bit like knowing you have to run 100 miles of winding road, but you're only allowed to see a couple of inches in front of you at a time. It's exciting and yet terrifying at the same time. For this reason, we beg you all to step up the prayers!! Tim reminded us all in church yesterday that this only works with the prayers of the saints behind it. It's warfare at its best. We need to know the saints are behind us! And we've assured our people here that we will continue finding that prayer support.



My joy was more than complete the last 2 weeks as I was able to visit our daughter Katie, husband Dewayne, and our grandson Judson. They're getting ready for a move from Dubai into South Asia, so I was able to bond with Judson while giving his parents time to pack. What a great time, and how thankful I am to be able to do that. Please include them in your prayers. They will probably be moving by the end of this month sometime: new country, new people, limited entries, and using the language they've been studying these past couple of years. Pray that God goes ahead of them and prepares all that is needed to do what He has called them to do.




Prayers are also appreciated for our church in the Forest Region. Our national church president, Julien, is in the Ivory Coast now. He was chosen to go for a higher level of theological training, so our other leaders have had to step in to keep things running. Our church in Guéckédou is training their own people now in the seminary's first year program to try and choose the best students to move ahead to the Togo seminary. Pray for Julien in his training, his family left behind, and the leaders of our church here that have taken his place for the time being.



Thanks for walking this road with us! What would make our joy complete? To see tens of thousands here flock to Jesus; to see the chains of bondage broken as those that were once lost change their eternal direction and head straight toward the Son. Amen, yes Lord, let it be so!

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