



Lorna had spine surgery on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> to relieve a pinched nerve that had been causing her right arm pain 24/7. **YAY! It was successful! No more pain!** She had trouble swallowing the first few days, but her normal eating came back and the brace was taken off on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> just in time for all the grandkids who came for the Christmas holidays (see pic below). Full recovery is estimated to take two months, but she is back to functioning as normal. Still needs to be cautious about the incision around her neck but that should heal up without any scarring by the next month.

She is healthy enough to begin her track coaching with sprinters and hurdlers and ministry with the athletes. The spring season began on January 3<sup>rd</sup> with her tutoring program resuming on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Cote d'Ivoire

Dirke has begun to meet weekly via Zoom with seven of Campus Crusade for Christ's national leaders in the Ivory Coast who are working on their Master's Degrees.

Using Competency Based Theological (CBT) Teaching, each missionary has a **team of three mentors** that guides them in accomplishing the required competencies and outcomes necessary to complete the two-year degree program.

**Dirke is their Faculty mentor** who insures they are learning the theological truths and principles necessary. In addition, each student has a **personal mentor** related to their personal life/character issues, plus a **ministry mentor** who observes first-hand their effectiveness in ministry.

This degree program is provided in partnership with Kairos Univ. (formerly Sioux Falls Bible College) and designed to be financially affordable for missionaries in countries that don't have the financial means for advanced degrees.



## Prayer & Praises

- Keep Lorna's spinal recovery in your prayers and praise God for its success.
- Pray Dirke does well in his theological coaching of our French-speaking Ivory Coast staff and that Dirke's limited French vocabulary will not be a problem.
- Pray for two new classes of students Dirke will be teaching this term from Palm Beach Atlantic Christian University and the team effectiveness training that he is scheduled to do with Cru's leadership teams.
- Praise God for our time with our family over Christmas and time with our 7 grandkids. Below six of them are enjoying time in the water with Uncle Matt.
- Keep us in your prayers as we launch into a new year of ministry!

