



# THE FRENCH FINLEYS

POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS TRANSFORMED LIVES

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## Transcontinental Missions Partnerships

We live in exciting times when it's possible to build transcontinental missions partnerships that are mutually beneficial to everyone involved. I've just returned from Ivory Coast where I worked with a team representing churches from three continents. This letter helps tell the story of God's global household.

*You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household ( OIKOS ).*  
Ephesians 2:19

**Three Continents**  
**One Team - One OIKOS**



Sara Ferjule,  
French Team Member





# L'Institut Biblique Bethel à Korhogo, Côte d'Ivoire

## Why ?

Our team's purpose was to contribute to the well-being of the [Bethel Bible Institute](#). We believe in the strategic priority of this ministry. Bethel is developing new leaders for a growing association of over 400 churches in war torn Ivory Coast, currently led by fewer than 100 pastors. There is nothing more important than identifying, training and sending new workers into this rich harvest. We will not hide our hope and prayer that one day Bethel will send African missionaries to work shoulder to shoulder with us in French-speaking Europe.

## What ?

I'm happy to report that we were able to accomplish our goals. We laid the foundation for a new building that will double the school's capacity to receive more students. We built a playground so the students' children living on campus will have a safe place to play. We added computers to the 24 port [ethernet/wifi network](#) we installed last year. An important way that you or your church might contribute to Bethel's ministry would be to pay for their internet service. Let me (Jonathan) know if you're interested in covering all or part of this \$1,000 annual fee. A high-speed connection helps to facilitate our global partnership, gives students and faculty online access to theological resources, and creates the possibility to develop distance learning

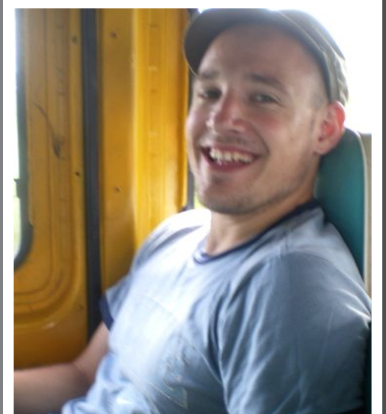
opportunities. An internet café on campus would make electronic access self-sustaining. Imagine the day when I and others will be able to teach at Bethel from Paris or from anywhere else in the world.

## Who ?

As positive as our contribution to the well-being of the Bible Institute has been, we are equally thrilled with what God is doing in the lives of our team members through the project. [Twin Lakes Church](#) in Aptos, California, has been an exemplary partner, proving the positive impact an English-speaking church can have in a French-speaking context. Two French churches, *les Eglises Protestantes Baptistes de Langy et de Pontault*, are proving how the multi-cultural Paris suburbs are fertile ground to prepare Europeans for service in Africa. Lord willing, Mission OIKOS will send French team leader, Benjamin Short, to work for two years with [Journey Corps](#) in Ivory Coast. OIKOS intern, Seth Westhoff, is applying for a career appointment in October with [WorldVenture](#). [Sharlene](#) Yang is raising support to work with OIKOS. Pray for these young leaders as they prepare for missionary service in the French-speaking world. Pray for [OIKOS](#) as we continue to build a structure to send and to receive Christian workers to and from anywhere.

Blessings ! The *French Finleys*

## GLOBAL CONNECTIONS



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