

Funds needed for two-year stay

Moody's aim for Africa to serve the Lord

David and Janet Moody have taken on a big selling job — themselves. They, along with their three children, hope to be in Togo, West Africa, in less than a year as missionaries

with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE). To do that, they need to raise more than \$30,000.

Why Togo? Why be missionaries? The Moodys weren't intending to become missionaries when they went to church camp last summer near Houghton Lake.

There, they met Dr. David Clutts of Wyoming, Mich., who had been to Togo for two weeks and was back soliciting money and equipment to establish a hospital there through the ABWE.

"The Lord spoke to us through various ways that we should go," David said, in explaining what happened at the camp.

The Moodys applied to the missionary organization, which was delighted when they did so.

Moody has been a printer for 18 years and has operated a print shop in the basement of his Deckerville Road, Deford, home the past two years. His wife is a registered nurse, employed

at Hills and Dales General Hospital. The ABWE missionaries in Togo have been wanting to establish a print shop as there are no such facilities in the nation of 2.5 million people.

Printed materials now must be brought from France. French is the official and trade language of the Ex-French colony, which became an independent

nation in 1960. Most natives of the country speak one of the various tribal dialects, most common of which is Ewe (pronounced "ay-vay"). Printed materials in that language are few and far between, hence the need for the print shop.

One of Moody's tasks before departing is selecting the equipment to be sent there, including two printing presses, one of which he owns, camera and plate burner (both used in making the offset printing plates) and typesetter, plus a two-year supply of paper.

The equipment will probably cost \$35-40,000. Raising money for that is primarily the responsibility of the ABWE.

The Moodys must, however, raise the money to pay their own way to and from Togo, plus living expenses for the 24 months they and their three children will be over there.

As of January, their living expenses were figured at \$1,315 for each of the 24

months they will be in the nation, plus, Moody said, "whatever inflation gets us for and that's unpredictable as anything."

HOW WILL THEY RAISE the much more than \$30,000 needed?

The Moodys are presently preparing a slide program to present during their fund raising efforts. Slides showing the people and terrain of Togo were obtained from Dr. Clutts. Moody is adding ones of him and his family and the printing equipment needed.

They will be writing to churches, primarily Baptist or those of similar denominational beliefs, seeking invitations to present their program and then asking for their support. The Moodys are also willing to present it to non-church groups.

They should be ready to give their first presentation in May, probably starting with their home church, Novesta Baptist church on Lamton Road.

The pastor, Rev. John Lange, has expressed the possibility the church will be able to pledge 10 percent of the support the Moodys will need, although that isn't official yet.

In most instances, the Moodys will be receiving support from churches, as opposed to individual donations, though they will obviously accept those also. (Donations are tax-deductible, but must be made to the Novesta Baptist Church or ABWE and earmarked for the Moodys.)

They actually don't need \$30,000 plus to start, only enough to pay their travel expenses and first few months of living expenses. They do need pledges, however, that once over there, they will receive the rest of the money on the regular basis.

The family hopes to be in Togo by fall or early winter.

DAVID AND JANET Moody, ages 37 and 39 respectively, were married in 1962. They have three children, Daniel (D.L.), 15, Alan, 12, and Lucinda, 7, all of whom attend Juniata Christian School.

How do the children feel about going to Africa for two years?

Daniel was reluctant at first, his father explained, but is now looking forward to going. "The others are just excited."

At least initially, they will be taking correspondence courses designed for missionary children by the Pensacola (Fla.) Christian School.

However, the wife of Dr. Clutts and the wife of a registered nurse from Flint who is also raising funds to go to Togo are both certified teachers, so it is anticipated they will be starting a school for missionaries' children.

After that happens, Mrs. Moody anticipates she will be able to spend less time with her children helping them with their schoolwork and more time working as a nurse, possibly at Dr. Clutts' hospital.

In order to be closer to the tribal people, the hospital will be 35-40 miles (via paved road) from the city where Moody will be setting up his print shop.

Living in Togo, in the city of Kpalime (pronounced "pol-a-mee"), will mean some changes for the family in addition to living in a land with a different culture and language. Temperatures are

70-90 degrees year-round and it is very humid.

Houses, which do have electricity and flush toilets, are built of cement blocks. Anything built of wood would be eaten by termites.

AFTER THEIR TWO years in Togo, the Moodys plan to return here for a year, during which time they will attend the ABWE

candidate school in New Jersey for four weeks and solicit support for a stay of four more years in Togo.

"If we've done a good job," said Mrs. Moody, "it shouldn't be any problem," said her husband in finishing the sentence.

But first, the devout couple must raise more than \$30,000 to get to the African

nation for the first years.

Do they have any doubt about being able to raise that much?

"There's no question about it in my mind," Moody said.

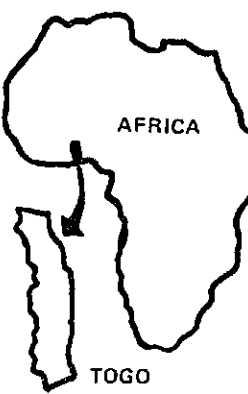
"The Lord promised those who received the call, He will provide the means," his wife added.

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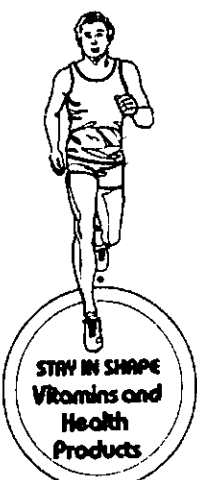
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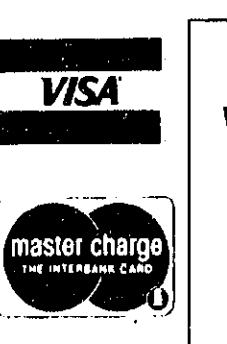
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SLIDE SHOW -- Janet and David Moody select the slide they will be using in their presentation to raise funds for their planned two-year missionary stay in Togo, West Africa.

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Williams of Hazel Park. The purchase involved 30 acres and the track. The Duncans retained ownership of 9.46 acres adjacent to the other property, on which is located their mobile home and a large garage building. They are renting a second mobile home on their property to Williams. The new owner has renamed the track Cass City Raceway Park and has scheduled the first race there May 4. That is a Sunday, the day he plans to run races there. The Duncans had run their races Saturday nights, the same time Dubs ran his at Owendale. Williams, who raced at Thunder Road a couple of years ago, told the Chronicle the Duncans will not be involved with running of the races at the track he now owns.

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