

The Messer Message

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Dear pastors, friends and family:

Greetings to each of you in your various parts of the world that God has placed you. We hope that this letter finds you well, and growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. We decided to use a question for the subject heading this time. "Are you a roofer?" We suppose most of you know what a roofer is. He is a man (or even a woman - then she would be a roofette?) that puts roofs on houses and buildings. He may have to frame it. He may have to replace old roofing shingles. He may even have to extend the roof. It all depends on what the property owner has requested. After much work (and usually a lot of sweat - perspiration for the "roofettes"), the roof on the house looks brand new once again.

Well, having said all that, we are looking for some "roofers" (and roofettes, if that is a word). "Well I guess that counts me out because I work for Wachovia Bank, and all that I know is how to put a few numbers together. There is no way I could put a roof together." Nice try. No matter what you are doing for the Lord at this moment, you can still be our "roofer". Please understand what we are trying to do out here in our city of San-Pedro, Cote d'Ivoire. Our building structure for the church is up to the roof level as you can see from the photo below. This is where you can help as a "roofer". We are asking our pastors, friends and family to help us get the roof finished. "How can I help?" Thanks for asking. You can be a "roofer" by praying that God will supply the needed funds to accomplish this task. We have been quoted a price of about \$5,000 (materials and labor) to do all the roof. You can't do that in the States for that price. Our people would love to be in the new building as soon as possible. Our old building is way too small. The new building will seat about 300 people comfortably. So, we asking you to join our "roofer" team to see this roof built in God's timing and according to his will.

"I know I can pray for this need, but how to I give to see this accomplished?" Thanks for asking. If you would like to help with this project, please send all gifts to World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. Their address is listed below. Please put a note with the gift that it is for the "Construction Project of the Messers".

You probably did not think that you could be a "roofer". It is amazing how God gives grace, strength and wisdom to us to accomplish his will. Next summer we will need the "painters". Maybe your church could send out a group to paint the old and new building and see our work first hand. Well, we are thankful for each of you. May God bless your lives as you serve him faithfully in your part of the world.

Serving Christ together,

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