

MidAmerica District Missionaries' Praises and Petitions

August Updates Only

AFRICA (updated August 1, 2008)

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PRAISE: 1. For all He has done in the clinic this past year. It has been a busy year as we have added lots of new staff, completed a building project, hosted many teams, etc. Last June the clinic saw 300 patients; this June 1700 were seen!
2. For the decisions that are made for the Lord weekly. Just last week one nurse led 9 people to the Lord in one day.
3. For providing the financial needs of the clinic and a new vehicle for us.

PRAY: 1. That God will bring us godly, qualified nursing candidates and a chaplain to help us follow up on decisions that are made.
2. Pray that God will continue to mold us into a unified team. As you can see in the above praises, the clinic has grown a lot in the past year, and along with growth comes growing pains. Pray especially for wisdom for Stephen as he leads our very multi-cultural team.
3. For Katie and Matthew as they begin a new school year in the fall. Katie is a senior and is beginning to apply to colleges. Pray for God's direction for her. Pray as we begin to make plans for Home Assignment--where we will live, etc.
4. Pray that our new vehicle will arrive soon. Although it has been ordered, we have not had word on it. Our current one is not road worthy, and we are not really able to drive it for the long trips.

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PRAISE: 1. For the work accomplished by the short-term missions team, and for the funds they left to help with the one-room Modeste Church C&MA school.
2. That the Ivorian government likes the school so much that they provide a teacher, which is a really big deal since the church and the villagers can't afford a salary for a teacher.
3. That God is continuing to reveal Himself and causing people to turn to Him and telling their friends of their new faith in Christ.

PRAY: 1. For God's guidance as the Farho's and a Modeste church elder plan the continued construction of the church school.
2. For Radwan and his family and their needs and for Fauzi and his son, Nassif.
3. That God will continue to give Mike & Sue opportunities to encourage new believers in their faith.
4. For wisdom in the use of funds as inflation is causing unplanned cost increases.

Howard, Joseph & Maria - Mission Protestante CMA, BP 35, Sevare, Republic of Mali, W. Africa
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PRAISE: 1. That Joseph and Maria got to see fruit that remains among the Bozo.
2. For Bara, Mami, Kobi, Baramani, who are God's own children now.
3. For Jesus, who is so beautiful and majestic that He commands such worship and adoration.
4. For fellow workers (you), who have persevered in prayer and giving.

PRAY: 1. For safety in their travels.
2. For continuing rest in their hearts, knowing that Jesus remains among the Bozo to fulfill His wonderful plan.
3. For Bara, Mami, Kobi, Ali, Baramani's growth in love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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PRAISE: 1. A recent inmate named Lola, who led the singing/worship time in our Friday afternoon gatherings, was released last Wednesday. The Lord in His grace found him a job as a guard one night a week. He is staying with friends not far from one of our C&MA churches and is attending each service. 1

2. Elga and Dorelle are growing in their joy and fellowship with the LORD. They were a part of last summer's young girls class, and I have been meeting with them through the school year because their time schedule allows afternoon sessions. It is so good to see their insatiable hunger for Him.
3. Two church members made their marriages official the past 2 Saturdays after years of living together. Praise God for the testimony and encouragement it is for others to follow in their steps.

- PRAY:
1. At the end of July we have 3 College of Prayer sessions in 3 towns here in Central Africa. Pray that God will meet us and that the leaders will be catalysts available to be used by the Holy Spirit.
 2. Continue to pray for TEE Bible Classes that we will be obedient to what His Word is teaching us. Pray that I will be an available instrument that He may use. The Tuesday morning class is recently released inmates. Pray that HE will create His light in their lives. Their needs are so innumerable, and He is able to meet each one just as He promises.
 3. For wisdom as we develop relationships with more orphanages.

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PRAISE: 1. All 11 students passed the last trimester ending in June.

2. That the vehicle fund is increasing.

- PRAY:
1. For the 11 nursing students in the Bongolo Nursing School academically, clinically, and spiritually as they continue their 29-month study program.
 2. Pray for me as I teach Introduction to Pathology, Obstetrics, and Obstetrical Pathology in the nursing school and also as I do the hospital bookkeeping and help with the Mission bookkeeping.
 3. For the chaplaincy program at the Bongolo Hospital. As of July 2008, more than 1300 people had accepted Christ while at the hospital.
 4. That the hospital will receive the needed license to be able to order medicines for our AIDS/HIV patients.
 5. That Christians at the Chapel at Memba will take active rolls in the church. This Chapel has no Pastor to lead them.
 6. For transitions on our field as some missionaries leave and new ones come. Pray for the adjustment of everyone concerned.

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PRAISE: 1. That we have recovered from our "bug" problem. Tim had a flu bug, and Bev had a blister bug that leaves deep burns that blister and itche and the blisters break open and spread. Pray we don't come in contact with the little critters again!

2. That Mali has been getting rain. Pray that the rains come as needed the next months until harvest time in October.

3. We are thankful for 30 years of married life that God has given us as of August 5. Please pray that God will continue to bless our life together as we minister here in Mali

4. That the Roeddings and Barnwells have been able to return to ministry here. Please pray that God will strengthen them as they adjust back to Mali.

PRAY: 1. Our field conference will be held in September. Please pray that the details of the conference will be worked out and that the conference will be a refreshing and meaningful time for all of our Mali missionaries. Pastor Corey and a group from our home church in Newton, IA will be here.

2. Continue praying for the ministry of our Koutiala Women and Children's Hospital that the many who come for physical help will also receive spiritual help. Please pray especially that God will strengthen our 4 missionary nurses who have such a big work load.

3. As we continue as Field Director couple, please pray that God will continue to give Tim wisdom as he leads, guides, and makes decisions concerning the field and that God will continue to strengthen us in mind, body, and spirit as we serve one more year.

4. Jonathan has been home for the summer but heads back to school in Dakar, Senegal, on Aug. 12 to start his junior year. We are thankful for the great time we've had with him this summer, but please pray that he would have a safe trip and that he would have a good adjustment back to dorm life.