

You will know the truth and the truth will set you free. (John. 8:32)

Dear Praying Friends,

May many, of those amongst whom we live, and Fulas around the world, indeed know the truth and find true freedom. Thank you again for your prayers. I may need to assess my use of time. I think I'm trying to fit too much in! Or maybe I just need to be more organised and focused. Please pray. (The weekly Bible Study with **Jam!la** and it's preparation is quite a lot extra.)

Progress with the papers etc

The first batch of **Badake** is on its way to the readers. Pray that all copies soon will be and please keep praying for its impact. I haven't yet started to prepare **Booyataa**. Please pray for guidance and inspiration as I consider the contents.

I was able to order 70 Ram*dan booklets and I have now begun to give them out. I have five spare copies. Please pray that I will be led to people pass them on to people who will pray. It's not too late, for you to join this exciting and extremely fruitful initiative! See: <https://30daysprayer.org.uk> or get in touch with me. Ram*dan starts 27 May.

M. S*rian friends

We are just past the half-way mark in the Bible Studies with **Jam!la**. Thank you for praying for the study which included the promise of redemption right back at the fall. As I just mentioned the cross and resurrection, the comment was, "That's not in the K*ran. Please pray, as we are currently looking at 'blood sacrifice', that J. will understand why God allowed Jesus to die, indeed why he was willing to as the only way to save us.

I went round to the home of the other Sy&ian family, (**Khal!a & Mo*am*ed**) just before Easter but they were out. I have had very brief chats with them when I have seen them around the town a couple of times. Pray that I can make time to go again. Please keep praying for these two families.

Thank you for praying, please continue

Workers in one country write, "We have seen answers to prayer in the past two weeks. Your prayers are vital, so please don't quit! Thank you for praying for **Aysata (Kadja's daughter)**. A worker talked with **Pastor Togo**, who has been the guardian angel for Kadja and Aysata since Aysata's abduction. He now believes that Aysata would have been killed had it not been for your prayers and the prayers of the Fulani believers at the conference to which she had been travelling. Pastor Togo has learned more about the motivation of the kidnappers, who are now in prison. Strange as this may sound, he believes that they intended to kill Aysata and use her body parts in occult practices, but that God saved her. Further, Kadja is deeply afraid that the kidnappers or their associates on the outside will try to take her again. Pray against any evil intentions and pray that God will deliver Kadja from fear. She has been traumatized by this event, and her fears may not be unjustified.

"Two of the women believers who attended the recent *kawrital* (conference) were pregnant and were very close to their due dates: **Aysata**, daughter of **Kumba**, and **Mariama**, wife of **Moumouni**. The medical system here is on strike so pray that they will receive good medical care when the time comes.

"One worker is needing to do some audio recording but after trying with one Fulani he had to let him go. He just couldn't read smoothly enough to make a decent finished product. Pray that a good reader will be found."

Security situation in Mali

Please also continue to pray for the security situation in **Mali**. I'm told attacks continue, both in the north and in the central parts of the country. Pray against injustice and violence.

The RC press says, "Four people have been arrested in Mali and charged with involvement in the February kidnapping of the missionary nun from **Colombia, Sister Gloria Cecilia Narvaez** on February 8. All four of the people charged with the crime were reportedly involved with the medical clinic where Sister Narvaez worked or with the local Catholic parish. The Diocese in which she was working has issued a statement complaining that it has heard nothing about the whereabouts of the kidnapped sister, and only learned about the arrests through media reports."

A softening in Niger

Praise God that in **Niger**, where the ground is hard, there is a softening after years of daily radio programmes. It can be slow work but those who are 'in it for the long haul' often eventually see great encouragement. Pray for perseverance for all workers and wisdom to know what seed to sow and how.

From there workers write: "The new radio programmes are not only having an impact on the believers

but they are also creating a bit of a stir among certain religious leaders too! In one town, they have been coming to the radio station and preaching against the message during our time slot. Thankfully this problem seems to have been resolved and rather than being discouraged we are pleased that even the religious leaders are listening to the programmes. They seem to understand what is being taught, even if they don't agree with it (yet)! Please pray that these religious leaders will come to know the true God."

Permission to build in Burkina Faso

Recently I asked you to pray about building a chapel in the prison in **Burkina**. Workers there write: "We have seen the prison director and he is enthusiastic about our plans to build a chapel in the prison, where we can meet with the growing group of believers. It will cost about £10,000, of which we have about half at the moment. It will also include a storage room (for the food & clothes we distribute), an office (where the pastor can meet one-to-one with prisoners), toilets, and a sheltered outside space for the guards.

"One of the Fulani Christians in the prison has been made head gardener. The group were feeling encouraged by all that's happening. However, they came with a list of some of the Christian group who have no visitors and so get no food (apart from the one basic meal per day) or clothes. These men have to cook for other prisoners in order to get food, and so sometimes miss the prayer and study times. They asked, '*Can you do anything to help these guys, please?*'

"We recently met with four of the prisoners, whom we have identified as leaders of the Christian group in prison - two Fulani, and two Mossi. I felt overwhelmed to the point of tears with their heart to serve the other prisoners, and the stories of some of those prisoners. Three of the four themselves have no visitors and so get no food or clothes. But they didn't tell us that - they were too busy sharing with us the needs of the other prisoners. It was only at the end that the fourth - the one they call '*Pastor*' - told us of the needs of the other three. Pray for these men, and for us that we may be able to encourage and help them as they serve Christ there.

"Two more of the Fulani converts, **H.** and **N.**, have been released from prison. It is so moving to be there as they come out, to share in that joy, pray with them, and help them on their way home. These two live a long way from the prison, and **H** in particular is keen to be put in touch with local Christians at his home. Please pray for them as they take these first steps, for restoration to their families, for them to make good decisions, and for God's provision and protection.

"Last year we prayed for another Fulani brother in Christ, **S**, who was due to be released from prison. However his release was cancelled. After four years he has finally been released! We went and met him as he came out, prayed with him, encouraged him, and took him to the bus stop. He was **so** happy. Please pray that he makes good decisions, keeps walking with Christ, and brings the gospel and light of Jesus to his village.

"Our friend and brother, **B.**, has died. He had leprosy, which caused him to become lame and blind, and he was then unable to work. He became pretty much an outcast in society. But when the Christians helped him, he recognised God's love, and about 12 years ago gave his life to Christ. In the midst of his suffering, he has been amazingly cheerful, and faithful to Christ, and has been bold to speak for him. The church family welcomed him, looked after him, and often sent people with a donkey cart to bring him to church. Life recently was hard for **B.**, and he has been sick. We feel his loss keenly but we rejoice in knowing that he is truly free at last. No more leprosy, and now gazing upon his Saviour and dancing before him. Please pray for his family."

Dates

7 May

14–19 May

27 May

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great-nephew **Samuel**'s dedication in **Honiton**

Lee Abbey

R*m*d*n starts

niece **Penny**'s wedding in **M/C**

God bless. Love, *Jane*