

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given ..."

(James 1:5)

Dear Pray-ers,

I trust you are still enjoying our amazing weather. Thank you again for your prayers. This is my first time using mailchimp. It's taken a while to get up and running. I hope you don't have any problems with it. Please can you either hit the unsubscribe thing or **reply to say you would like to continue. I will need this permission to continue to send to you.**

The process of thinking and praying through time management etc is ongoing. The *GDPR* (data protection training day) with **Melanie**, on 19th June, was a bit mind-boggling and there seems to be masses to do in that department. I hope to make some progress when I return from three days to help with translation into French for a pre-field orientation course (July 29 – August 2).

My week off with friend **Pam** 5-12 July was lovely although a 'funny' tummy and continuing sleep difficulty rather sapped my energy.

**Dave F.** and I are still working on arranging a date for the autumn to do a slimmed-down version/introduction to the *Friendship First course* with some from church here. Please pray that we will be able to finalise the right arrangements and that many will come.

### **Booyataa and Badake**

The last of the copies of **Badake** are still to go out. Please pray for wisdom to know the best way to get copies safely into areas where postal authorities are not sympathetic. We have 2,000 to send, and an evangelist in touch with many other evangelists who would all like these. They say that between them they could use 5,000 but we obviously don't want to waste money sending them unless there's a good chance of them getting through. Production of the Booyataa is on hold until I can get on top of things again.

Pray for more manpower to make better use of the potential for on-line interaction.

### **Other activities**

**J.** and **Mam\*\*d** came to the 'Big Lunch' on 1 July with the other S&rian family (**K & M**). The only heavy rain we'd had for about two months fell during that barbeque! They had all intended to walk but, because of the rain, three church members took their cars to collect them. The Turkish lady (**Shanay** – wrong spelling but I think that's how it's pronounced!) didn't come. Both **Dawlish** S&rian families have accepted the invitation to the life-group meal 9<sup>th</sup> August. M.'s sister's family will also be invited. Please keep praying for the Holy Spirit to be at work in all three families.

### **Pray for Mali this week**

Please keep the situation in **Mali** in your prayers. There will be a presidential election on the 29th July followed by a run-off two weeks later. It is expected that there will be protests and demonstrations as this time approaches. It is said that the incumbent president is likely to win, either legitimately or by force. Regardless there will be unhappy people. Pray for peace, calm and electoral transparency. Pray that those causing violence in the north, and in central Mali do not find a way to take advantage of this time and bring the violence to the rest of the country. Finally pray for workers there as they seek to share the Lord and his peace with those around them.

### **Break-in in Guinea**

Workers in **Guinea** write, "Unfortunately we had a theft at the study centre. During the night robbers broke down the door and stole computers and other equipment. We have managed to get back, from a nearby house under construction, a computer and a projector. But so far we have no news of the other computers. Normally we close the centre for the holidays and don't leave anything in the room. However this year we had planned holiday courses for the students. Sadly we think that someone must have given this information to the thieves. We are praying for a miracle: that we can find the computers. Pray too for those who were hoping to benefit from these summer courses. They are very discouraged.

Pray too for the son of one of our friends. He has suffered from headaches and a swollen eye for several weeks. We are concerned that it could be a tumour. His father is our trusted mechanic, who helps us with many of our challenges. Pray that this situation becomes an opportunity for the family to witness the power of our God.

### ***Two and a half long years***

On July 15<sup>th</sup> it was exactly two and a half years since 83-year-old **Dr Ken** was kidnapped from their home in **West Africa**, where he lived and worked for over 40 years, running a hospital treating people from all over **West Africa**. We still await news, and thank you for your continued prayers for Ken and his wife **Jocelyn**, who longs for his return. Pray for grace and strength, and for release for Ken and the other captives being held.

### ***Other captives***

Elsewhere a pastor and seven other believers, kidnapped last month, are apparently still being held, despite earlier reports that they had been released. There are mixed messages from their captors - looking for ransom, pressuring the captives to convert to Islam, and claiming that it is just to put pressure on the government. Their families are doing well and are believing for their loved ones to be able to preach the good news to their captors. Keep praying for God's grace, strength, and for their real release.

### **From Guinea-Bissau André writes:**

"Praise God that we are all well and our sons are doing well with their schooling. We are grateful to the Lord for the development of our children. God has given us the privilege of teaching our eldest son from literacy to the eighth year in the home-schooling system, which is recognized in our home country. Now the time has come to move forward. We are praying, planning, and organizing to send him to *BCS*, the *WEC* school for children of missionaries, in neighbouring **Senegal**. As a family, we have already done the student orientation week to get to know the facilities, curriculum etc. If all goes well, as of September, he will begin his studies at this new stage of his life in this school. Pray for him.

"Since January, we have received visits from health workers and other volunteers. This is very encouraging. It strengthens our ministry and opens new doors of opportunity for evangelism. Whilst we praise God for the coming of these teams, pray with us that others will be challenged to serve here.

"A young man **Jau** came to us in December when we were doing evangelistic worship in the village. His father told us that when he had suffered an epileptic seizure and fallen into the fire, his leg suffered a third degree burn. At the time, his leg was already stinking. God has done a miracle in his treatment. He provided us with a medical surgeon who had come on a short-term team and with medicines for the whole treatment. Now after several months of treatment, by the grace of God, Jau is much better. Please pray for complete healing and for Jau's conversion. Praise God for the way this has opened a door to speak of his love and to initiate discipleship.

"In **Bani** we are still heavily involved in the construction of the *Life Community Centre*. Much has been done and we are currently seeking to roof the *House of Prayer*. Please pray with us for completion.

"Pray that Fulas will understand the message of the Gospel."

Also in **Guinea-Bissau**, praise God that there are two teenage children and a young man who want to follow Jesus in a **Cheche** village. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to affirm the decisions they have taken.

### **Dates**

29 July	travel to Bradford-on-Avon
30 July – 1 August	French translation for pre-field orientation course
2 August	travel back
9 August	Life group meal with S£rians

Thank you again for praying for me and others working amongst the Fula people.

God bless you. Love, *Jane*