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God Has a Plan!

Even though we may not know His plan, He has one. A pastor recently preached that the prayers of believers can influence the way God accomplishes His plan. He tells us to pray, to intercede and to ask. Our experience tells us that sometimes we will wait for answers to our prayers and for understanding in what is next in His plan. A devotional recently stated that God may not show us His plan but He shows Himself. We trust, pray and wait. Read below as Lynn describes a challenge for our brothers and sisters in Burkina. As they pray and wait, let's join them.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Greetings in the Glorious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The truth of the above Scripture is made manifest in this e-newsletter. As I was still reflecting upon the "FOCUS" of this newsletter (Establishing a scholarship fund for Pastors in honor of our Abel, Ellie Kate's Burkina Kamp for Kids, May 2017 Pastor Graduation from our Pastor Training Institute), God showed His will in a truly unmistakable way.

Some of you have been following the crisis involving our Lord's church in the village of Kamkaniba. Things have drastically changed and escalated.

- Resurrection Sunday a group of 60+ people came ready to use force to stop the church service.
- They used their own lock, buckled the doors and have the key.
- They told the Pastor to take his family and leave the village. (As the children of Pastor Claude attend school, they relented and said he can stay for now.)
- One of the chief instigators, the father of Pastor Simplicie, publicly told Simplicie "You are no longer my son".
- A meeting held Tuesday, the 18th of April, was to "resolve" the problem. Instead, the chief had rounded up other village chiefs to support him against us (our Lord).
- Patrice called a Pastor meeting Wednesday, the 19th, for prayer and discussion of additional options.
- None of them desire to take the case to the Justice even though Burkina law "in principal" forbids anyone to force a religious belief on another.
- They all expressed the desire to remain in prayer and fasting, pleading with our Lord to intervene and manifest His Glory and His power and His righteousness.
- A four day meeting/seminar for the members of the Kamkaniba church has been

scheduled for April 27-30 which will be held at our Ministry Center. The entire time will be spent in the Word and teaching on persecution, faithfulness amidst persecution, witnessing amidst persecution, and God's purpose in allowing His people to be persecuted.

- We are currently in 3 days of prayer and fasting at our Ministry Center church for God to show His mercy, His holiness and His righteousness in the region of Kamkaniba.
- We continue to pray for the souls of all trying to force church members to return to tribal funeral practices, abandon their faith and hypocritically still attend church.
- Our people desire God to act as this is a spiritual war. No one desires having to turn to the government to settle the dispute.
- Key Ouagadougou Pastors have offered to come and join us in the process but for now, our leaders desire to fast, pray, watch and wait.
- We ask you to join us and diligently place this subject before our Lord and God day and night. Please join us in approaching heaven's gates with our pleas for the church (building) in Kamkaniba to once again be opened.
- Our folks realize that a building is not the church. They know "we" are the church.



Kamkaniba Pastor Claude Some and wife Evaline and their children



Kamkaniba church



Abel, for whom we are naming a fund to pay PTI tuition to others who will say yes to service for God. He is with our Lord.

If you have enjoyed and been touched by our e-newsletters we have a favor to ask. Please pass along the newsletter to friends and co-workers. We are attempting to expand our contact base and each of you reading this month's edition know many people we never meet this side of heaven. To receive this bi-monthly e-newsletter simply send your email address to : nbkort@gmail.com

FOR OUR PRAISE/PRAYERS

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

- Mado and Pastor Pascal graduate Bible School Saturday April 29. Celine and Lynn will be attending as others will be at the seminar for Kamkaniba.
- The Impact Team and our SD Board will be in Burkina Faso May 15-24.
- Pastor Graduation from Pastor Training Institute is May 20.

- Details and funding for Ellie Kate's Burkina Kamp for Kids (September 2017)
- Establishing a Scholarship Fund for Pastors attending PTI in memory of our Abel, who would have been graduating with the others in May.

FOR OUR PRAISE:

**God is faithful.
His Word is alive.
He is our Hope and Victory.
He wins.**

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