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If you haven't seen the website lately...please look! It's been redone and looks great.

Dear Partners in the Faith and the Fight,

We're excited to share the latest news on Shattering Darkness and God's work in Burkina Faso. Is there someone you know who'd like to receive our email newsletters? Just send their name and email address to your newsletter editor Cheryl at triczzy@comcast.net. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter format, we'd love to hear that too!

Blessings until the next letter.

Updates

Greetings to each of you in the Glorious Name of our Lord Jesus! May each of us find 2012 a year in which we grow in faith, grow in gracious giving, grow in our witness and be conformed more and more into the image of the Savior we serve. I Realize that even as I write this, the only way for these things to happen will be for us to pay the price of discipleship.

Let me present to you the story of one such person. Her Dagara name is 'Yekou' which means 'speak on behalf of someone.' We all call her 'Makuom' which means 'Grandma.' On

Christmas day, 2011, she chose the name 'Emilie' as her new name. (It is a common practice here that on the day you are baptized by immersion, you choose a new name)

Yes, 'Makuom' was baptized by immersion on December 25, 2011. This God Story is amazing in many ways. In this culture, very, very few old women give their lives to Christ Jesus. They are so bound in the practice of idol worship and animal sacrifices! They fear evil spirits will kill them if they abandon the evil spirits in order to follow Jesus. They fear being abandoned by their grown children who continue in the ancient belief system. They fear being ridiculed and mocked.

'Makuom' counted the cost...and asked Pastor Pascal to come to her house, gather all her idols, fetishes and false gods. She asked him to break and burn each one. Yet in Dagara culture it is not that simple. Following Jesus never is. It was necessary for the Pastor to speak first with Emilie's grown son and inform him of Emilie's decision and gain the son's approval. The pagan son.

Our Lord is so very faithful. The son gave his permission saying: "I have seen the change in my mother ever since she began going to your church. She is no longer the same." Miracle of Miracles! In addition to that.....the same son came to her baptism and took photos! He entered the church and listened to the encouragement given from Matthew 5.

Enjoy the photos! Each Sunday she greets me with a hug, a huge smile and a kiss on my cheek! 'Makuom' indeed!

In the upcoming months I will highlight some of the behind the scenes details of the sponsors of our new church construction projects in Nane, Bapla-Birifor and Bisserké. No names will be given...their stories glorify our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Emilie (Makuom's) Baptism.

She counted the cost.



Upcoming Impact Team Schedule for 2010

1. Feb 3-8 hosting a member of FBC Williston S.D.
2. Feb 4-19 hosting a Canadian well-drilling team (drilling 2-3 wells)
3. May 29 - June 12, 2012: GHO Medical Team. Dr. Anthony Shipley Team Leader.
4. June 18-30: Music Minister Stephen Clark Moore, Gabe and Amy Girdner planning trip for long term mission commitment
5. July 26-August 3, 2012: Medical and Child Evangelism Team. Dr. Bev Tong Team Leader
6. August 2012. Pastoral Training and Child Evangelism. Pastor Kenn Hucks Team Leader.
7. Unconfirmed summer dates: Music Minister Stephen Clark Moore, Gabe and Amy Girdner on a planning trip to see possibility of long-term service here in correlation with the agricultural project. Mr. Jim Dotson with HeSentMe plans a return visit.

Praise and Thanksgiving

1. Sponsors for the construction in Nane, Bapla-Birifor and Bisserké.
2. The Impact Team here in January saw 12 people give their lives to Jesus, treated 400+ patients, and honored our Lord in their service and unity.
3. Patrice, Celine, Elisée and Aquilas are now healthy!
4. Two (possibly three) new wells will be drilled in February via our partnership with Friends in Action International and the Grace of our Lord!

Prayer Requests

1. That permission will be given for us to begin construction of our 'Christ School'.
2. That all three houses of prayer and praise will be completed prior to rainy season.
3. That all Impact Teams scheduled from February through August will be used by our Lord to bring Him Glory and Exaltation.
4. Lynn will be stateside from late August until early November. Please pray for safety in travel and wisdom in time management.

Hidden in the One Shattering Darkness,

Lynn

Eph. 3:20 " Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

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