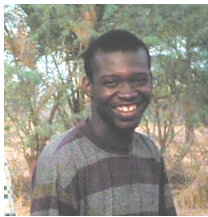




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Looking Back



Emmanuel, 21
 from Mali
 first-year economy student in Bamako
 Background: grown up in Christian family
 Future: called to be a pastor
 Known him: since my first time in Mali 1999



2004

Simeon, 31
 from Benin
 accountant in cotton company
 Background: searching, no particular religion
 Conversion: Nov 28, 2003
 Future: called to be an evangelist
 Known him: one of my neighbors



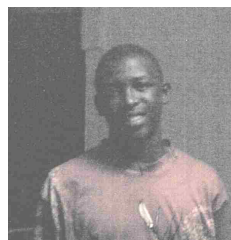
In September 2003 I moved to Bamako, the capital of Mali, in West Africa, after 8 years of preparation. I started teaching German at a local, secular High School, which allowed me to get to know a lot of people.



Alice, 25
 from France
 French teacher and doctoral student in Paris
 Background: catholic
 Conversion: May 19, 2004
 Future: God knows
 Known her: my colleague, neighbor and friend

Emmanuel just started his studies in Bamako, and joined me for weekly meetings at my apartment. Simeon, one of my neighbors, dedicated his life to the Lord in November, and has been growing ever since. My colleague Alice started reading my Christian books and accepted Jesus before returning to France in May. And during my last few weeks, my student Simon-Pierre got more and more interested in knowing Jesus, having read some of my books. And Aisha – she was the first person I met, and she keeps visiting. Simeon is now taking her to church on Sundays.

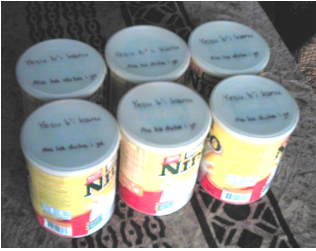
Simon-Pierre, 16
 from Mali
 High School student
 Background: catholic
 Conversion: very close
 Future: God knows
 Known him: my student



Aisha, 7
 from Ivory Coast
 elementary school student
 Background: unknown
 Future: God knows
 Known her: spends some weekends with relatives at our apartment complex



Looking Forward



At Easter we went to where the people are to show them God's love practically. We bought tins of powdered milk (which is what everyone uses here) and wrote on it "Jesus loves you. God bless you." Then we went from house to house, introducing ourselves and Jesus, blessing them with the milk and praying for the sick.

People are disillusioned, they are suffering, and when they see the power of God who heals and loves them, they turn to Him. We are going to do these outreaches on a regular basis.

And we want to do them in concentric circles around the location of the church, that all may know "where God lives" and where they can go to find prayer and help and salvation through Jesus.

We now have to find the right place – either buying a piece of land and building a simple structure on it, or finding the right place to rent (which is more difficult).

There is actually a Christian on whose property we might be able to build. Please pray that God will show us the place He has prepared – and we can have confidence that He will provide the means to buy/build or rent.

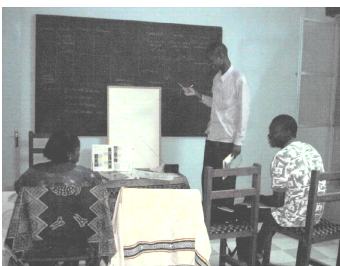
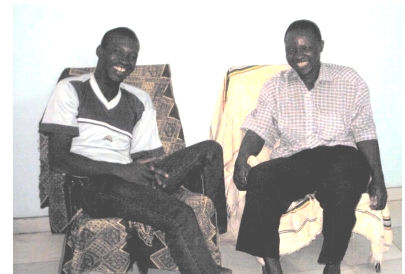


The biggest need now is a car – a pick-up truck like the one on the left, without which many roads would be unpassable during rainy season.

Besides being able to move around freely, a car will allow us to also go into the villages to preach the gospel and pray for the sick.

Other Projects

To the right you see Emmanuel and Simeon. Emma has known since his childhood that he is called to be a pastor, and God has been speaking a lot to Simeon, who wants to give his all to bring others to Christ, seeing God's power at work.



Faith Bible College has graciously provided me with all its one-year certificate courses, which I will translate into French and then teach to them. Upon completion Emmanuel and Simeon will both receive a certificate from that accredited college.

I'm also going to continue teaching an English class at my apartment. The students are made up of Christians, Moonies and Muslims. My prayer is that more will join us in fall and not only learn English, but have the light of God shine brightly into their lives to show them the way to salvation.

Please visit my website for more information, current news and contact/support details.

with students at school



with the school director's children



children's ministry in a village

