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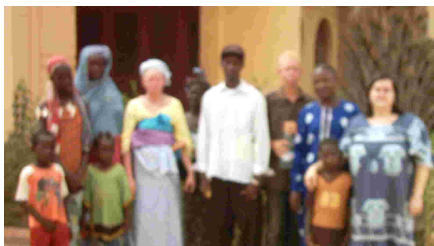
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In September 2003 I arrived in Bamako, the capital of Mali, stepping into my destiny after eight years of preparation for the country and ministry of my calling. For the past two years I taught German at a Malian High School with a strict Muslim director, where I had many opportunities to reach out to students – one of them now in our Bible School. In May 2005 I completed that assignment, so that I will be able to focus entirely on our church ministry from now on.



In November 2003 one of my neighbors, Simeon from Benin, dedicated his life to the Lord. His intense hunger to know the Lord, to learn and to step out, has caused him to grow rapidly. He is aware of God's high calling on his life, longing only to serve Him with signs and wonders following. Since August 2004 Simeon has been full-time with our church, evangelizing in the streets of Bamako daily. This summer he is doing a 3-month school with Heidi Baker in Mozambique to be changed, equipped and empowered for the ministry in Mali.

Upon my return from my summer break in 2004, we found the place that would house the new church for the time being. In October 2004 I moved into "The House" – my home and church at the same time. November 28, 2004 we had our very first service – with 80 people, two baptisms and a banquet.



*Centre Apostolique Malien* (CAM) was born. In March 2005 we became a part of HIM (*Harvest International Ministries*, founded by Che Ahn), based in California. Currently we are in the process of receiving government recognition as well as joining the Malian association of churches.



In November 2004 we launched our Bible School *Ecole Biblique de Foi au Mali* (EBFM), a satellite school of *Faith Bible College*, with three students (picture: Simon-Pierre, Simeon and Emmanuel). In May we completed our first 'year'; I translate all the materials from English to French, and then teach them once a week. For our second year, we already have five students.



On December 25, 2004, we did our first party for the street kids. There are hundreds of street kids in Bamako – those that "belong" to a Muslim teacher, and those that have run away. When we invite "our beloved kids", they get a meal, clothes or toys, and hear the gospel. We have prayed for them and with them, for salvation and healing, and my heart is breaking for them, longing to move forward in the vision and snatch those little ones out of the enemy's grip.





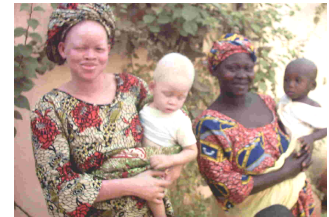
Every Friday night it's MOVIE NIGHT at CAM. We show Christian movies (historical and modern ones), the Bible and documentaries, in English, French and Bambara. Many people come and literally watch the gospel every week. On December 31, 2004, we had a special movie night – a healing service. We saw mighty signs and wonders as recorded at a Todd Bentley crusade, and several people received prayer after the video. Hassan, a Muslim and frequent

visitor, was healed of 8 years of daily backpains, able to sleep without pain for the first time. He also received a word of knowledge, and I've had the joy of seeing him slowly come closer to the Lord.



Hassan and a few other Muslims have also attended our weekly English class. Most Malians are eager to learn English, and it's a great way to reach out to people. In March 2005 we started our literacy class to teach reading and writing in Bambara. Two months later, my guard Siebou can now read and was presented a Bible as a gift. Our women and other men are also making much progress, to their and my

delight, hearing the gospel as they read for the first time in their lives.



We're commanded to take care of the widows, orphan and stranger. We have three women in our family (one of them widow) that we support because they don't have enough to feed their families. Temporarily, we've been giving them rice on a weekly basis, and we're looking into ways to make them independent financially. We also help them medically – Elisabeth once needed antibiotics, and Elisabeth is nearly blind and has received glasses so she can SEE physically as she has seen spiritually!

My Team - For much of the year Sekou and Simeon (picture) were my team, since Emmanuel was unable to be with us for most of the year. Sekou came to the Lord through Simeon and was growing in the Lord until his Muslim family made him choose between them and the church. We're praying that he will hold on to the faith and return to us soon.



### What's ahead?

- v Together with other churches, we're preparing a crusade & conference in Bamako as well as Timbuktu in November. Cliff Pash is coming to advance His kingdom in Mali, and we're believing for a great impact on the country for our King.
- v We desperately need a car (Toyota double cabin pickup with 4x4) within the next few months. Projected costs: \$20,000 (17.000€) Can you help?
- v We're registering as a church with the government – pray it will come through before my visa runs out in October.
- v Once registered, we're eligible to receive a piece of land – not only for the church but to start taking in street kids.
- v We're praying for more workers and a release of finances. Currently only about 25% of our monthly needs are covered.

**Partner with us to advance His Kingdom in Mali!**

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