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Mali Chronicles

Sep 2003	Move to Bamako.
Nov 2003	My neighbor Simeon saved.
Nov 2004	Bible School launched. CAM launched. Simeon baptized.
Dec 2004	First party for street kids.
March 2005	Accepted by HIM.
Summer 2005	Accepted by FFMI. Seybou saved.
Sep 2005	Weekly program for street kids starts. Street kid Sekouba saved. Sekouba moves in.
Nov 2005	Government recognition. First anniversary. 4 new believers baptized.
Jan 2006	Land found.
March 2006	NGO in Germany partners with us.
April 2006	Finally a car! 2 nd kid moves in.
May 2006	3 rd kid moves in. Paul moves in to help. Our school starts. Ministry on new property starts.
July 2006	4 th kid moves in. Christian doctor on call 24/7.
Sep 2006	5 th kid moves in. Firmin moves in to help. Accepted as part of the Malian Association of Churches.
Oct 2006	Sekouba and Abdiel leave.

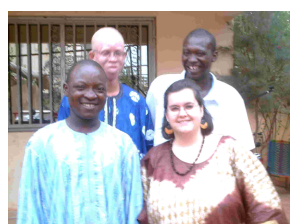


After 8 years of preparation I moved to Mali by faith, to step into God's call for the sake of the 4th poorest nation in the world. For two years I taught German at a small local High School, and one year into that, *Centre Apostolique Malien* was born. In November 2004, we had our very first church service, baptizing two young men, one of whom - Simeon - had gotten saved two months after my arrival in Mali and become a team member. A year later, my now right hand man Paul was baptized, and this November, on our 2nd anniversary, we're gonna double the number of people baptized again, to about 8. We seek to serve our community preaching the gospel with words and actions, by doing movie nights, offering literacy and English classes, and a children's program. CAM meets every Sunday afternoon for a service, and we also have prayer meetings and a Bible school. This year we have 6 new students which is reason for great joy.

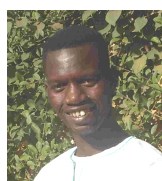
We're also ministering on our property every week, preaching the gospel to the great number of kids assembled, and teaching them how to live for Christ. We kicked off our weekly ministry with a banquet and Jesus-movie. As Sekouba was dishing out the food, he could see it multiply in the pot, and later that night, more than 8 people dedicated their lives to the Lord.



Our Team



(clockwise) Simeon is still in the process of being healed from his past, taking a break from ministry. Paul, a pastor at heart, is my interpreter & assistant and moved in with us to help in May. Emmanuel is in his final year of



university and has little time to exercise his many gifts in our midst. Firmin (æ) moved in with us in September to help with our growing family. Seybou (left), my night guard and man for anything around the house, was hired in the very beginning two years ago. A year ago his wife Fanta and two children joined us. Fanta now cooks for our big family. Today both Seybou & Fanta know and serve God, and their children grow up in a Christian community, praising and dancing for God. Marie (left) moved in with me a year ago. She is getting married in November and wants



to work with us. Right now we're looking for a teacher for our kids, since I teach them myself right now every morning, and Claudia the pastor, the teacher, the driver, the web designer, the accountant, the secretary, the mother, etc. etc. doesn't get more than 4-5 hours of sleep per night and knows it can't go on indefinitely that way.

Our Kids

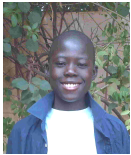
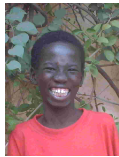


Sekouba, 15

The first child to move in in Oct 2005, Sekouba grew in the Lord until leaving us a year later.

Abdias, 13

Delivered of all the demon friends he came with, Abdias is a joyful, loving young man.



Foussemi, 15

Having suffered beatings, hunger, and death of loved ones, Foussemi is slowly being healed by love.

Saloum, 16

Thrown out by his violent father, this smart kid has found refuge with us.



Abdiel, 11

He was so sick when we took him in that he had to spend several days in hospital. However, back home he longed for the freedom of the street and left us after only a week.



Sarata, 1½

Several malnourished when she first came, Sarata is turning into a lively, talkative, inquisitive girl.



Hama, 5

Born crippled on the left side and punished by society for it, he's now starting to blossom by unconditional love.



Etienne, 5, Anatole, 3

Every day I drive Etienne & Anatole (who live with their parents) to a private Christian kindergarten and back. They get an opportunity most Malians don't.



Street Children

In Dec 2004 we did our first Christmas Party for Street Kids, proclaiming the gospel, feeding and clothing them, and praying for the sick. Several times a year more than 100 kids show up at the time for those parties. Our last one was in April where several were saved, and several were healed again.

In September 2005 we started ministering to the street kids on a weekly basis - playing games, singing & dancing, memorizing verses, teaching them, praying for them, and eating together. Sekouba was the first street kid that stayed with us, followed by Abdias, Foussemi and Abdiel. In May they moved into the house with me. We had 7 children (see left) living with us until 2 of them left just recently. They learn the Bible, reading, writing, math and French. Today they can all read, and read the word of God daily during the ample time they have to spend with their Lord and Savior. The Lord also sent us a Christian doctor who is always on call, and whose services we need frequently.



Village Ministry

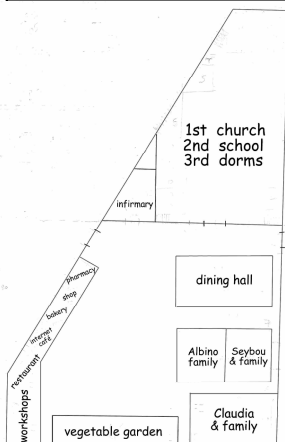


We praise the Lord for the car we've had since April, even though it's 19 years old and constantly has problems, and though it's too small for all of us. Now we're able

to go into villages, and the Lord sovereignly connected us with pastor Enoch from a village just over an hour outside of Bamako. We've started to minister there regularly, preaching the gospel to surrounding villages that have never heard it before. We rejoiced to be able to give the pastor this beautiful bike, so he can do the followup, and he comes into Bamako every week to attend our Bible school with his wife, staying overnight with us.



Our Property



Two things keep us from starting the construction on our property: We are still waiting for the title deed for our property, and secondly for the necessary finances to start building. The first of three building phases costs \$130,000 and should be completed by April 2007, so we can all move. Once all three phases are completed, we'll have room for 200 kids, a school, the church, workshops, and little businesses.

NEW MONTHLY SUPPORTERS
are greatly needed, as only just over a fourth of our monthly expenses are provided for, i.e. \$670 of \$2000.

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