

Pray for Safety and Visa Renewal

The current military government is sending away foreigners by not renewing their visas. Even last year, it was a miracle that God had renewed my visa amongst all those missionaries who had been waiting for months for their visa renewal and finally ended up leaving the country. The situation has been worsening with the terrorists activities increasing all over the country. Then at the end of October, the kidnapping of a long-term missionary from his home in the center of the capital city came as a shock to the missionary community. Since then many missions ordered their missionaries to evacuate, and Sahel Academy, once a well-sought after MK school in West Africa, permanently closed. That resulted in a ripple effect to the locals that worked for the mission agencies and individual missionaries who ended up losing jobs all of a sudden. For some of them it was their life line for all their life. It's also affecting many stores and the markets that relied on the foreigners in the country. Many children who used to attend private schools can no longer afford them.

Many of our visitors who already had purchased flight tickets had to cancel their trips. My own visa is due to renew on the 18th of December. I went into the regular visa renewal office only to be refused flat. Now, I am in the middle of trying other ways and looking into all different kinds of possibilities. Please pray with me for God's protection and His guidance. If my visa does not get renewed, I'll have no choice but to leave not knowing when to be able to return. At this point, I wait on the result knowing that even in the impossible situation, if it is His will, He can do the miracle. I am ready to obey Him in either result.

As I get ready for the rest of the staff to be able to continue to lead our schools in case of my long absence, please pray with me for their passion to work for His vision even it will take more time and energy from them without any extra pay. I am trying to train each of them in the small parts that they can do in the operation of the schools — some in curriculum, academics and spiritual teachings at our school, training in pedagogy, some

in facility management, some in student discipline, some in the management of our kitchen and food, some in finances, and management of ground workers, etc.



Pictures: Our weekly outreach: Kid's Club: high school students inviting the village children to our school; and junior high students walking out to give domestic help to the villagers

Construction of classrooms, a Chapel for Emmanuel and Maranatha, and the dorm for Maranatha to begin soon

We are hoping to begin digging the land for the construction of 3 new buildings: 1. a chapel building for Emmanuel which will house the kitchen, eating area, as well the nurse's office for that lot 2. classrooms with bathrooms for Emmanuel (C-shape) 3. a building that will house classrooms on the ground floor for the Maranatha and their dorm rooms on the second floor.

Please pray for dedicated workers, a diligent supervisor, and the funds needed! We know that God is leading it Himself. Next year around this time the lot will be more filled, and that we'll be able to plan for the football field and the basketball court that the boys have been waiting patiently for.



Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for my visa to be renewed. It expires on Dec 18th.
- For the new construction of 3 buildings
- Please pray for the Dr David who is helping us with the paperwork towards the permit for Maranatha clinic to open
- Please pray for the visitors who were disappointed to have to cancel their trips in Dec and Jan, and all those foreigners including the missionaries that had to evacuate due to the security problems in Niger. Please pray for God's mercy for this country that are degrading by each day under the military government
- Please pray for the permits for Emmanuel and Maranatha schools

Praises:

- For all the great Christian teachers and workers that God sent to this school! I am especially thankful for those that are willing to work in the Admin team that requires way more responsibilities than being a normal teacher
- So thankful for those who are preparing a container for us with the hospital beds, building materials, etc.
- Amazing connections (that only God can create) that are happening around us to help Niger and our students!
- We are grateful for all the new sponsors for our new students and new projects! We still have 20 girls and 40 boys that wait for the sponsors