

April 13, 2010

Dear praying friends and family,

Easter has come and gone. This year is quickly passing. We have had many great blessings and answers to prayer since our last letter to you. Thank you for your prayers for our health and safety. They have been so greatly appreciated. We are healthy and safe. Due to the bad roads our vehicle really has to endure some bouncing and shaking. It has held together well. I took it in for an oil change and lube job. They showed me that the axle was broken and pretty much all of the gear oil in the differential had leaked out. It must have had happened just shortly before we spotted it. We could have easily broken down on some back bush road. I simply felt impressed to be sure that all of the levels were topped up. It pays to check on your vehicle regularly. Your prayers saved us from a lot of grief.

Our national missionary in Mali, Francis just went through some tough times. His son was bitten by a venomous snake and needed to go across the country for care. I was able to send them some money for the expenses. His son is doing fine now. I called him back to see how his son was doing and he told me that he had just received news that his father had died the day before. Pray for the Lord to strengthen and encourage him. He seems to be alright, but that has to be rough on him.

We had a wonderful service on Resurrection Sunday. So many of the people who attend our services have really started understanding the clear teaching of the Word of God. Ephesians 2:8-9, and Isaiah 64:6 convinced many of them that their own works has nothing to do with their salvation as did Romans 4:1-5; 3:27-28, and 11:6. A few weeks ago we baptized twenty adults. There are more adults and some children that desire to be baptized. We are working with them to be sure that they understand what they are about to do.

We are preaching in four different places at the refugee camp weekly and have been invited to preach in other areas of the camp. It is too much for one man to do properly. We now have seven men who say that they believe that they are called to preach. This Wednesday I will start institute classes with them. It is a busy day. We leave early in the morning to preach at one of the preaching points. We rotate weekly. I will pick up some of the men from the other points and they will attend the service with us. Then I will have the class for the preachers. At the same time Carla and our two children visit some of the families and then Carla teaches a ladies' class. Then the two hour drive home gets us home around 5:00 PM

Our son Jeffrey, and Jen just had their first wedding anniversary. Joanna and Julieanna are fine in the States. The corn in our garden is over six feet tall now. Jonathan is 5'10". Joy will graduate this year. Our kids are all getting big and Carla and I will soon be down to one child at home.

Our preachers in West Africa are having a preacher's conference this week and are very happy for the fellowship and challenging preaching and teaching. Finally we want to thank the one who sent an anonymous gift to help get food for the refugees. It has been a real blessing. They thank you.

Love in Christ,
The Bassetts