

GLEAMS IN THE DESERT

August 55 in 5

Nigiri of the Democratic

Republic of Congo Pray that God would place a longing in the hearts of these “people of the forest” to know Him.

Northern Teke of Gabon Pray for the Northern Teke to trade their false beliefs for a true understanding of God and the salvation that is found only in Christ.

Konyanke of the Ivory Coast

Pray that God would send the Konyanke someone to tell them about the true, eternal joy they can have in Him.

Herero of Namibia

Ask God to humble the hearts and minds of the Herero so that they will be open to hear the good news of Jesus.

Ingessana of Sudan Pray the Ingessana people will have the opportunity to hear the gospel message.

For more information on these people groups go to <https://www.imb.org/sub-saharan-africa/55-in-5/>



Attack at the Giraffe Preserve

On Sunday, August 9th, six French aid workers, and their Nigerien guide and driver were ambushed and killed in Koure', a giraffe preserve about an hour drive from Niamey. This was personally devastating to us and our community here. Our family has been to see the giraffes countless times over the years. Now this area is off limits. The government has closed it. Per our security protocols, we can't travel down this road for a while. The US Embassy has advised not traveling outside of Niamey in several directions. Niger and France are conducting a manhunt for those responsible for such evil. Pray for Niger. Pray for peace. Pray for us to be faithfully sharing the gospel at every available opportunity. Pray for the families who lost loved ones in this attack. Pray for us to make wise decisions regarding our travel and movements around town.



A River Runs Through It

The Niger River runs through the city of Niamey. Nineteen people have died and over 50,000 have been affected by flooding in Niger since June this year. Flooding has continued, in particular after a period of heavy rain in early August. The capital Niamey recorded 67mm of rain in 24 hours to 07 August. As of 08 August, the Niger river in the city stood at 5.8 metres, approaching Orange alert level (level 3 of 4).

We've helped our neighbor "Eve," who lives in a mud brick home, to buy supplies to repair their roof because the water was coming in so badly they couldn't even lay down to sleep at night.

Phil received a phone call from "Moses" because the heavy rains have flooded their crops and now they won't have a harvest.

Pray for protection against the river flooding its banks. Pray for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one and/or the loss of their home. Pray for us to be wise in making compassionate decisions about how best to help those hurting around us.

Our Daily Lives

Our lives are still impacted by our medical department's recommendation to self-isolate during the pandemic. We've now got a routine of going out every two weeks for groceries. I've resumed meeting with Wendy, our guesthouse coordinator and have agreed to be the guesthouse distant manager. Phil is working on writing people group summaries that our team can use to send to prayer supporters. We continue to support and promote 55 in 5 unreached, unengaged people groups on Facebook and in our prayer letter. We've met online with other missionaries in our cluster to share stories and find encouragement as we all deal with the new challenges we face. That's been such a blessing. We've watched church services online. We stay in touch with church members on WhatsApp. I've started a private Facebook group with friends to share more deeply about our lives and ministry here and have found it to be very therapeutic. I'll be participating in a training for women beginning this month online. We're finding new ways to be productive and still contribute to the goal of reaching the Zerma for Christ. In the pic below Salamatou and I are helping a missionary colleague strengthen her local language skills on our front porch this past month.

