

Gleams in the Desert



Construction Begins on Pastor’s Home

Following the first big rain of the season, Pastor “Adam’s” house suffered significant damage.

After a recent heavy rain, Pastor “Adam” discovered large cracks in the walls of his mud-brick home. After consulting with a mason it was determined that the house was no longer safe to live in and would have to be torn

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About the 5 people groups to pray for in June.

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PRAY

For the requests for these 5 unreached, unengaged people groups.



“Jo,” pumps water to fill jugs.

It takes a lot of water to make bricks.



“Julian” helps fill the water tank.

It’s hard work to make bricks.



Pastor “Adam” and “Julian” hard at work.

Thanks to Ben Sustar for these great pics.

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down. They are now in the process of building a new house using concrete blocks—pray that construction would go smoothly as rainy season begins. The building materials are expensive, pray that God will provide the necessary funds to complete the building process.

A time to be born and a time to die,...a time to weep and a time to laugh, Ecclesiastes 3: 2 and 4

On May 11, Phil's mother, Judy Cain, passed away.

Phil called and talked to his mother for an hour on Mother's Day. That evening Judy suffered a massive heart attack. She died the next day at the hospital, surrounded by her children. As her obituary so eloquently states, "Judy was a woman who never lacked for compassion and always had an abundance of love for family and friends, forgiveness for wrongs received, an everlasting love for God, for whom she kept faith with until the end." We were unable to return to the US due to Niger's borders being closed because of Covid-19. We're deeply saddened at her passing, but are comforted by the assurance of seeing her again one day.



The first of three dust storms that heralded the arrival of rainy season in May.

Rainy season has begun. Rain usually follows the dust storms. This year we've had bigger dust storms than the past several years. It got pitch black in the middle of the day as we raced to close windows and doors in our house. The glorious rain that followed the first storm of the season brought a welcome coolness to the day.

Please pray for continued rains and for good crops as people begin to plant and for good harvests. They need to grow enough food to last for the coming year. Pray that the seeds that will be sown in the soil and for the seeds that are being planted in people's hearts to take root.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

A highlight of our week is meeting together for worship with our IMB mission family. We meet at our house, since we're still under self-isolation recommendations from our medical department. We remain on our porch as our friends gather in our yard, spaced to maintain social distance. We sing and each week one of the men take a turn sharing a message from God's word. (Phil brought the message the last weekend of May) Then we share and pray for each other's requests. I noticed our neighbor had stopped pounding her grain and was listening to the songs during our first meeting. Pray that God will use our worship times to draw our neighbors' hearts to Him.

