

Gleams in the Desert

Floods, Baptist Global Relief Projects, Church, Kids Clubs, and More!



Niger Flood 2020

On August 23 the Niger River broke its banks and wide areas of Niamey are underwater.

Sahel Academy is a Christian international school run by SIM mission that our Southern Baptist MKs attend. School was supposed to open September 1st, but on August 24th a wall gave way under tremendous pressure from a dike leak upstream from the campus. Water poured in and the entire campus is flooded. The picture above is taken at Sahel Academy. The classrooms, library, dining/fellowship hall, and staff homes are underwater. The community has rallied together to load canoes, boats, and large trucks to haul to safety all of the furniture, books, and school supplies that can be salvaged. Two homes have been rented for school this year. The gardens planted next to the river are destroyed. They provide many of the local vegetables, fruits, and rice for families in Niamey. There are villages that have been flooded and this year's crops destroyed.



Kids Club

Pray for these 4 girls as they learn God's Word.



Nigeriens lose homes.

Pray for the families impacted by the flood.



Sahel Academy

Pray for teachers, staff, and students as school resumes on Sept. 30th.

Send Relief Project

350,000 or more Nigeriens have lost their homes.

Pray for us as we seek to help flood victims through Send Relief projects in the next few weeks. Send Relief (formerly Baptist Global Relief) is the relief arm of the Southern Baptist Convention and 100% of donations go towards relief projects in the U.S. and around the world. You can find more information at sendrelief.org. It has been overwhelming and heartbreaking to see the needs of so many affected by the flood. Here in Niger we hope to provide tarps, food, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, etc. to around 500 families who have been displaced by the flooding. We will be working with our local pastors and believers to reach some of the devastated areas. Pray for the logistical details to be worked out as we purchase supplies and try to get them delivered in a timely manner. Pray for all the logistics to go smoothly. Pray that this project will result in many coming to Christ. We'll update you on these efforts in our next newsletter.



Church and Kids Club

On September 6th, we attended church in person for the first time since March. We've stayed in contact with believers via WhatsApp but it was a glorious morning to rejoin our local church! The photo above is of Pastor "Adam," his wife "Helen," and their five children in front of their newly built home. You've been praying for the building process. This home is a well built and can withstand this rainy season and future ones as well. I resumed the kids club that meets at the church in September. It was such a joy to be back together.

SEPTEMBER 55 IN 5

Pray for this month's 5 unreached, unengaged people groups of Sub-Saharan Africa. From left to right, top to bottom: the Antefasy of Madagascar, the Manyika of Mozambique, the Yerwa Kanuri of Niger, the Maninka of Sierra Leone, and the Konongo of Tanzania. Pray for God to remove all barriers that are keeping these people from God. Pray that they won't be blinded by traditional religion and Islam.

For more information on these 5 groups and more, go to <https://www.imb.org/sub-saharan-africa/55-in-5/>. To learn how you can help get the gospel to these people groups go to Pray4Africa@imb.org.

