

Gleams in the Desert



Trust and Obey

For there's no other way to be happy in
Jesus, but to trust and obey

We welcomed 2021 and all the hope that a new year and fresh start represents. We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday with our children, who took several vacation days so that we could enjoy maximum time together during the holiday season. It was our first Christmas all together in four years. (Left photo) We enjoyed seeing our dear friends, Mike and Stacey, who are in process of being appointed by the IMB to serve overseas. (Top photo) Stacey and Mike have come on many mission trips to Niger and worked alongside us in reaching the Zerma.

Caroline and Caleb have received their first round of Covid-19 vaccine because of their working in a retirement community. Their second round will be given in February. Pray for no side effects and for that to go well.

My word for 2021 is trust. My verse for this year is from Psalm 28:7- The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him. God has proven Himself to be the faithful, merciful, and generous God we've always believed Him to be these past few months since my mother's death. I want to grow even deeper in my trust in Him no matter what circumstances may surround me this coming year. Pray for my trust to continue to grow and to be sure and steadfast.

January 2021

Thank you for praying for the 55 in 5 unreached people groups this past year. Our team has chosen to focus on the Yerwa Kanuri (right photo) in addition to the people groups we are currently reaching. You'll be seeing pictures or prayer requests for the Yerwa Kanuri in our monthly newsletters. There are over 170,000 Yerwa Kanuri living in Niger, out of almost 8 million in the world. The Kanuri are traditionally sheep and cattle herders who carry sticks to help guide their grazing animals or to chase them back home. Pray that the Yerwa Kanuri will come to know Jesus Christ as their Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for them and came that they may have abundant life.

We helped Caroline and Caleb move this month into a bigger apartment. The move went very well and they've gotten settled into their new place quickly.

Pray for us as we set our goals for this coming year with the training team. We're excited to see what God is going to do this year as part of our goals involve investing more time in training churches in Niger to carry out the great commission. Please begin praying for these churches and their members as we seek to further equip them to be a light to the nations in 2021.

Pray for all of our medical appointments to go well as we need medical clearance to return to the field.