



The Cain Chronicle

NEWS AND NOTES FROM NIGER

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Evidence of God at Work

I was walking down the street recently when I passed a man sitting in a chair under a tree. We exchanged greetings and then he asked me if I had a Bible or New Testament I could give him. "Sure," I replied. "Would you like it in Zerma or French?" "French would be best for me," he said. I told him I'd bring it to him at the same time the next day.

He wasn't home when I came back the next day so I left a French New Testament with his neighbor. I stopped by to visit him a few days later and after thanking me for the New Testament he told me his story: He'd been sick for some time and for over a month could hardly get out of bed. His legs hurt so bad he couldn't even walk. A neighbor down the road heard about it and came to visit him. This neighbor was a Christian and asked if he could pray for him. He agreed and this Christian neighbor spent some time in earnest prayer for him. The next day, the pain was almost gone and he could stand up and walk around with little difficulty.

He'd already been thinking more about God and after seeing this prayer answered began to ask questions about Christianity. As he listened to Christian programs on the radio and heard more about being a follower of Christ, he became convinced that Christianity was the truth. He told me that he came to realize how "empty" the words and prayers of Islam are, how now that he's accepted Christ, he feels joy and peace he never knew before.

This man has a spiritual hunger and wants to know more. I've agreed to start meeting with him once a week to study the scriptures together. Pray for "A" as he grows in his faith.

After "A" told me his story I couldn't help thinking about how we've asked again and again for your prayers that God would work in the hearts of people here, that He would use His Word and things like radio programs to draw people to Himself. I feel like God used this encounter to remind me that He is at work and that He is answering those prayers.

So, we want to encourage you not to grow weary in praying for people you've never met, in a country you've never been to, with little to show in the way of dramatic results. Your prayers make a difference that only eternity can fully reveal.



Lottie Moon Offering

Many of you know that half of the IMB budget comes from the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. (You can read about Lottie Moon and her legacy on the IMB Web site). As you support our work through giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this season, we thank you for your partnership in bringing the good news of Jesus to the Zerma and other people groups all over the world. You care, you pray, and you give. We appreciate you!

Partner with us!

As noted in our last newsletter, we continue to prepare for the IMB's emphasis on West Africa during 2006. Already we have had many individuals express an interest in coming to Niger as volunteers, and several churches have indicated they would like to partner with us in reaching the Zerma.

Won't you consider asking your church to partner with us as well? Whether you are committing to pray regularly, become an advocate, or come as a volunteer you can play an important role in helping the Zerma come to know the Savior. For more information contact us at our e-mail address on the front or see our Web site at www.zermateam.org.

At this time next year, may your feet still be walking!

(Zerma response to "Happy New Year!")

We thank you again for your many prayers on our behalf and for your encouraging letters, cards, and e-mails. We are blessed to have friends and acquaintances like you. May 2006 be a year filled with many blessings for you as we seek to follow Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

Caroline: In October we got to go to the U.S. for vacation!

I had fun in Washington with Nana and in Idaho with Grandma and Grandpa. When we were in the States I found out I have scoliosis and now I have to wear a back brace. I also got glasses and I'm amazed at how much better I can see. Nana is with us now for her vacation so we are enjoying spending time with her.

Caleb: I had fun in America too! I got to eat at MacDonalds and Burger King and we did some neat stuff like going to the top of the Space Needle, seeing the Museum of Flight where I got to ride in a flight simulator with Daddy, and going to the Seattle Aquarium.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the Zerma who have heard the gospel, understand it, and now need to make a decision.

Continue to pray for our new team members, Shad and Melissa and their son Hezekiah and for Kanesa and Brandy as they continue to learn the language and culture and share their faith.

Pray for us as prepare for and coordinate volunteers over the next several months, and for Caleb and Caroline as they continue homeschool.

Caroline and
Caleb's Corner