

# GRAYMATTERs

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Joel and Karen Gray - Serving in Niamey, Niger

## God's Grace For Us

Dear Friends and Family,

The challenges and trials we are go through serve as a constant reminder that we are aliens and strangers in this world; the loneliness and disconnection we feel - that we were made for deeper relationships than this broken world can ever provide. Peter wrote to scattered believers living in a hostile world and told them, "My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace (1 Peter 5:12b)." The trials God allowed were part of **his grace** for them. Oh that God would cause us to see, understand, and appreciate this truth!



6 weeks after the flood the water receded allowing us to enter the campus and asses the damage. This is door to the administration building.





Karen and her students on Spirit Day - dressed as their favorite characters.

## Please Pray

**1. We are tired.** Recovery from the flood took lots of work. Many on our team went through numerous evacuations and some are still waiting to move. Many of us are tired.

**2. School at Sahel Academy** is underway but only after a 7-week delay caused by Covid and the flood. Pray for students and their families. Pray for a positive school year despite all that has happened. Pray for lives to change and much learning to occur.

**3. Daniel** has moved to Germany. **Joshua** is in college in Georgia. **Ben Minotti** is in college in Canada. **Jessica** is a senior

at Sahel Academy and Katie is a freshmen. Pray for their spiritual growth.

**4. Campus cleanup and restoration** continues on Sahel's campus while we operate the school year in rented buildings in Niamey. Pray that God gives us wisdom about the future.

### **We Have Much To Be Thankful For**

Despite the difficulties we have faced these last few months we do have much to be thankful for. After several evacuations we are finally settled in a mostly dry house not far from the rented buildings we are using for Sahel Academy. We have a faithful team of friends and family who support us in numerous ways. We are grateful for each of you who pray and give allowing us to minister in Niger. May the Lord be with and bless each one of you.

Sincerely,

Joel, Karen, Daniel, Josh, Jess, and Katie



**Thank you!**

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