

Dear Ministry Partner,

Thank you for praying for the evangelistic outreach that our church here did in Galamankourou a little over a week ago. About 10 people from the church went and sang and danced, shared testimonies and the Gospel was preached to the 100+ people who showed up, which given the size of the village this was a large turnout. While Pastor Mamadou said that no one made a public confession of faith, all went well and the truth of Christ and our need of forgiveness in him was well proclaimed.

As for the progress of the Gospel in other villages around our small town, I have the pleasure to let you know that in Sinti (a village near Galamankourou) where the church has also conducted outreaches on a number of occasions, Pastor Mamadou related that there is now a group of about 45 people who are meeting together on Sunday mornings. And in a handful of other villages there are about 10 or so faithfully gathering together to encourage one another in the faith. And one of these, Foubele, just received a huge blessing when the chief of the village accorded the church group there a parcel of land measuring just about a hectare. So, God is at work not only here, but in the villages around us as the Gospel is being taken and proclaimed. Thank you for praying for this.

As for us, our travels to Kadiolo and back went well and I was able to complete the business in town. After this we and the Frazees had a good time fellowshiping and praying for one another. Thank you for praying as all the details came together and we arrived safe and sound at all destinations.

In the translation I have the great joy to let you know that 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus have been officially approved for personal use and use in the ministry here. And now with these passing their final check, all of Paul's epistles have been translated. And so, for this coming week Pastor Mamadou and I will be working through the consultant's notes on 1 & 2 Peter as well as continuing our reread of Revelation. Hopefully, by week's end Peter's epistles will have passed their final verification and we will have finished the reread of Revelation (presently we are at Revelation 21:9), and if all goes well, we will have the joy of having started to translate Matthew next week as well.

As for the progress in the translation, once 1 & 2 Peter are approved, almost all the New Testament will be done with these books needing the following attention. Both Hebrews and Revelation are ready for further testing to see if what has been translated is clear and natural in the language. Once this is done, we will send them to the consultant for their final verification. This will leave Jude to be consultant checked and Matthew and Mark to be translated. So, we are oh, so close to seeing the New Testament in the hands of the people here. Thank you for praying for all the steps involved in seeing the Word of God translated into the Shempire language.

As for the Bible club, the new prizes are a big hit and have encouraged more children to learn more verses. It is incredible to see the large numbers of new children who continue to come as well as the regulars who faithfully hide God's Word in their hearts. Continue to undergird Laura in your prayers so that she will have the patience and grace to deal well with the children and show them the love of Christ. And as always please pray for those memorizing the Scriptures that God will work mightily in their lives so that many will put their faith in the Lord and live for him.

Thank you for standing with us in the work here via your good and faithful prayers and intercessions. You and your prayers are making a difference for the kingdom.

In Christ

Tom R

Truth and knowing truth is the ultimate existence of man. (Ps 51:6)

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