



Children's Newsletter



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Hello, Boys and Girls!

It's been a couple of months since we wrote...sorry! We've had a lot going on here and have been coming and going from here and there. I imagine you are all very excited about Christmas coming. There are lights everywhere and decorations. Maybe even some presents are starting to appear under your tree!! What a magnificent time of the year when we think a lot about our dear Jesus coming down to the earth. He had an important mission to do and He did it to perfection! Because of that we can know that we have eternal life! But this is only the first part, because so many in the world do NOT have eternal life waiting for them. They have an eternity of suffering and horror. That's why sharing the Gospel is SO important!



The Lutheran Church here in Guinea is working hard to share the Gospel with many, many people. This past month we traveled back to the Forest Region, where we used to live. The trip was mostly to work on some computer and internet things. We traveled with several other leaders and during the trip we talked a lot about snakes. Of course none of us likes snakes but we all have to deal with them at some time. Just as we were finishing all of our snakes stories (and Pastor Tim had the most stories!!) there, going across the road was a snake!! We aimed right for it, hit

the snake and hit the brakes to kill it. We got it!! Didn't Satan just make himself a snake all those years ago, and doesn't he continue to give us trouble whenever he can!? But we always have victory over him just like we took care of that snake that day!! That snake had no chance against our great big truck, and Satan has no chance against our great big God either!!



We had a nice surprise waiting when we went to church in Gueckedou on Sunday. One of our leaders, James Marah, has been working very hard sharing the Gospel with the Kuranko people. They are a Muslim group but many are very interested in learning about Jesus. One village near a town called Faranah is so interested in learning more that they have sent a young boy named Ibrahim to live in Gueckedou, which is about 4 hours away from his own home.



Vicar Felix, James Marah, Ibrahim and us Ibrahim will be living with Felix

Ibrahim will live with the president of the Lutheran Church and learn the Bible from him. Ibrahim is smart, and we're praying that God uses him to reach many, many Kuranko people with the Gospel. Pray for Ibrahim, that God's Spirit will work in his heart and teach him many things to help the Kingdom! Can you imagine having to be sent to another place away from your family to be able to hear the Gospel!? We pray that he is not homesick!!

We're ready for Christmas as well. We will have all four of our children coming from all over to celebrate with us. It will be a good time for them to say goodbye to Guinea, as we will be moving before they are home again. Pray for their safe travel and for a good time here. And keep praying for the church here. They have made many big steps in becoming independent but it is a long road! Pray that God will use our leaders to help stomp out that ancient serpent called Satan in this area, and shout the Christmas and Easter news all over the country!!

Merry, Merry Christmas to you all!!

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