

Children's Newsletter

September, 2008

Dear Boys and Girls,

Hope you all had an awesome summer!! By now you should all be back in school for a new year.

There have been some big changes for us over the summer, so we wanted to share those with you. First of all, our girls also started a new school year, but they are away at school this year. They are both going to Dakar Academy, where Katie went 2 years ago. So they are living far from us right now. Dakar is the capitol of Senegal. If you look at the map, Senegal is a pink country on the west side. They live in a dormitory. Theirs is actually a house and there are "dorm parents" that live there that take care of all the girls. They like it a lot there. Andrea recently made her first speech and did really well, and Katie has a part in the school play. This is a big change for all of us because we don't have any children in the house anymore!! And it is an adjustment for

them as well since they are away from their home. Many missionary children end up going to other places for school if there is not a good chance for education in their country. So they have a lot of company—lots of others that understand how they are feeling.

Another big change for us will come at the beginning of 2009. We are going to be moving to the country of Mali! Can you find that on the map too? Guinea is a dark green country that looks like a horseshoe, and Mali is the HUUUUGGGGEEEE yellow country next door! Many of you remember all the trouble that Guinea was having some time back. That started the discussion of whether or not we should move. But as we started thinking about it some more we realized that there were other reasons too. We've been working in the Forest Region for about 12 years now. It's time for the church to be more on their own. Soon they will have 5 pastors with more in training. That's fantastic and what we want. But that means that we can do work somewhere else now. When we move to Bamako, Mali's capital, (the city with the star by it) we will be much closer to the other Lutheran missionaries in Guinea and we will work with them to share Jesus with the Muslims in Guinea. So we will still be "Guinea missionaries", but we will live closer to where we will work. And Pastor Tim will still visit the Forest Region church where he has been working and continue to teach them there.

We'll tell you more about Mali and the work in the coming months. Right now you can pray with us that we can find a house to live in, and for these next months as we prepare to move! And pray that God will prepare the hearts of the people that hear the Gospel message!! That is why we are here!



Love in Jesus,
Pastor Tim and Beth Heiney