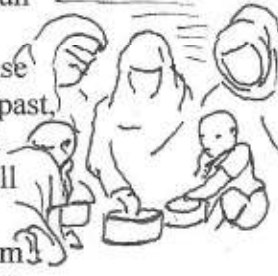




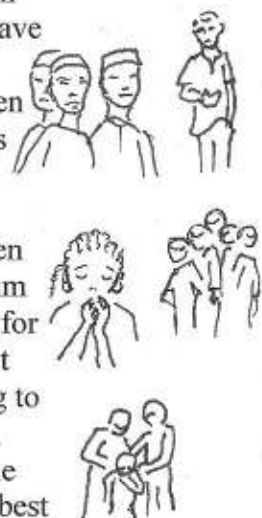
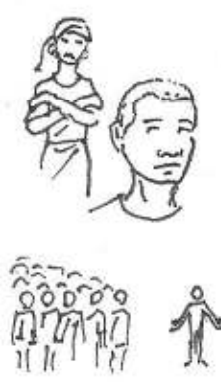
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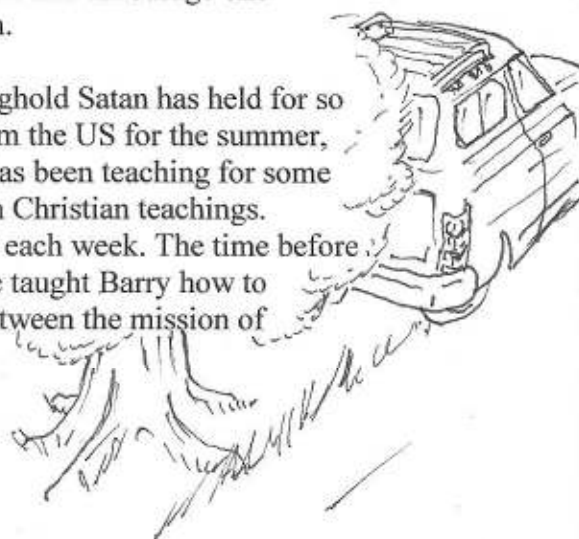
As summer winds down for those of you in the US, rainy season is finally kicking into high gear here in our corner of Guinea. It's been a strange year though, and I don't think just in Guinea! As of this week we also enter into the month of fasting, Ramadan. During this month Muslims around the world fast during the daylight hours, eating only after the sun sets and before it rises again. During this time strange things tend to happen, not only because the town is full of people that have had no nourishment all day, but also because we believe there is increased activity in the spiritual world. As we've explained in the past, many people, during this time, are praying that Allah will speak to them in dreams and visions. Our prayer this year is that people will seek and find the TRUTH; that they will recognize that they are in a spiritual battle and that Satan seeks nothing less than their souls; and mostly that they will be ready to hear about the Savior that came to save them with His free gift. A gift that requires nothing from them: no alms giving, no fasting, no restrictions, only an open heart. Will you pray this with us during these next few weeks?

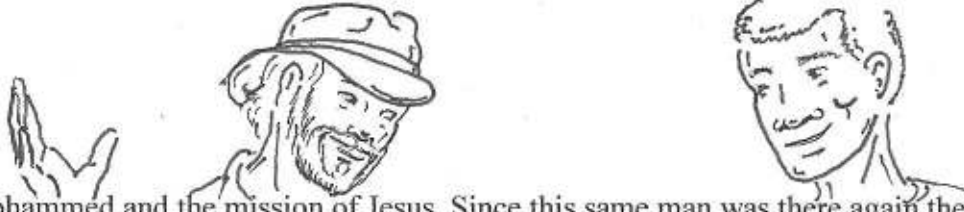


During our weekly prayer meeting this past week we talked a lot about the spiritual oppression that has been taking place all around us. Amazingly many of those experiencing this are Christians, or those that are interested in Christianity who are struggling with being such a minority in this almost 100% Islamic culture. We have a man in our congregation again who is struggling with the family of his wife who is putting pressure on him to leave Christianity. Other stories came up as well: One young man is home from college and struggles with his family who are strong Muslims. Because they fast all day, there is then no food for him to eat. Another young man who worked with Tim Norton when he was here is struggling as the only Christian in his village and longs for support. One young woman is a fairly strong Christian that just moved into the area, but her family is very much against her and her faith. And another young woman that Andrea Herman has been working with has a daughter who has been oppressed in the past by a demonic force. Tim Heiney and Tim Norton went with Andrea some time ago to pray over this woman and for some months she was fine. Now she is struggling again. Most of us have no idea what it means to experience being ostracized from family and friends for our faith, or for trying to be strong when you are the only one in your entire area that is a believer. These are real things that new Christians in this part of Guinea will have to face as little by little people hear the Word and respond. Pray for our team here as we seek God's guidance on how best to minister to these believers in a culturally sensitive and safe way, that we will know when it is best to begin bringing them together so that they can support and encourage one another and that we can be a support and encouragement to them.

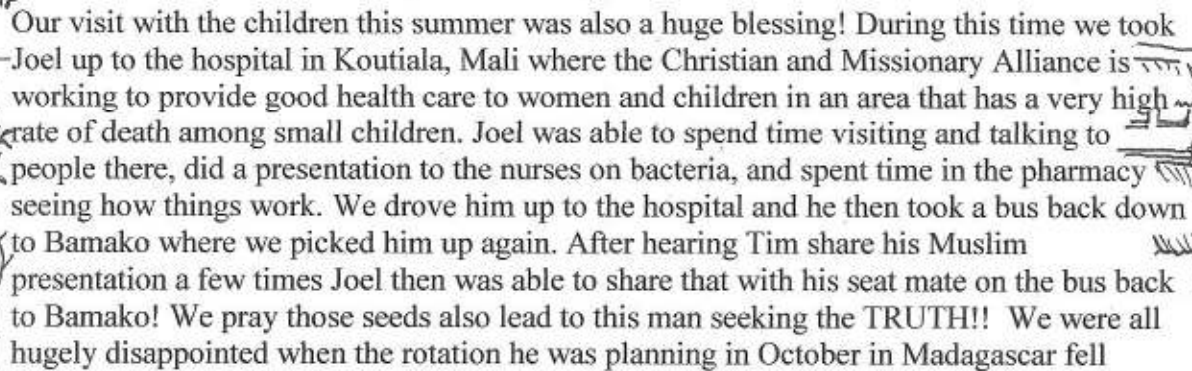


Once in a while, however, we can see some cracks in this stronghold Satan has held for so long! During this past month Tim and Joel, our son visiting from the US for the summer, went out together to visit a young man named Barry that Tim has been teaching for some months. He is a Fula man but speaks French and is interested in Christian teachings. Because he speaks French, Tim is able to do teaching with him each week. The time before this visit, another man had come and was listening to Tim as he taught Barry how to witness to his Muslim friends; how to explain the difference between the mission of

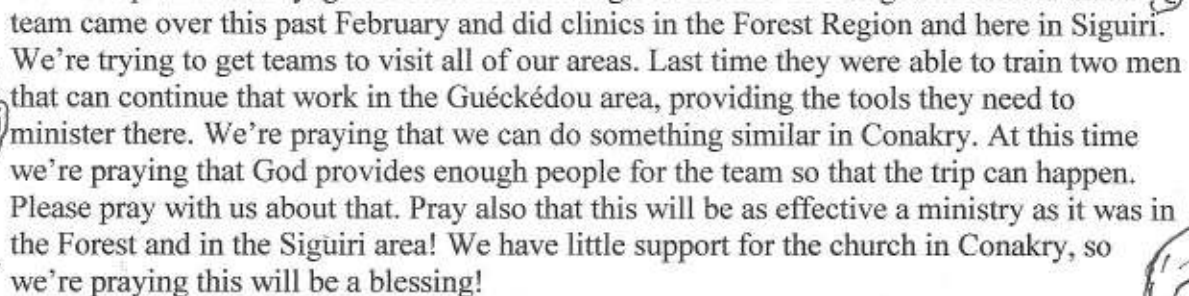




Mohammed and the mission of Jesus. Since this same man was there again the next week, Tim decided to do a "live presentation" on their visitor, who was by this time game to hear. Following the presentation this man showed an interest in learning more. Praise God that His Word never returns void!! We pray that this young man continues to seek for TRUTH!



Our visit with the children this summer was also a huge blessing! During this time we took Joel up to the hospital in Koutiala, Mali where the Christian and Missionary Alliance is working to provide good health care to women and children in an area that has a very high rate of death among small children. Joel was able to spend time visiting and talking to people there, did a presentation to the nurses on bacteria, and spent time in the pharmacy seeing how things work. We drove him up to the hospital and he then took a bus back down to Bamako where we picked him up again. After hearing Tim share his Muslim presentation a few times Joel then was able to share that with his seat mate on the bus back to Bamako! We pray those seeds also lead to this man seeking the TRUTH!! We were all hugely disappointed when the rotation he was planning in October in Madagascar fell through for lack of doctors wanting to go. We're trusting that God has another plan for him! Joel and Katie are both back in the USA now, and Andrea is leaving this coming Wednesday, the 10th of August. Tim will then leave for 2 weeks to visit the Lutheran Churches in Burkina Faso, Benin, and Togo. Pray for safe travel for all of us as we continue to move around....a LOT!!



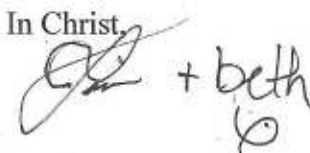

We have planned an eyeglass clinic this coming November. You might remember that a team came over this past February and did clinics in the Forest Region and here in Siguiri. We're trying to get teams to visit all of our areas. Last time they were able to train two men that can continue that work in the Guéckédou area, providing the tools they need to minister there. We're praying that we can do something similar in Conakry. At this time we're praying that God provides enough people for the team so that the trip can happen. Please pray with us about that. Pray also that this will be as effective a ministry as it was in the Forest and in the Siguiri area! We have little support for the church in Conakry, so we're praying this will be a blessing!

Finally, please continue to pray for Tim in his language work. I mentioned above that he can do teaching with those that speak French, however he can't really begin to do teaching with those Maninka speakers until he has a good handle on the Maninka language. This is essential!

We so appreciate your prayers for us, for our team here, and for the Maninka people! May God continue to chisel away at this stronghold of Islam until all have heard the name of Jesus!!

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