

Setsail Ministries

“Anchored in the Cross. Sailing by the Breath of the Spirit.”

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Everyone,

Hello! If you are receiving this email then we have already talked to you personally about our calling to Africa, orphans and adoption. This is our first attempt at a regular "update and prayer request letter." (thanks to David for the good idea!) We will continue to add others to this email list as we get a chance to talk to them about everything God is calling us to. If you know of anyone else that would like to receive this, please let me know and I can add them to the list (or if you want to be removed, let us know that also!) The purpose for this email is so that we can communicate prayer requests to you and share answers to those requests. And also so that you can gain a better sense of exactly what it is that God is calling us to...and when you figure it out, please let us know!

We will try to keep each email as short as possible and include the following 3 sections: 1. URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS, 2. UPDATES, 3. OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS. Eventually, once our website is set up, we will likely post this on the website, so that you can always view it there. We will aim for sending out an email once every 2 weeks. Finally, please DO pray for us. It's not enough to just read the updates; we definitely will need your prayer cover as we move forward in obedience and faith. Thank you!

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS:

(The items in this section may not always be "urgent" in the traditional sense, but they are things that are coming up quickly that we would like you to pray about.)

1. Trip to Lexington, Kentucky. On Friday, July 27, Kristine, Joshua and I will be flying to Nashville and then driving to Lexington to visit with the Harrison family. Jeffrey met Randy, Deanna, and Rachel Harrison while he was in Ouagadougou last year and God has told us that He wants us to partner with them when we go to Ouaga in October. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal to each of us exactly how He wants to connect us and what work He wants to accomplish in and through us. Pray for safe travel and that God would "protect" the time that we will have together with the Harrisons, so that there are no interruptions, distractions or cancellations.

UPDATES:

We first talked to most of you about this new and radical calling at the beginning of June. Since then, we have not really received any new information about the call, but we have definitely received MANY confirmations! Several of those happened while we were on vacation in the Turks & Caicos (praise God that He is not limited to speaking to us only when we are at home!) Though we know that much of what God has called us to looks impossible right now, we have a firm trust in Him that He will move every mountain so that His purposes will be done.

We often feel very inadequate for the task before us. We have no formal "religious" training or degrees, we don't know the language of Burkina Faso, and we have very few connections with people there. Yet, in the midst of all this, we keep our eyes on Jesus, like Paul, "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, (we) press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14) Our strength is not in ourselves but in God. As we realize more of our weaknesses, we are able to boast in them, knowing that God's strength is made perfect in them.

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Website. We have reserved a website name which will be www.setsailministries.com Gina Barnes is developing the website design for us, and we are looking to launch it around the middle of September. The website will have lots of details about who we are, what God has called us to, photos of ministry trips, details of the countries that we will minister in, as well as updates and prayer requests. Please pray for

Gina as she works on the design: that even the website itself will be used to bring glory to God as people visit it.

2. French language. French is the official language of Burkina Faso and we are working on learning as much as possible before we go. This is another area where we have seen the sovereignty of God: after studying French in High School and College, Kristine really felt that it would have been better for her to have taken Spanish. Yet here we are, over a decade later, planning a trip to a French-speaking country! So she will get to put her French to use after all! Please pray that all 3 of us would be able to learn and recall the language quickly.

3. Connections. Our heart is to visit and volunteer with at least one (and possible several) orphanages while we are in Burkina Faso in October. We also want to bring supplies with us that will be a blessing to the children there. For this to happen, we need to establish contact with some orphanages quickly so that we have time to gather supplies and plan a time to visit. We have already contacted 1 orphanage and are awaiting a reply. Please pray that God would show us the right people to contact.

Thank you for praying for us!!
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