

Set Sail Ministries

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

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"I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me." **Psalms 57:2(ESV)**

Hello again family and friends!

Without a doubt, since our last update, we have seen God fulfilling His purposes for us! This journey that we are on is at once crazy, unbelievable, amazing, Spirit-filled and joyous and it keeps us on our knees before God's throne as He stretches us beyond our normal "comfort zone"!

Here are some examples of answers to our prayers.

PRAISE REPORTS:

1. Travel. Our tickets are now purchased and we will be departing on Sunday, October 14, 2007. We will connect through Atlanta, and Paris, France, before landing in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on the evening of the 15th. We are scheduled to return to Colorado on Tuesday, October 30. Burkina does not observe Daylight Savings Time so it is only 6 hours ahead of Mountain time in the US. Praise God with us because we saved almost \$2000 off of the standard price on the tickets by booking through a helpful and very gracious missionary travel agency!

2. Connections. We have exchanged several emails with an orphanage in a small city (named Yako) northwest of Ouaga called Sheltering Wings. They are very excited about our trip to Burkina and have invited us to stay with them as long as we like! The Harrison's have provided other connections that we are exploring as well.

3. Health. It's been over 2 weeks since Joshua and Kristine finished their shots/pills for the trip and neither have been sick at all! What a blessing for all of us!

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Yesterday, Jeffrey's father, Gaylon, had emergency surgery on his eye, after injuring it while mowing on the tractor. Please pray for his healing and rapid recovery.

2. Housing. The Guest House in Ouaga where we had hoped to stay is full during our trip. We are prayerfully considering whether we should plan to stay at the orphanage in Yako for the entire time, or whether we should divide our time among several locations.

UPDATES:

If there is one thing that stands out in these last 2 weeks it's this: God seems to be removing (closing the door on) anything that I was familiar with during my last trip to Ouaga! It seems clear that He is calling us to trust Him completely rather than rely on familiar people and places to help us. We also get the sense that this time He wants to do something totally different through us.

We are also seeing clearly that it is HIM that is going to accomplish through us what He desires; sometimes we just need to get out of the way. We heard it said this week that when Elijah was facing the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18), God told him to pour cold water on the sacrifice so that when God brought down fire from heaven there was no question that it was God and not some trick of Elijah. In the same way, God sometimes pours cold water **our** plans, so that when He shows up there is no doubt in anyone's mind that it is Him! We've experienced that in several ways this past 2 weeks; times where our plans have fallen through, but then we've seen God clearly show us the way.

Two Sunday's ago, a lady that we have never met at our church asked if she could pray for us. As she was praying God gave her some special insight or prophecy about us and our trip. Among other things she said she 'saw' us in a boat, which of course is entirely appropriate since the name that God gave us for this ministry is "Set Sail Ministries"! But she didn't know that! What an amazing God we

serve, who knows our coming and going, and is faithful to lead us and especially to fulfill His purposes for us! God also gave her a vision or image of paperwork being stamped and connections being made. We are very excited about this, as we realize that God is already going ahead of us to smooth our road even before we get there!

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. French. We continue to learn new words and practice whenever we can. This will probably be more important to our trip now that we may be venturing out "on our own" sometimes, away from Ouaga and some of the missionaries there.

2. Packing. As we begin to think about the items we will need, we need lots of wisdom in how to pack. The fewer items that we bring for ourselves, the more that we can bring for the children that we will be visiting, so we want to be very wise in what we bring. A key item will be food: we want to bring some lightweight basics, such as cereal, snacks and possibly some dried meals, especially items that Joshua is familiar with.

3. Family time. We will be getting away over the Labor Day weekend and spending some quality time together as a family. Please pray for protection from the enemy and that our time together will be sweet and give us lots of good memories to reflect on together later.

4. Transportation. Because we will be visiting a number of cities and orphanages in Burkina, we need wisdom in how to arrange transportation (taxi, rent a car, ask others to take us.)

5. Physical Protection. As we pursue God's call for our lives, we know that Satan will look for any way that he can to distract us. We declare that we are whole-heartedly focused on Jesus. Please pray that we will stay that way.

As always, thank you for partnering with us through prayer,

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