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Mali Chronicles

Sep 2003	Move to Bamako.
Nov 2003	My neighbor Simeon saved.
Nov 2004	Bible School launched. CAM launched. Simeon baptized.
Dec 2004	First party for street kids.
March 2005	Accepted by HIM.
Summer 2005	Accepted by FFMI. Seybou saved.
Sep 2005	Weekly program for street kids starts. Street kid Sekouba saved. Sekouba moves in.
Nov 2005	Government recognition. First anniversary. 4 new believers baptized.
Jan 2006	Land found.
March 2006	NGO in Germany partners with us.
April 2006	Finally a car! 2 nd kid moves in.
May 2006	3 rd kid moves in. Paul moves in to help. Our school starts. Ministry on property starts.
July 2006	4 th kid moves in. Christian doctor on call 24/7.
Aug 2006	Village ministry starts.
Sep 2006	5 th kid moves in, and leaves. First kid Sekouba leaves. Firmin moves in to help. Accepted as part of the Malian Association of Churches.
Nov 2006	Teacher Issa moves in. Second church anniversary. 7 new believers baptized.
Dec 2006	Two new children move in.



Church Plant

After 8 years of preparation I moved to Mali by faith, to step into God's call for the sake of the 4th poorest nation in the world. For two years I taught German at a small local High School, and one year into that the church called *Centre Apostolique Malien* was born. In November 2004, we had our first service, baptizing two young men, one of whom - Simeon - had gotten saved two months after my arrival in Mali and become a faithful team member. A year later, my now right hand man Paul was baptized together with 3 other new believers, and this past November, on our 2nd anniversary, we baptized 7 new believers. We seek to serve our community preaching the gospel with words and actions, by doing movie nights, offering literacy and English classes, and a children's program. CAM meets every Sunday afternoon for a service, and we also form local believers in our Bible school. This year we have 5 new students which is reason for great joy.



We're also ministering on our property every week, preaching the gospel to the great number of kids assembled, and teaching them how to live for Christ. A few weeks ago we had two dramatic healings, like this boy whose broken arm was healed. And when we showed the Jesus-movie and served a banquet, Sekouba could see the food multiply as he dished it out; later that night, more than 8 people dedicated their lives to the Lord.

Street Children

In Dec 2004 we did our first Christmas Party for Street Kids, proclaiming the gospel, feeding and clothing them, and praying for the sick. Several times a year more than 100 kids show up at the time for those parties, and several get saved and



also healed every time. This past Christmas we were also able to give a pair of shoes to each kid that came.

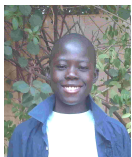
In September 2005 we started ministering to the street kids on a weekly basis - playing games, singing & dancing, memorizing verses, teaching them, praying for them, and eating together. Sekouba was the first street kid that stayed with us, followed by Abdias, Fousseni, Abdiel, Daouda, Solomani and Eli. In May the first three moved into the house with me, and I started teaching them daily - the Bible, reading, writing, math, French and music. In November we employed our first teacher who also moved in with us - Issa, a young Christian man who is called to work with street children. The Lord also sent us a Christian doctor who is always on call, and whose services we need frequently. All kids grow rapidly in every way, thanks to the school and to their time with the Lord alone and with the others (90 min a day). Every night each kid is prayed over and blessed. Today they have a loving family - in heaven as well as on earth.



Our Resident Kids

Abdias, 13

Delivered of all the demon friends he came with, Abdias is a joyful, loving young man.



Foussemi, 15

Having suffered beatings, hunger, and death of loved ones, Foussemi is slowly being healed by love.

Saloum, 17

Thrown out by his violent father, this smart kid has found refuge with us.

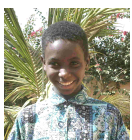


Hama, 5

Born crippled on the left side and punished by society for it, he's now starting to blossom by unconditional love.

Sarata, 1½

Several malnourished when she first came, Sarata is turning into a lively, talkative, inquisitive girl.



Solomani, 12

An actual slave in his uncle's home, Solomani had to work very hard, was beaten and not given any food.

Eli, 11

Eli ran away from home when his father forced him to work instead of going to school.



Expansion into Mali & Beyond

In April we finally got a 20-year-old car to be able to move around, which has opened doors for us to minister on our property as well as outside



Bamako. In August the Lord opened the door into village evangelism, which had been on my heart for many years. We now go into the village of Dio on a monthly basis to preach the gospel and heal the sick, supporting the only pastor in that village of 4000, Pastor Enoch was spiritually dead when I first met him, but today he's more alive than ever and starts seeing miracles through his own hands. For the first time his church is growing, as people turn to the Lord when we come visit. We've given Enoch a bike so he can also reach the surrounding villages where there are no Christians. We're excited to take the are for the Lord together - and it's only the beginning! We're forming believers in our Bible school to send them into the rest of the country to start churches where no believers exist today, so that the whole of Mali can be filled with His glory.

I've also traveled to Senegal, Guinea, Ivory Coast and Ghana with Paul, where we prophesied churches into being. We're invited to come back to Ghana to do a crusade in 2007.



Sponsoring Children

We now have 38 children who either already have sponsors or who are looking for sponsors. 7 children live with



me (on the left), plus 5 helpers, then there are 12 in our neighborhood who are too poor to go to school or eat regularly, who we are going to feed and teach as soon as they have sponsors, and finally there are 19 in the village of Dio who need food and schooling as well. At Christmas we were able to make them all very happy with a pair of shoes, a toy and candy.

Year of Construction

We're planning on starting construction on our 32,500 ft (3000 sq.m.) property in April, finishing the first building phase by July so we can move as soon as possible. Once all three phases are completed, we'll have room for 200 kids & workers, a school, the church, workshops, and

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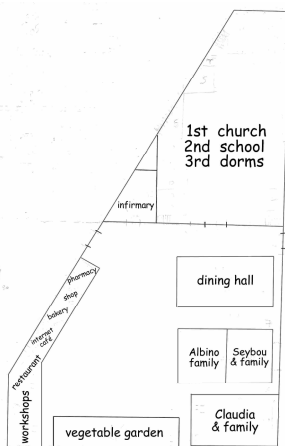
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little businesses. We trust God to bring in the necessary finances for this big project. The first building phase costs \$175,000.

NEW MONTHLY SUPPORTERS

are greatly needed, as only just a third of our monthly expenses are covered, i.e. \$710 of \$2000. There are also still many kids who are waiting for a sponsor who will give \$50 or 40€ a month.

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