

Tin Tacks

Sept 2009 Sim family prayer notes

Oh what a feeling.....!

You remember the old Toyota ads? Well we have got that Toyota feeling again! After only being back in Benin for two days, we battled sunburn, heat and weary legs to find the vehicle we needed! We are now the happy owners of a 2000 Toyota Landcruiser, with a 3 litre turbo charged diesel, air conditioning, big wheels and very comfortable seats!! It came from Switzerland, and as you know with the Swiss, naturally it has been well looked after!



We want to again thank the many folk who have made it possible for us, through prayer and support, to have such a vehicle that will make the journey to and from Sahel Academy, Niger so much safer and stress free.

We gave the vehicle a test run visiting missionaries west of Parakou a couple of weeks ago and it performed very well. It will be getting its first run to Niger on the 18th of September, when we will visit the children for the weekend.

Prayer & Praise:

- Pray for a safe trip up and back (18th-21st Sept), that Neil will not "see what the 4WD can do"! The road is worse in many ways due to the wet weather.
- Praise for a good adjustment back into life here at Parakou. We have not felt the "empty house" syndrome too much, with another family sharing most meal times with us, as they take time out from their regular ministry.
- Praise also for Bethany, Joshua and Hannah as they seem to have adjusted back well into dormitory life. They all share their rooms with one other person, and everyone is getting along well.
- Bethany and Joshua have made it onto softball teams for the upcoming NUTS (Niger Universal Tournament of Softball) tournament in mid October. We will be making the trip up then too.
- Neil is busy helping out with the organization of the SIM Benin Togo Country Review in early October. There will be over 80 meetings held all over Benin & Togo, so please pray this "health check" for SIM Benin Togo will go well.
- Please pray for Caleb & Néhémie, both of whom receive scholarships for their theological training. Pray that we will meet our funding requirements for the Leadership Training project #BJ86410, as they return to their studies soon.
- Please pray for the "Pause Café" (morning tea) that we have here on the Guest house station every week day morning. It continues to be very popular, which is both a blessing and a problem. Blessing in that we are interacting daily with the community beyond our gates; problem because we are not sure how to take this amazing ministry opportunity to the next level. Expand our facilities? Evangelization strategy? Move off station and become a real business?

Blessings,

Neil & Lisa, Bethany, Joshua and Hannah.