



# Kawara News

*Our vision is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the village of Kawara, Burkina Faso, West Africa, establish a Church for the maturing of believers as well as encouraging community development through education, medical care/training, and vocational training.*

Cut out and use as a prayer book mark

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, April 8 a sudden storm with very strong straight-line winds raged through Kawara. All three of our building sites were damaged. The following are some photos of the resulting destruction.



Earlier in the day this land was bone dry. We will have to find a way to deviate the flow of rain water away from the school. There was damage in one room where the wind shook the roofing beams.



The new housing for the teachers has some cracks in the walls.



Lightening struck this tree just 50 meters from our house, splitting it in two. It was as if the Lord redirected that strike so it didn't touch the house.

## **PRAYER & PRAISE**

**\*Praise** the Lord for protecting our lives in the storm.

**\*Praise** the Lord that we were able to take the thatch from the church building to set up a temporary wall for the compound.

**\*Pray** for courage and grace to pick up the pieces and persevere after this storm and destruction.

**\*Pray** for the finances to redo the roofing on our house and for a knowledgeable builder to do the work.

**\*Pray** for the building of a new place for the Church to meet in. They not only need something now in the heat but when the rainy season comes they will need protection from the storms.

**\*Pray** that the control panel for the solar water pump will be quickly repaired and reinstalled.

**\*Continue to pray** for a new vehicle for Abraham to use for the ministry.



Abraham was in the house when the storm struck and so he was crying out to the Lord as walls shook and the roof threatened to take off. Rain poured through the openings made in the roof. Repairs are a priority as the rainy season is soon coming. It appears the whole roof needs to be redone. Abraham is having estimates drawn up by a builder.



A large section of the enclosing wall fell down and the guard house next to it suffered several cracks in the walls. Temporary thatch wall was put up to keep animals out of the yard.

Some of our fruit trees were also damaged from the wind.



The thatch-roof building which the church meets in was totally demolished. The djembe (drum) will need repairs too.

A few days after the storm Abraham called to say that the control panel for the solar water pump was not functioning and the water tower is empty. He has sent that to Ouagadougou where I am having a technician evaluate it to see if it can be repaired.

We are calling on the resurrection power of our Lord to come into action in Kawara. We need to see restoration and full protection over the lands and buildings he has provided.

Keep us in your prayers,

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