



# 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.*

Dear Friends,

I thought I would update you on our news here, though I just sent a letter out last month. Always good to hear the Lord is answering your prayers.

The renewal of our organization before the government has been accepted, at least provisionally, as we are told they are combing through multitudes of organizations to weed out those whom they deem are not bringing true benefit to the nation. We are thankful to be operating under this provision and trust the Lord to grant us the final approval. Under this new system the paperwork needs to be renewed every five years. We had good people helping us, as Abraham saw many people in line who were not granted the right to operate.

Both of our vehicles are now RAV 4, so we refer to them as RAV 1 and RAV 2. I am thankful to have RAV 1 back from the garage and in great working order. I was able to have a carport installed to help block out the sun's damaging rays, as well as have new front gates hung. Now I need to get some paint on the gates and the outside lights hung.



Pictures of the gates on the next page.

## PRAYER & PRAISE

**\*Praise** the Lord for the successful re-registration of our organization in Burkina.

**\*Praise** the Lord for the repairs we are able to make on RAV 1.

**\*Praise** the Lord for the new board members to help in the ministry.

**\*Praise** the Lord for the finances that have started to come for the additional classrooms. **\*Pray** that the total funding will be provided for this project.

**\*Pray** for Abraham as he pursues the ministry the Lord has given. Pray his strength of body and soul will be sufficient for accomplishing each days work.

**\*Pray** that people everywhere in the country would be preserved from the plans of terrorists. Pray for the families who have lost loved ones and property.



Pictured with Abraham are two new members of our board for MCDI, our organization in Burkina. They are both from Kawara and will be a great help to Abraham as he leads the ministry.

We have had some very encouraging responses to our request for funds to build the additional classrooms for the school. Over \$8,000 has come in, so we can make a start on the work. Pray with us to see the full amount provided so these classrooms will be ready for use next fall.

The Lord is giving renewed strength to our bodies. The other relief that has come is a few short rains, which broke the sustained days of 100+F or 40+C. The new carport worked very well during those rains.

Keep Abraham in your prayers as his elderly aunt died recently. The extended family in the village still has need to turn their hearts to the Lord. There are those in the village who oppose what Abraham is doing and make things difficult but he carries on faithfully doing what the Lord has assigned to him. May their eyes and hearts be opened to the Lord of glory.

Continue to pray for the security of the nation. I received reports of attacks and Christians killed which never make it into the news here in the country. As we are diligent in prayer, we will see victory come and those who are blinded by hate and darkness will find the Lord who loves, delivers and forgives.

Blessings to each of you.

Joanie Peterson  
for the Kawara Team



Old gates



New gates and carport

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