



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.

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PRAYER & PRAISE

Dear Friends,

It is almost time for the new school year to begin in Burkina Faso. We are in full preparation mode for that event. I will bring you up to date on this ministry but first some reflections on education.

As I thought about my education, what I received as formal training in school and informally at home, with neighbors and friends, I realized how privileged I am. All that training has carried me through many life situations, helped me to imagine and find creative solutions to problems and given me skills to learn new things on my own. I have also been equipped to read and study God's Word and was taught how to deepen my relationship with Him.

I am filled with thanksgiving to the Lord, my parents, family,

friends and many who have touched my life through the years. Privilege is the word that lingers with me. When I turn my eyes and thoughts to the children in Kawara and the surrounding villages, my heart longs for them to have the same privilege to learn. This is why we carry on in Kawara with this ministry of education.

In the past weeks Abraham has been busy meeting with various government officials and directors of private schools to get needed information, collaboration and counsel for our school in Kawara.

Recently I sent out a letter asking for prayer concerning the financial competition another school in the area has laid down for the next school year. The founder of that school announced school fees which are way below what is needed to run a school, which

***Praise** the Lord for the contacts Abraham has been making on behalf of the school and for his strength to persevere.

***Pray** that the Lord would exalt himself in Kawara through the school.

***Pray** that the Lord would send us many students to fill the classrooms this school year.

***Pray** for the needs of the administration office, computer, solar power, filing cabinets.

***Pray** for the set-up of a school library.

***Pray** that we would be able to locate and hire a director and school staff for the next year who will carry the vision of education and sharing the Lord with the students.

***Pray** for the finances needed to build more desks.

***Continue to Pray** for the vehicles we need to replace our aging car and truck.

means he must be getting outside financial aid for the students. Villagers don't tend to look at the quality of education but rather at the price to send their children to school so naturally they would go to a place where the cost is low.

Last week Abraham and I took a morning to seek the Lord over this situation and the many needs regarding the school. A solution that came to us is regarding some funds we have which are dedicated for school children. We will use this money to help each student with some financial aid to bring the tuition down for the parents. We are asking the Lord to give us sixty students for each class this school year. We are anticipating having all four classrooms used so that would mean a total of 240 students. This will require more school desks to be built to accommodate the number of children. Our most pressing need at the moment is hiring the school staff. We need a dynamic person for the director's position, someone who can carry the vision of building this school into all that the Lord has

desired. We also need three or four teachers and auxiliary staff, such as a secretary and student overseer who follows each pupil's progress.

A library is needed and required for the students to expand their learning outside of the classroom. Estimated cost: \$1,000 USD.

For the administration building, we are in need of a desk top computer. A printer is already available. We also need solar panels, wiring and a battery to power these as well as give light to the classrooms so the students may study at night. Estimated cost: \$1,400 USD.

For our continued construction projects and hauling water, we would like to purchase a tricycle motor_bike. This is a larger sized motor_bike with an attached trailer for hauling. The one we would like has an estimated cost of \$3,000 USD.

Refer to the prayer topics noted to join us in our preparations. Blessings, Joanie Peterson, for the Kawara team

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