



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,

As this new year begins I would like to bring you up to date with events from 2015 in the ministry and in the nation.

The pictures show the progress on the construction of the latrines for the school. There is a little work that still needs to be done. We expect the builder to come and finish that work during this month of January. In December he had to leave due to illness and then there were the end of the year festivities so this is the reason for the delay. Abraham informed us at our year end board meeting that there is a new system required for washing hands both at the latrine site and just outside the classrooms. The system is foot operated to keep hands clean. The ministry of health instigated this to prevent the spread of Ebola and other communicable diseases.

As a ministry we had hoped to see the school start up this term however there are still teachers to be hired, classrooms to be furnished and paperwork to be completed. We will take the time to make sure all is well prepared for the students for the next school year.



Rear view of latrines

PRAYER & PRAISE

- ***Praise** the Lord for the progress on the latrines and paperwork for the school.
- ***Praise** the Lord for the provision he makes for the Church members in Kawara.
- ***Praise** the Lord for successful presidential elections in Burkina Faso.
- ***Pray** for the furnishing of the classrooms, hiring of great teachers and completion of government recognition of the school.
- ***Pray** for an abundant and lasting supply of water for the school site.
- ***Pray** for the Church in Kawara as they look to the Lord to meet their daily needs.
- ***Pray** for the new government in Burkina Faso as they move ahead to organize and serve the nation with great leadership. May they pave the way to see lasting development and a peace-filled land.

There has been good progress in obtaining recognition from the government for the school, several inspections of the facilities have been made in the recent months so we are thankful for this advance. The inspectors were impressed with the facilities we have built. Please pray with us for the best solution for providing water at the school site. It is not possible to connect our well to that site.

The Church in Kawara continues to grow and do well. Recently they refurbished the building they are meeting in. A photo can be seen on Joans FB page.

There was a lot of rain last season which made the weeds grow tall. Neighboring villagers set fire to them and that fire spread into some of the fields that were not yet harvested so people lost part of their crop. Also the beans don't like that amount of water so the harvest was somewhat spoiled. Then the market price dropped by almost half so people are quite stressed for finances. The revenue from this crop usually helps pay for schooling and

other family needs. We were able to help some students with their fees so they wouldn't be sent away from class.

The security in the western part of Burkina is not stable. The army has sent patrols and plan to send more, to bring greater security from outside attacks. We decided it was not wise for Joanie to come for Christmas and New Years or to visit until things have been made more secure in Tougan and the area.

The great news is that Burkina held successful Presidential elections at the end of November. It is the first time they have had transparent elections in many years. The new president is Mr. Roch Marc Christian Kabore. This week he announced his selection of Mr. Paul Kaba Thieba as his Prime Minister. Please pray for them as they set up a new government and lead us in 2016 and beyond.

We are ever grateful for your prayers and financial support.
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