



# Mali Matters/ Benin Blessings

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Hello again,

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**"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."** Hebrews 13:8. How wonderful is this truth! He is our constant, never-changing Lord who is perfect in love, justice, mercy, grace, and the list goes on. With all of the changes going on around us daily, this has been a true source of encouragement for me and I trust for you as well.

Let's see if I can catch you up on a few things. For myself, God has shown Himself faithful as we walk through these early days without my mother here. Teaching part-time has been going well. Pray for my students. Some are showing more interest in God through the things they are learning in Scripture. I'm praying for a couple of them to come to Christ as Savior. It's interesting to see them do well on memorized things but struggle on the understanding and application of things and am trusting that God is working in their lives also. My students are mostly middle school age.

The past few weeks have been busy for me with contacts and continuance in Mali. Things have been active since the first of the year. I've been able to have some good conversations with various contacts. I even was able to share the gospel with a few. Some of these were even a young mother and child I've never actually met. She's the wife of a long-time friend from Gao. He claims to be a Christian but hasn't been leading the way for his young family. There are still Bible studies I do and send back to various groups and individuals of ladies. A couple of the individual ones are taken and shared with other smaller ladies' groups here and there. There have also been other ministries to keep up with along the way such as the scholarship program.

My coworkers, Rich and Anna Marshall, were able to go recently to spend about a month in Mali. This was a huge answer to prayer for them. Thank you for praying. Rich is the one who had the bad accident a couple of years ago. It's been quite a long road for them and some of you have been praying and keeping up with them. They had a great visit and were able to look more into the Mouzou property where the building of the campus continues even though it had been slowed down a bit. We praise the Lord for what He's been doing in Rich and Anna's life and bringing them to this point of being able to return to Mali in person some now.

As for my plans at this point, I hope to go back in June to be able to do some evaluation and hopefully have insight for the future. In the meantime, there is still much to do for my mother here. I will also continue the Bible studies online for Mali as well as the other contacts and ministries there, and finish the school year here. I do appreciate your faithfulness in prayers and support. Many of you have been very encouraging to me. Thank you especially for your prayers going forward.

One more prayer request is for the Malian church, the FEEB (our Baptist churches in Mali), as they are having their annual conference this week. Many of our pastors and church leaders have traveled to Bamako to participate. As you can imagine, there are often very heavy subjects to discuss and decisions to be made. The insecurity in the country is also a subject of concern on various levels. How is the Church to act and react in difficult situations? God has given some very godly men to lead in these things. As all pastors, they need prayer and covet our prayers for their conference, not just the discussions, but also for encouragement in their fellowship together in the Lord this week.

Thank you again for your faithfulness. Don't forget God is faithful and this will never change! He is with you today and always.

Serving with a grateful heart,

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THINK ON THESE THINGS: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Heb. 13:5b