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Dear Faithful Praying Friends,

One of the looked-forward-to things of returning to the field is to be back in our own bed, in our own kitchen in our own office and study and to rest from furlough, if only for a little bit.

What is it that missionaries do on furlough?



- Drive 28,000 km in 8 months
- Report to all our churches – 20, and most of our individual supporters; visit one new church,
 - Unpack, repack and move on 6 times (learn 6 new kitchens)
 - Spend time with family in Newfoundland, Alberta and North Carolina and Michigan
 - Help youngest daughter move to new house, paint it
 - Help youngest daughter recover from C Section with complications
 - Help with newborn grandchild
 - Give oldest daughter (Heidi) in marriage (May 21st, 2016)

What is it missionaries do when they return to the field:

Good Intentions:

- Enjoy 4 weeks to unpack, set up, sort , begin packing for next furlough
- Greet friends
- Pray and plan for the coming term.
- Rest from furlough

Reality:

- Fix the car 2nd day after arrival. At least we had bought groceries and could manage the 6 days without it.
- Squeeze in two weeks of unpacking, finding and setting up
- Leave off beginning sorting and packing for next furlough
- Learn that motorcycle battery has gone missing and one has to be ordered - which will take several months.
- Deal with a serious issue in the church
- Visit several radio ministry contacts, set up studies
- Start 4 bible studies: 3 in Wolof and 1 in English
- Plan knee replacement surgery for Adelia in September
- Remember that change is the rest

Barney has begun four “Message of Hope” Bible Studies with a total of about 12 people, all of whom responded to our Radio ministry: Wolof broadcast of the Righteous Way three times a week on local commercial FM station. The studies are a 40 lesson chronological study Creation to the Cross.

We will be leaving Aug 24 for England so that Adelia can get her knee replacement surgery. Her surgery is scheduled for September 8th. Time did not permit this while in Canada so getting the surgery done was also a stipulation for returning to the field. As it is our insurance company prefers surgeries being done outside of North America. Unfortunately it will mean interrupting the Bible Studies for some weeks. We hope to visit some Wolof friends while there and to visit other ABWE Missionaries in England. Barney will also use the time to do at least one Online course for his DMin programme.

Several Sundays ago we were blessed by the testimonies of several of the church young people who attended a week long camp. It really encouraged us to hear how God had used them as leaders, as they overcame shyness to speak out and minister to the younger campers. Please pray for these teens. Satan is right in there working to disrupt and ruin. Pray for Angel, Mariatou, and Prince that they will keep themselves pure. We live in a tourist area and there are many attractive evils that come with it. There is also untruth. Jehovah's Witnesses are very active and unfortunately Mariatou and Prince's mom has allowed them into her home which has brought doctrinal confusion to Mariatou. Pray for Pastor Victor that he will know how to encourage and instruct them in the truth of God's Word.

We are very excited to announce that Alison Dominguez a Physician Assistant from North Carolina will be joining our team in September. We are looking forward to her contribution not only in the clinic but also in local language evangelism and bible studies. She will spend her first year in Wolof language acquisition.

Right now it is thunder and lightning and raining heavily. If you step outside our compound it is water in all four directions. I have had to postpone again my Wednesday bible study because of the rain which makes that compound inaccessible. Adelia is just leaving to run our workers up to airport junction to make taxi connections.

PRAISE: We are thankful for recent news that our furlough vehicle has finally sold. This was just in time as the annual renewal was approaching. I mention this because we are so thankful for all who help make our furlough doable: our mechanic, who facilitated our furlough vehicle purchase and sale and has done so for the past several furloughs; our insurance agent, who has seen to our insurance needs for several decades now and works with these crazy missionaries who pop into Canada and then pop out again a few months later; home office staff who graciously shepherd us through changes in policies, finances, tax regulations; all those who have an open door and a place to bed down; our children who put up with the comings and goings of their homeless parents, and so many others. God is so good to us.

Prayer Requests:

1. Adelia's knee surgery Sept 8th. NOTE: We have arrived in England and Adelia is going through a series of pre-op tests.
2. Duty Waiver. My assistant Alieu is busy going back and forth from downtown Banjul to the Airport chasing a Duty Waiver for a large medical consignment for our health centre.
3. Bible Studies. Debbie Newsome hopes to touch base with my bible study people while we are away.
4. Radio Broadcasts: Pray that God will use these broadcasts to draw people to himself and that many will contact us

Thanks to all of you who are all part of God's goodness to us.

Counting God's Blessings,

Barney and Adelia

Barney and Adelia Robison Serving in The Gambia