

Hello, missionaries!

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I've been in Burkina for four months now, and I'll admit that this is my first AIM update this term...sorry about that! I've been doing video updates to send back to my church every month, but they're too big to send via email (text message only), so my initial plan to send them as AIM updates didn't pan out. And then I just kept forgetting to write an update. I apologize; I'll be more on top of things in the future :-).

The Lord gave me a burden to reach the illiterate community in Burkina Faso (which is perfect, because we have the lowest literacy rate in the world). So last summer I did some training with an organization called Literacy and Evangelism International that does Bible-based literacy in readers' heart language. I was overjoyed to learn that they had reading primers in Mooré, which is the tribal language on this side of Burkina.

So a few weeks after I got here I started teaching Mooré in my courtyard at night. The the Lord brought one of our recent Bible school graduates to take over the classes (because I speak about 35 words of Mooré, ha). We have class four nights a week, and it has been amazing. The students are ever-so-slowly learning how to read. One night we taught them how to read and write their names, and the pride on their faces literally made me cry; it was beautiful. Each class has a short section for Bible reading, so the students get a Bible lesson with each class. This evening we finally reached the lesson where the name of Jesus is introduced, so each lesson from here on out will have the students reading about Jesus. I've spent multiple evenings of late watching the students turn the Bible study portion into a question-and-answer session about Scripture.

I added a few photos; one of these days I'll figure out how to embed them into the emails themselves! One photo is of our recent Bible school graduation, one is of some children praying in the village, and one is of a some bundles of mosquito nets that we'll soon be giving out at one of the newer churches in the village.

Thank you for all you do! Come visit Burkina soon (that's directed mainly at you, Sis. Pat!).

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