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# ALESSANDRO & CHANTAL PARRILLO

among the Konyagi of West Africa

We have water! Thank you for praying for the drilling of our well. There was one obstacle after another and more than once we thought the whole thing would be cancelled but the well drilling team persevered and finally succeeded in arriving here and drilling the well. It's only by God grace that we now have a well with abundant water! What a blessing it is to have running water in the house! Unfortunately the water is not very clean and we're looking for a solution to that so please keep praying.



drilling the well

Before our well was finished, we had to travel to Dakar. It was time for Isabel to leave us and return home. She was a tremendous help while she was here and we were very sad to see her go. While in Dakar, we participated in a two-week workshop about Bible teaching. Since we work in a

culture which is different than our own, it's important to understand the core beliefs of the people we work with. We must evaluate how these beliefs align themselves with Biblical truth and how we can teach these important truths through Bible stories in a way they will understand. The workshop was a great help and will be especially beneficial for our coworker Jakob who will be starting to develop a Bible teaching curriculum. His wife Lina will be starting to translate the portions of the Old Testament which we still need for the Bible teaching. Pray for them as they work on these important projects!



camel ride near Dakar



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At the beginning of July we returned to the village and about a week later, on July 11, we moved into our new house! What a joy to finally be getting settled in our own home! It's a big job but things are progressing well and we're more or less settled. Of course, there are still projects to complete and boxes to empty but we're getting there. We are thankful for the help of Tabitha, the daughter of missionaries in Dakar who has come to help us for six weeks.



Here are some things you can be praying about as we adapt to our new home:

- Pray for our language and culture study. We hope to resume language sessions soon.
- Pray we may have good language helpers and that we can progress well and soon be able to communicate well. Pray for wisdom as to what to do with our kids during our language sessions.
- Pray we will have good relationships with our new neighbors. It's not always easy to know how to act in a culture which is different than our own.
- Pray for the children as it's a big adjustment and they often feel overwhelmed by the people and the kids.



- Pray for our health. Samuel currently has a throat infection and both kids have lots of sores on their legs and arms which tend to get infected.
- Pray for Chantal as she tries to train a cleaning lady to help around the house.
- We often feel overwhelmed and tired. Pray that we may cling to God at all times and find our strength in Him.



We are so thankful that in a few weeks Chantal's parents will be visiting us! We are very excited and we hope that during that time we'll be able to take at least a few days off to rest.

**Thank you for praying for us! We appreciate you so much!**