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among the Konyagi of West Africa

One week after another passes by, filled with joys and challenges. Our days are busy with daily life with our kids and, of course, with language learning.

We have now been in our house for four months. It's so wonderful to have a place to call home! We are so spoiled to have electricity, running water, and even an automatic washing machine! There are still many projects to do, but we're doing them little by little as we have time on Saturdays. We thank God that we're comfortably settled and that the house is almost completely paid off!

One of our joys is our visits in the village. The kids like to go too since they love to see all the animals (chicken, ducks, dogs, sheep, goats, etc.). We have great neighbors who love it when we visit them and who are very generous with what they have. At the moment, it's harvest time so, thanks to them, we have lots of peanuts.



Last month, we took photos of each of the families in the village. We gave each family a copy and kept one for ourselves to put in a photo album, so that we can learn all these names that are a bit strange for us and so we can learn who goes with whom. It turned out to be great for relationships and even some of those who were a little more standoffish have become friendly.



Our challenges are many. It is SO difficult to learn this language! Day after day, we continue to work



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at it without seeing tangible results. It takes much perseverance and God's help. **Pray** for us! We are thankful for our language helpers. **Pray** that we can learn to work well with them and that they will come faithfully, will be patient with us and will have the desire to help us. Besides language learning, there are many other challenges, which can wear us down little by little. **Pray** especially for Chantal in this.

Our big news is that Chantal's parents are planning to come in January to help us for five months! They will help by taking care of the kids for part of the day so that we can put more time and energy into language learning. Since the harvest should be done by then, we're hoping that our language helpers will have more time and that we'll be able to have more hours of sessions with them. We're not quite sure how it will all work out, but you can **pray** that God will direct. **Pray** also for Chantal's parents as they prepare to come and for their time here. It won't be easy at all for them to live in another culture and survive the intense heat and dust of the dry season.

Pray for Sue Jenkins from SIL who is working hard to complete the New Testament in the language of the Konyagi so that it can be printed in 2018. **Pray** for a good translation that communicates clearly and accurately. **Pray** for our coworkers: the Hofers, who are in the United States for a medical leave, and the Nachtigalls, as they will soon begin preparing what is needed for the Bible teaching. **Pray** also for wisdom concerning when to start this Bible teaching.

We are thankful that after more than a month of colds, flus, etc., we're all pretty healthy. **Pray** for Chantal's back which is causing her problems.

Pray for our children, that they will flourish here and that they will trust in Christ at a young age. **Pray** for us as parents, for patience and wisdom to train them well in the ways of the Lord.



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There is so much that we'd like to share with you to give you a little taste of what life is like here, so we invite you send us your questions about the village, the villagers, our lives here, our ministry and in our future letters, we'll try to answer at least one of these questions. Children are welcome to send their questions too!



**A big THANK YOU
for partnering with us.
Your prayers are so precious!**

For those of you who knew Shadow, we're sad to share the news that he died in August. He was still in the village where we used to live in Senegal and when we went there to prepare him to bring him to Guinea, we found out he had died a few weeks earlier.

