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ALESSANDRO & CHANTAL PARRILLO

among the Konyagi of West Africa

These last months have been so busy. Here's a little update of what's been happening.

We celebrated Christmas here in the village with our coworkers.



Our village had the initiation ceremony in which the boys become men.



We started the new year with a few weeks when all of us were sick.

We hosted a team that came from Italy to learn more about missions. It was a joy to have them here and to see their enthusiasm.



We did an unplanned trip to Dakar, but it allowed us to pick up Chantal's parents who have come to help us for five months.



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We did a big cleanup of our coworkers' empty house so that Chantal's parents could live there.

We had the visit of our language consultant.

A few weeks ago, our routine changed. Now, every morning, Chantal's parents come to get our kids to bring them to their place. The kids have fun making crafts, learning their letters and playing. Let's just say they're loving their time with Grandpapa and Grandmaman. What a blessing it is to have them here with us!

While the children are having fun, we're having our language sessions. We've now begun phase 4 of the program we're following. This new phase is pushing the limits of what we understand and what we're able to say so that we can progress further. It's not easy! Sometimes it's so frustrating and discouraging. Pray that the people will be willing to tell us their life stories as it would really help us in learning the language, but they are generally reluctant to do so. Pray that our helpers would be faithful to come and have a genuine desire to help us. Pray for perseverance and that we can progress to the point of being able to communicate well in this language.

Pray for our coworkers the Nachtigall who are working on what is needed to do the Bible teaching. It's a huge job! Pray for Lina who is working on translating portions of the Old Testament and pray for Jakob who is working on preparing Bible lessons. It's not a simple task as the truths of the Bible must be communicated in such a way that they will be well understood in a culture which has its own beliefs and preconceived ideas.

Praise God that Sue Jenkins from SIL and her team have finished the translation of the New Testament and Genesis! It's now ready for print and they've even received the necessary funds to cover these expenses. The dedication is planned for the end of this year.

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and financially! We need your prayers so desperately!



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