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among the Konyagi of West Africa

Our daily routine continues with its highs and lows. The heat continues to increase, and everyone is getting more and more tired. It's not too encouraging when you know it's only going to get worse, until June, when the rains begin.

We are so thankful for the help of Chantal's parents. They've adapted well and, up until now, they've survived the heat. The kids love their mornings with their grandparents and they are learning tons of things.



One thing is sure about missionary life, you must plan things way ahead of time. For example, there are wonderful people in Dakar who help us by buying our groceries. Usually we order supplies for about two months at a time and we must place our order at least three weeks before that. Can you imagine having to think of all you will need for the next three months, knowing that you don't have the option of going to the grocery store later if you forgot something?

We're making progress in the language. At the moment, much effort is bringing little visible results, but we are hopeful God will help us to learn this language, so we can communicate well with the people. Sometimes it's very discouraging when our helpers don't show up or when they are very tired and not motivated to help us. We are very much aware of our need for God to accomplish this big task.



We must often make plans about things years down the road. Our missionary team is eager to see the day when we can share God's story with the Konyagi. Our coworkers are working hard to prepare Bible lessons and translate Scripture



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portions that we will need for this teaching. Due to many unexpected circumstances, things haven't progressed as quickly as we would have liked. Our desire was to see the Bible teaching begin this year, but it's now clear that that won't be possible. All of this has forced us to reevaluate when the teaching could begin and when the team should go on home assignment in their respective home countries. There are so many things to consider and we've all prayed a lot about it. The decision was made that it was best for our coworkers to return to Germany for a year and then to return to begin the Bible teaching in January 2020. Our hearts are a bit heavy as that seems so far away, but we are confident that God has led this way, and we're excited to see the big day approaching!



As for us, we were planning to return to Canada next year, but these decisions have led us to consider whether it might not be best for us to return this year instead. It would mean that we would be gone at the same time as our coworkers and that we'd all be back here together in the months preceding the beginning of the teaching. It wasn't an easy decision to make, but after considering the options and praying lots, we believe that God is leading us to return to Canada this year. We just bought our plane tickets. The plan is to leave in July and spend a few weeks in

Italy before arriving in Canada at the beginning of August. We plan to stay in Canada for six months. During that time, we hope to visit all our supporting churches. This means it will be a very busy six months for us, but we're looking forward to being with you and to sharing what God is doing here. We are looking to rent a furnished 2-bedroom apartment in the Ottawa-Gatineau area so if you know of any options, please let us know.

- Pray for our coworkers as they prepare Bible lessons and translate Old Testament portions to be used in the teaching.
- Pray for our language learning and for growing relationships with our neighbors.
- Pray God will prepare the hearts of the Konyagi and give them a thirst for the Truth.
- Pray for all the details of our return to Canada and for us as we face another big transition.
- Pray that all of us can persevere despite the heat and the challenges.

How thankful we are that we have such a mighty, loving God who is with us every moment of every day!

Thank you for your support and your prayers!

