



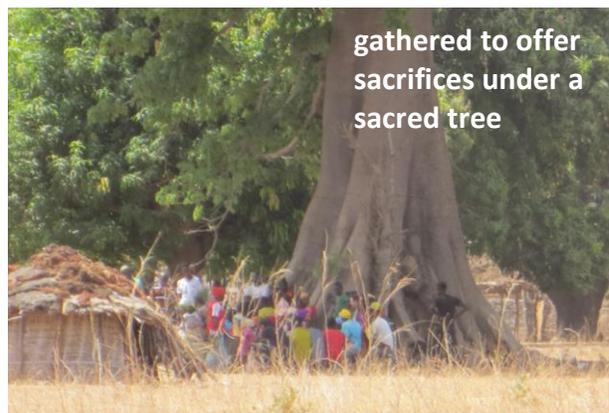
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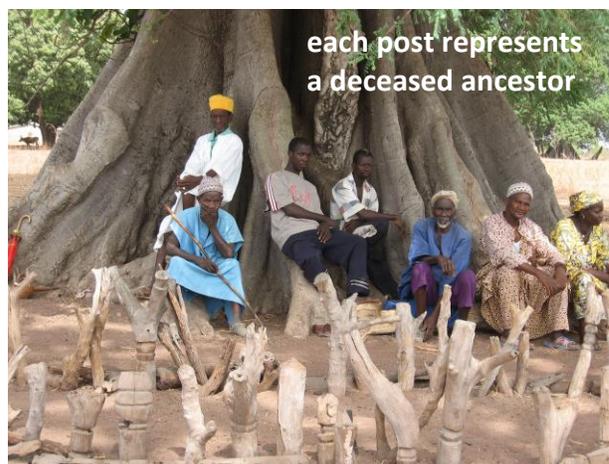
among the Konyagi of West Africa

Since our last letter, there have been some major changes in our language learning. We praise God that we now have a wonderful language helper! He likes to share about life in this culture and is so patient to explain things to us when we don't understand (and all in the local language)! We work together with him every morning while the kids are with their grandparents. It's difficult to explain what a great difference it is making for us. Now we actually enjoy our sessions and are so much more encouraged by our progress. Thank you for praying about this and please continue to pray as this is just a temporary solution, since our previous helpers are too busy right now to help us. Pray that we can continue to work with our new helper for the five remaining weeks that we're here.

and money-wise) knowing that these sacrifices can never give them what they so desire. We pray for the day when they will finally realize that Jesus is the ONLY way. Pray for the Nachtigalls as they prepare materials to teach them this wonderful message.



gathered to offer sacrifices under a sacred tree



each post represents a deceased ancestor

Right now, it's the dry season and there is no field work, yet the Konyagi are still very busy. They are spending a lot of their time, energy and resources on doing sacrifices. There's a complex system of multiple sacrifices that they must do in order for their deceased ancestors to reach paradise. It's sad for us to see how much it costs them (time-wise

The other thing that keeps the Konyagi busy right now is the building of new huts or of new roofs



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before the arrival of the rainy season. They are quite the craftsmen! If the walls of the hut aren't very high, they make the roof on the ground and, then, the men get together to lift it onto the hut. If the hut is higher, they make the roof directly on the hut. They make some beautiful grass roofs!

During these five weeks we have left in the village, we'll be busy with language-learning, connecting with our neighbors, life in general, our preparations for leaving and also planning for the coming months. Pray for us that we'll have a good balance in all of this, without getting too worn out, especially with the heat that we're experiencing right now. We thank God that He led us in our search for an apartment in Canada and that we'll be able to stay in the same one we rented last time we were there.



We are so thankful that we have a God who is in control of all things and who takes care of all the details of our lives, and we're thankful for you who pray for us! **Thank you!**