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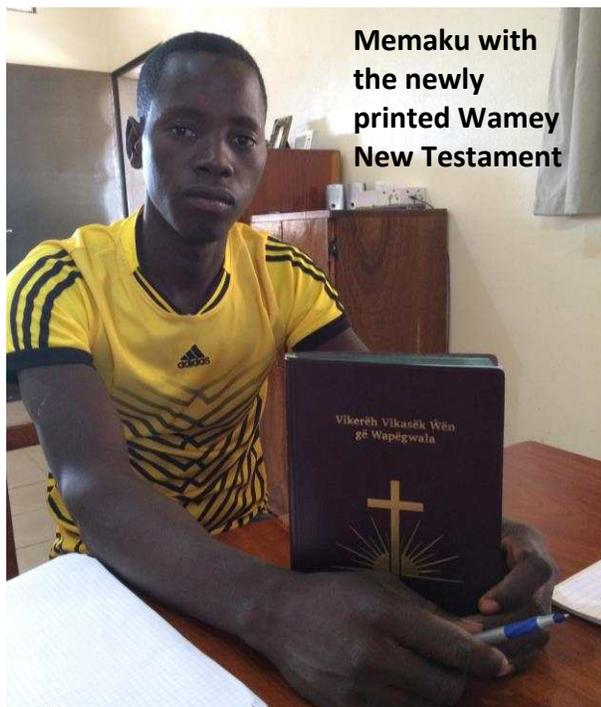
among the Konyagi of West Africa

We've already been back in West Africa for two months. We're settled in and have a pretty good routine, although flexibility is always necessary!

We resumed our language sessions six weeks ago. Each morning we have our session while Chantal's parents take care of the kids – we are so thankful for their help! Anyone else want to come help after they've left?? We are also thankful to have Memaku as a language helper, but he is very tired and is not working as well as he has in the past, so pray for Memaku and for us!

gave us ideas for various activities that we can do so that we can make good progress.

Each day we have encouraging moments, such as when we see we're making progress or when we succeed in saying something correctly. However, there are discouraging moments as well, such as when we have a hard time expressing ourselves, when we can't make ourselves understood, or when we discover some new tricky aspect of this language. We know that's part of the journey, so we persevere with determination, counting on God's help to accomplish this huge task.



Memaku with the newly printed Wamey New Testament



medical help

Last week, we had the visit of a consultant who helps us in learning the language and culture. She

We continue to connect with our community and have had many opportunities to participate in various events. Since our arrival, there have been several funerals and, at this time of year, there are also many more sacrifices done for those who have already died in the past. We look forward to the



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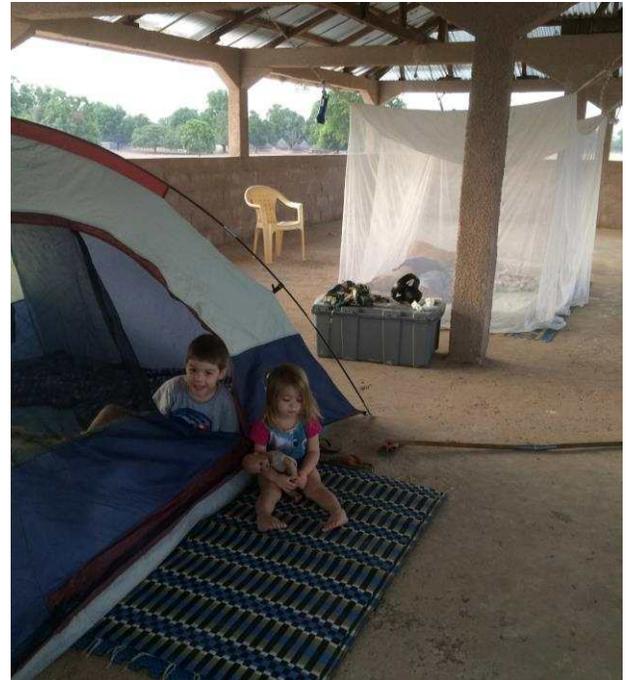
day when the Konyagi will hear that the final sacrifice has already been made!

This time around, it is more challenging for Samuel and Jolissa. Now that they're a bit older, they don't really enjoy going to visit the village families. They find it difficult to play with the other kids, since their way of playing is so different, and Samuel and Jolissa are often frustrated by their inability to communicate with them. Pray for them and for us – that we may have the wisdom to know how to deal with this situation, since we'd love to see our kids thrive here.



It is now hot season and it is very HOT! It's difficult to sleep well at night and our energy is waning day by day. Last week, we decided to try to sleep on our roof, hoping it wouldn't be so hot and that we would sleep better. We set up a tent for the kids, but before we could even try it out, Jolissa fell and hurt her arm. She doesn't cry easily when she gets hurt, but this time she cried the whole evening, was continually waking up crying throughout the night and wasn't using her arm at all. We slept in the house because of the incident. When morning came, we contacted a nurse from the mission and she advised us to get an x-ray. Well, that's not such a simple thing to do! We'd have to travel about 4 hours, cross the border into Senegal and, since it was a Sunday, we likely couldn't get the x-ray done that day. If her arm was fractured, the nurse advised us to continue on to Dakar for treatment, which would be another 8-hour drive, so we had to be prepared for that. We were praying for wisdom to know what to do – where to go, when to go,

who would go, etc. Then midday, Jolissa started using her arm normally and didn't have any pain. She made us laugh when she said it was all better, but that it had taken a looong time to get better – 46 minutes according to her! Well, we can't explain how it happened – it was a miracle, and we are so thankful to God for healing her!



***Thank you for partnering with us!
We certainly need your prayers!***



