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among the Konyagi of West Africa

We've been back in the village for a month and a half now. The rainy season is here, and the villagers are very busy with their fieldwork. Our return was quite an adjustment since we no longer had the help of Chantal's parents and our cleaning girl was no longer available to come because she had to work in the field (she still hasn't returned). On top of that, Chantal was sick the first three weeks and it took a while after that for her to regain her strength.



But in all of that, God has shown Himself faithful and has kept us encouraged. We have a lot to be thankful for:

- Our coworkers the Nachtigalls are back! It's so good to be able to work, share and pray together. A young German couple, Abi and Madi, came with them to help with the schooling of their two boys.
- Vieux, our language helper, is coming faithfully each day and so we're making good progress in the language.

- Most of the time, the kids do quite well during our three-hour-long language sessions and sometimes Madi comes to play with them during the last hour, which is a big help.
- Our coworkers' son likes to play with our kids, which is a special blessing.
- Our friendships with the villagers are growing. Alessandro was even able to help several people who have been stung by scorpions (I think we're up to five now).



- We are all healthy, which is not something we take lightly!



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- We have a new coworker! Yes, Leah Joslyn is joining our team among the Konyagi! Leah is from Trinidad and has been in West Africa for a few years.

And now for some prayer requests:

- The arrival of a new team member isn't as simple as you would think. We are having lots of discussions and have many decisions to make concerning where she should settle and how to go about it. It's crazy how many things need to be taken into consideration and, of course, we want to make good decisions that will advance, rather than hinder, the spread of the Gospel. So, pray that we will have wisdom from above! Leah is supposed to arrive next week for her first visit. The following week, the mission leadership will be here as well. Pray for these meetings and for good decisions to be made.

- Pray that each day we would find a good balance in our various responsibilities – in the home, with our kids, in language-learning, in our relationships with our neighbors, etc. With all these visitors coming and all the meetings we'll be having, it will be extra busy.

- Pray for the Nachtigalls who are working on developing Bible lessons and on translating OT portions needed for the Bible-teaching. Until now, they haven't found Konyagis who are available to help them. One of their helpers died yesterday due to sickness – it's not easy to accept, especially since he didn't know the Saviour. Pray that God will encourage the Nachtigalls and that He will provide the right people to help them.

- Pray that we can make good progress in the language and that our relationships with the villagers will grow.

- Pray that God will continue His work in the lives of the Konyagi and prepare them to receive His Truth.



**Thank you for partnering with us so that the Konyagi may also know the God who loves them so!**

