



Since our last newsletter some things have changed. In April we moved to a 3-bedroom house with a big backyard. We are renting the house and really like the location. It has taken more maintenance than we originally expected but Travis is very handy and the work he does on the house is taken off of our rent. With more space we have room to have chickens. Samuel and Elizabeth love watching the chickens and we are looking forward to when they start laying eggs.

In other news, I (Sarah) am pregnant! The baby is due January 26th. So far both the baby and me are healthy. The first trimester was rough but I am so thankful to be feeling much better. I still plan to help with teaching a couple weeks at the Missionary Training School this fall and I will also be helping plan events for GFM staff and students. The first event was an open house for people to



Since returning to Clarkston, I (Travis) have really enjoyed managing the community garden again. Most of the gardeners are refugees from Nepal who were subsistence farmers in their home country. The garden is a great place for them to provide food for their families, earn extra income, and avoid being cooped up in their apartments all day. It has been great getting to know the families that have garden plots and we have even gotten invited into some homes to share a meal with some of the gardeners. We also started a trial garden to use for training in agriculture. Last semester I had 2 students I was working with. They graduated at the end of May and are preparing to move to Burundi, Africa to do community development and church planting work. We pray that some of the skills they learned here will be helpful in their work for the Kingdom overseas.

I (Travis) continue to keep up with Hope Remembered's missionaries still serving in Guinea Bissau. Praise God we were able to reach our goal of \$10,000 to build desks for three schools that our teammates started in the south of Guinea Bissau. We recently sent the last of the funds so that the welders and carpenters could get started on the last set of desks. Thank you to all of you who generously supported this project through your donations and prayers.

We are currently trying to help our indigenous partner Jeremias raise the funds he needs to build a Christian school in the capital city of Bissau. We have known and supported Jeremias for almost 10 years and really admire his hard work and love for his people. He currently runs the school out of his home and some temporary huts they built, but his desire is to expand into a bigger, permanent building so he can reach more kids with the Gospel while providing them with a good education. He has started construction as pictured below, but still needs more funds to complete the building. Please pray that the Lord would provide the funds that he needs for construction and also heal his wife who has been struggling with some pretty severe health problems.



I (Travis) enjoyed attending a well drilling training this summer through Equip International located in North Carolina. We learned how to drill wells with small drilling rigs, smaller hand augers, and using the percussion method. We also learned how to sanitize new and existing wells and how to revitalize wells that haven't been used for a while. I am hoping to incorporate some of this information into the training here in Clarkston so that people planning to serve in remote areas will have the skills that they need to meet basic needs for themselves and others. This also fits in nicely with the Farming God's Way material since many developing countries have a dry season where you will need a water source for drip irrigation.

## **Ministry Opportunity:**

Another one of my responsibilities with GFM is to help with maintenance. We are wanting to do some much-needed maintenance/renovations to a few of our buildings. The khaki building in the picture above is currently used as a mission's library. We want to renovate it to use as a place that the member care team can meet with missionaries that they are counseling. It needs new shingles, flooring, drywall work, siding replaced, and a fresh coat of paint. I am looking for small teams, preferably with some construction skills, to come and help us out with this project and another larger project this winter. If you are interested in helping out let me know and I can give you more info. You can reply to this email or my phone number is 470-261-6460.



## Praises:

- For the baby and that Sarah is feeling better
- For the chance Travis had to learn about well-drilling
- That we received enough funding to build desks for 3 schools

## **Prayer Requests:**

- For the students who worked with Travis as they prepare to move to and minister in Burundi
- For Jeremias and his family with health issues and that God would provide enough funds for the school
- For a smooth pregnancy



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