



The summer has flown by quickly! We have kept busy with family vacations, summer preschool, and work. Tym, Agnes, and family left for Brazil in May. They just welcomed their baby girl into the world!

In May we were shocked to learn that a co-worker/friend had passed away unexpectedly. He was one of the teachers at the missionary training school that I (Sarah) worked with closely as well as the leader of the community development team of which Travis is a part. The organization as a whole has been grieving and is still learning to adjust. Due to this circumstance, lack of students, and other difficult circumstances GFM staff have been through recently, the decision was made to cancel the Missionary Training School for the coming semester. Classes will resume again in January. The staff at GFM will be spending this semester in prayer against spiritual warfare and seeking God's direction for the future.



Things have been busy this summer at the community garden. After disassembling the fences in the garden earlier this year to have some large trees removed, Travis and some other guys got it all put back together and the gardeners have been busy growing crops for their families and to sell. We are encouraged to hear that some of the gardeners are earning a few hundred dollars a week selling produce to their neighbors and a local Nepali grocery store. We enjoyed having a pot-luck garden party in May. Many gardeners came and brought traditional food from their countries to share with each other. It was a great time to get to know each other better and build friendships. Travis and his ministry partner have begun visiting the gardeners in their homes and looking for opportunities to pray for and share about Jesus with the gardeners. The language barrier has been difficult to overcome so far. We are hoping to partner with a Nepali believer that we know who is interested in ministering to Nepalis so that he can help translate and share with them.

We are also hoping to start a new garden in another apartment complex by next spring. It is one of the most rundown complexes in the Clarkston area. Many of the buildings have squatters in them and should probably be condemned. We have some teammates that have been doing ministry in there for a few years with the mostly Somali residents. They are excited at the prospect of having a place to interact with the residents and build more relationships while helping the people meet the needs of their families. We are in the early planning stages right now. The main thing we need to figure out is a consistent water source for the gardeners to use. If we are able to move forward, we will need work teams to come help clear and prepare the land as well as build fences. Please pray for wisdom for us as we look to move forward with this project.

We were happy to receive an update from our partner Jeremias in Guinea Bissau. They recently held a graduation ceremony to celebrate the end of the school year. He is still working hard to finish the new school building before school starts back later this year. We recently were able to send him another large sum of money so that construction could continue. They are currently trying to finish concreting the floors. The rainy season makes construction difficult but they are making good progress. Jeremias is looking forward to growing the school when the building is complete. He thinks they will be able to accommodate up to 300 students for the next school year that will get a chance to hear the gospel as well as an education and meals while at school. Travis is hoping to travel to Guinea Bissau early next year to spend some time with Jeremias and our other partners. If you would like to donate towards the completion of the school please let us know.



I (Travis) was very thankful for the opportunity to go on a retreat with Barnabas International a couple of weeks ago. I went with a group of 5 men and 3 leaders from Barnabas to the Boundary Waters wilderness area in northern Minnesota. It was a good mix of adventure, fun, and alone time with God in His creation. We had a devotional book to work through each morning and plenty of alone time to sit in the quiet and stillness of the wilderness and connect with God. I was reminded of the importance of making time in my schedule to get away from distractions and listen to the Lord and enjoy my relationship with Him.



The kids and Sarah kept busy with preschool. The moms took turns hosting and teaching.



Tree planting ceremony to honor our colleague that passed away.



In June we visited Sarah's family. We had our traditional bonfire out in the field with the cows.



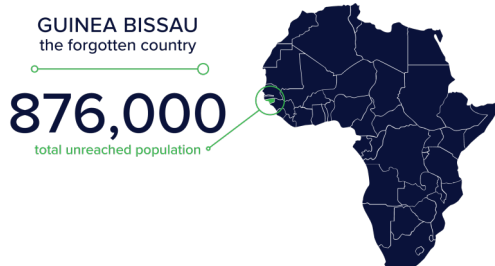
In July we joined Travis's family at the beach.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for safety as Travis and the team work to develop the new garden in a very dangerous apartment complex
- Pray for healing for Sarah. She has been dealing with respiratory issues and fatigue for a few months.
- Pray that God would provide the rest of the finances to complete construction of Jeremias' school
- Pray for Tym and Agnes as they prepare to head back to Guinea Bissau later this year
- Pray for Travis as he plans a trip to Guinea Bissau early next year

Praises:

- The kids enjoyed preschool this summer and learned a lot.
- God has blessed the community garden with a good harvest this summer.
- Travis had a great retreat this summer.
- Tym and Agnes had a healthy delivery of a beautiful baby girl



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