

Recently I was listening to a sermon by David Platt where he talked about the book of Hosea and how it relates to us. He brought up a point that I had never considered. In the book of Hosea, Hosea's wife accepts all of his riches and love but at the same time sleeps with other men. God was showing how the people of Israel didn't completely abandon Him but instead would celebrate their religious festivals while also worshiping other gods. What was God's reaction to this betrayal? He pursued Israel to draw her to Himself!

As Travis and I talked about it, I remembered what I've heard several times about the Fula people: that they are a people interested in money even if it means betraying a friend. As a result of what I've heard, I find myself keeping people at an arm's length not wanting to get too close. But as Travis and I discussed the sermon, I realized that God did not do the same thing. That's not what He called us to do. Please pray that God would give us the strength and courage to love these people the way He loves us.



Almost every day kids stop by to hang out.

Since arriving in March, we have been busy. I have kept busy living: drawing water from the well, going to the market, cleaning, cooking, etc. I have also been trying to learn Fula but need to find a consistent teacher. Travis jumped right into working on our permanent home. It's a big learning curve as everything is done differently than in the United States. Originally, we had hoped to have the walls and roof up by the time the rains start in May. Now it looks like it'll take longer, and we're hoping that the house will be done this fall. Everything is done by hand and there are always random complications. While working on the house, we're living in a temporary house in downtown Quebo.



One complication was that the well at the land went dry which slowed down making the mud bricks, so recently a well-digger came out and dug a couple more meters.



We received our first US visitors! My brothers Peter and Keith were able to come and bring some of the bags we had to leave behind. They were a big help in making our temporary home more comfortable.



It was a close call but God held the rains off enough so we could start the bricks burning. We're praying that the fire is just right and we don't lose too many bricks.



We're excited to see the walls starting to go up!

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