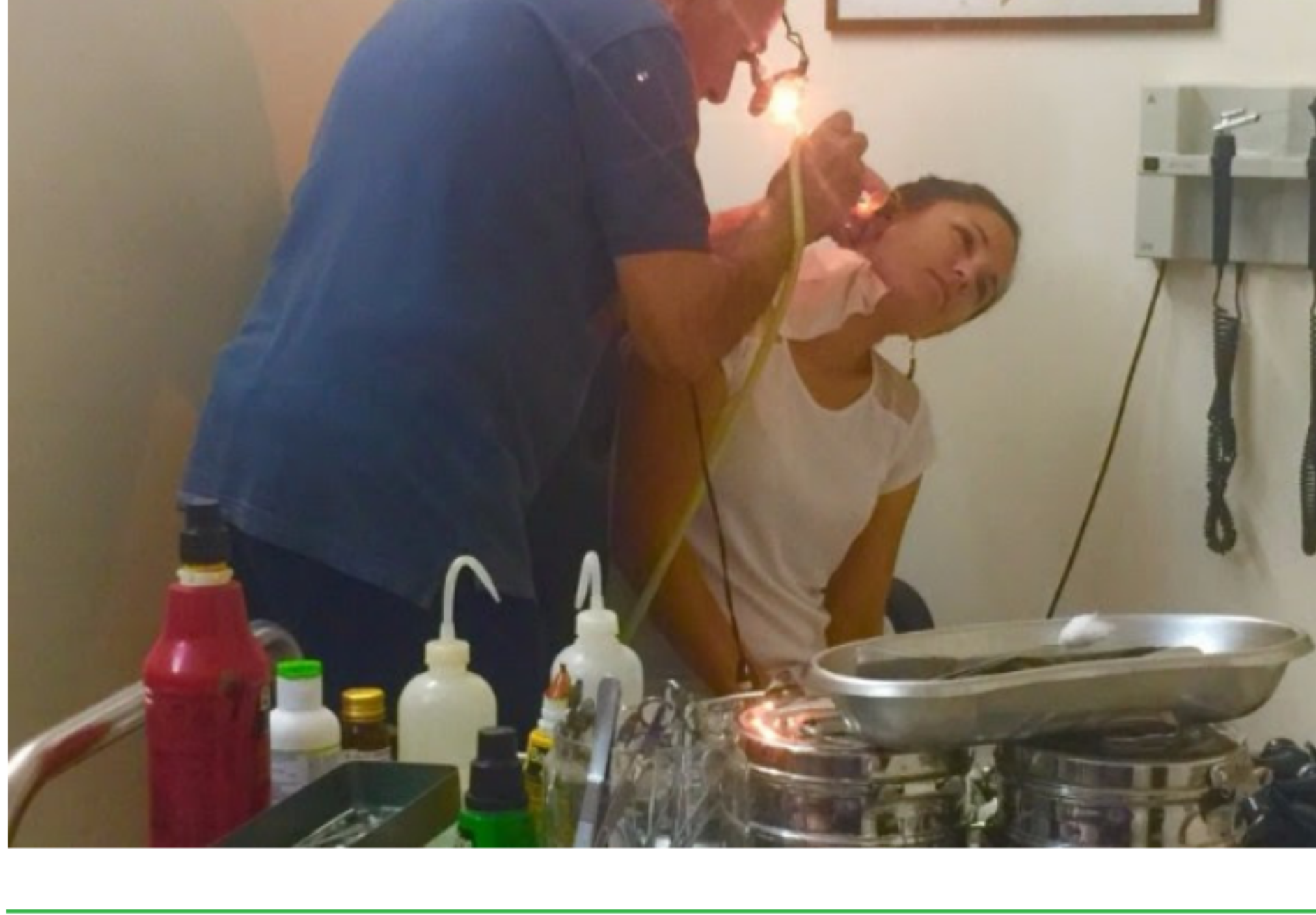


Greetings from Senegal! The past couple months have been filled with lessons in trusting that God is in control. I (Sarah) have had trouble hearing for the past three months. We, as well as many others, have been praying about it and trying to discern the best steps. Guinea-Bissau has limited medical care. Thankfully I had some hearing, but not being able to hear well affected my communication with Travis and friends, and made teaching English twice a week difficult. It also put a halt to my helping the church praise team. After three months of trying different medicines we came to Dakar, Senegal. The doctor had the right tools to clean out my ears and I can finally hear! Hopefully the ear drops he prescribed will completely heal my ears.

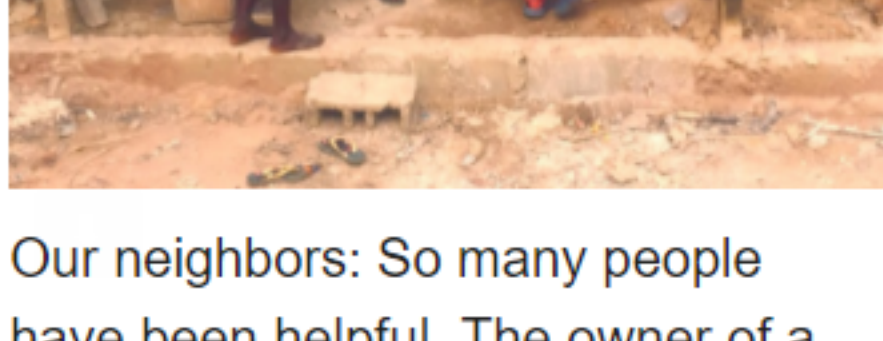


I (Travis) have still been busy trying to get our house finished so that we could move out of our temporary house. After the doctor in Guinea Bissau told us that the old house we were in could be contributing to Sarah's ear troubles I was really motivated to do whatever was needed to get out of there. Unfortunately, the carpenter that was supposed to be finishing up our doors and windows was thrown in jail for a debt that he owed. I decided to make temporary windows out of scrap wood and tin so that we could go ahead and move. Even though we were only able to spend few nights in our new house before coming to Dakar, we can already see how much of a blessing it will be to finally be in our new home. It seems like we have been living out of suitcases since we got married so it is great to finally have our own home. Thank you so much for all of your prayer and financial support as we have been struggling to get our home built.

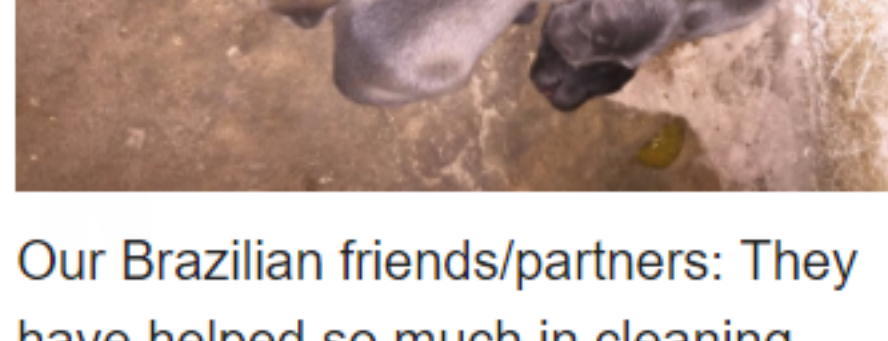


A big struggle for me (Travis) over the past couple of months has been trusting in God's timing. I have been frustrated with God at his lack of response in answering our prayers for the healing of Sarah's ears. It has been hard seeing her suffer with this for so long and also having malaria a few weeks ago. When I first committed to serving in Guinea Bissau I was single and knew that getting sick would be a part of life for me as it is for everyone else in the village. Now being married I feel the responsibility to protect Sarah but have felt helpless at times. I am learning to trust that it is God who is our protector and that He is in control even when we don't understand. This trial has helped me to better understand how the people we are serving feel. The only difference is that we have the resources to travel to a different country and get better medical treatment if it comes to that. I can't imagine what it is like for our neighbors who have to watch their loved ones suffer and die because they lack the resources to receive proper medical treatment.

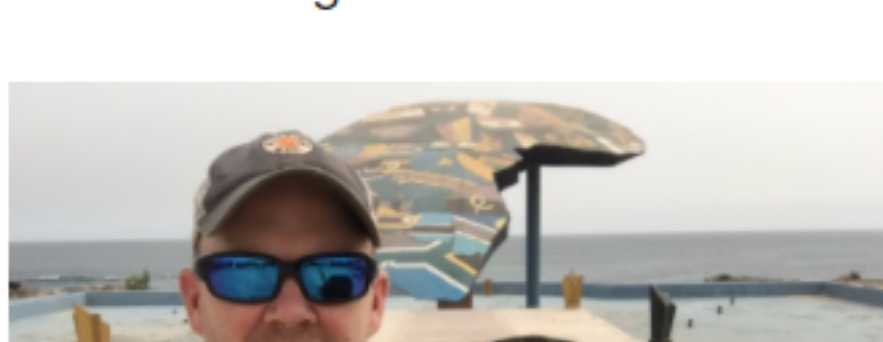
**In the midst of uncertainty, it helps to list things for which we are thankful:**



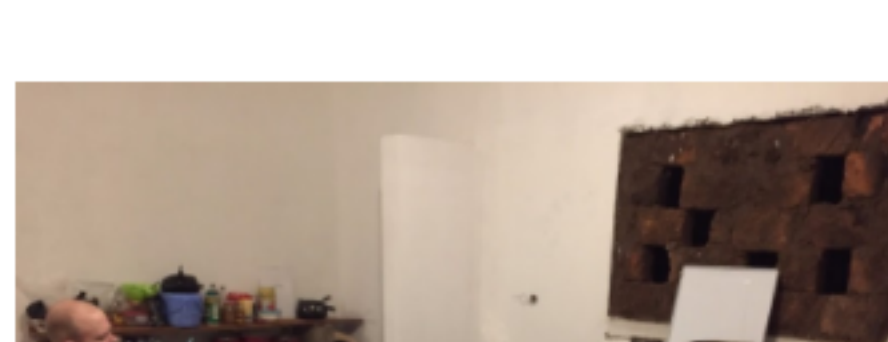
**Our neighbors:** So many people have been helpful. The owner of a small shop offered to let us use his big truck to move. The neighborhood kids and construction workers helped us move things into the house.



**Our Brazilian friends/partners:** They have helped so much in cleaning, driving us different places, and are also watching our home and puppies while we're gone.



**My husband:** He has worked so hard on getting the house done and still makes time for me. He is also loved by kids and spends time with local men.



**Our kitchen:** It's so nice having a big space to work. We also have a refrigerator! Cold drinks and being able to save leftovers and vegetables makes a huge difference in such a hot climate where things go bad quickly.

**Prayer Requests:**

- For our neighbors, in particular the family of the girls pictured below. The mother is animistic but is willing to send her daughters to church with us. Please pray that their hearts would be touched by Jesus' love.
- For continued health. Both of us as well as all our colleagues and many people in Quebo have had malaria at least once in the past several months.
- For patience as we learn how to set boundaries in our new home. People, especially kids, come over all the time and it is hard to know when to allow ourselves time alone and when to spend time with the kids. It is a great ministry opportunity.
- For our families. Travis's parents and my sister Grace are coming next month to spend Christmas with us! We are really excited.



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