

## Journey Together

(A Monthly Prayer Guide for Dale & Florence Johnson's prayer partners)

April 2009

### Faith Journey

We thought you might enjoy the recent testimony of a young lady who is a client of the Center for the Advancement of the Handicapped.

*My name is Ramatou. I'm 20 years old. I am Fuhlani. My village is located 405 kilometers from Mahadaga. I wasn't born handicapped. Everything started when I was 4 years old. I had terrible headaches and was taken to the hospital. After the headaches were treated and gone, I could no longer walk well. My parents thought this problem would go away, but the older I got, the worse the problem became. I couldn't walk long distances. Eventually, I wasn't able to walk at all; even simple domestic tasks became difficult for me. Every day I was sad because I was left alone in my compound. I was completely dependant on others, even for the smallest need. One day, an elder from the church suggested to my father that he bring me to the church so that they could pray for me. Since we were in need, my father did not hesitate. The pastor prayed for me, and then suggested that I go to the Center for the Advancement of the Handicapped to be examined. After the examination, the management team of the Center suggested that I go to the hospital in Tangieta for surgery. At Tangieta, the treatment was painful, but I endured it because my autonomy was one of my deepest desires. I spent 4 months in Tangieta. After rehabilitation, I can now walk well. I continue therapy to increase my strength, and I am very happy. I am also proud to have accepted Jesus-Christ through this illness. The church really supported me through prayer, financial support, and fellowship. I am also very thankful to the Center for their help.*

The Fuhlani people group is the largest unreached people group in the world. They are largely Muslim, though in our area they mostly practice folk Islam. Our missionary colleague, Betty, has worked tirelessly to bring the Gospel message to the Fuhlani living in the Mahadaga region for over 20 years. In our area we find that it is not ignorance that prevents them from coming to Christ – they recognize the truth of our message. Pray with us that God will grant them strength and courage to stand up for the truth, even if it means going against their family and culture.

### Life Journey

Personal and ministry-related events to pray for this month

Apr 12 – Dale preaches the Easter Sunday sermon at our church

Apr 13-20 – Trip to Ouaga; Jason and Shannon Brink and Betty return to Canada



*Here's some of the animals we saw on our trip to the game park last month!:0) We also enjoyed watching a herd of elephants cross the road behind our truck on their way down to the river for a drink. We'll try and post a few pictures online next time we're online.*

## Prayer Journey

Weekly prayer topics to guide you in your prayers

Apr 1-7: Pray for the children's ministry worker training being held in Mahadaga this week

Apr 8-14: Pray that people's eyes would be opened to the message of Easter, and that hearts would be willing to forsake all to commit to this Christ who forsook all to set them free

Apr 15-21: Pray for protection during travel (for us as well as our ministry partners)

Apr 22-30: Pray for good health as the season changes and sickness is more common during this transition

Specific prayer requests and praises

**Praise** for a good conclusion to the women's Bible study on Ruth that Florence was leading

**Praise** for some early rains, though it's still incredibly hot, dry and starting to get sticky!

**Praise** for Liz Barr's safe arrival and for her administrative support, especially while the Walsh family is on furlough

**Praise** for the past six months with Jason and Shannon Brink, for the great work they did and friendship they provided while here

**Pray** that things will remain in working condition, as Dale is hard pressed to get to all the repairs with Matt gone

**Pray** that we survive the hot season; it feels worse than what we remember last year – it makes it hard to sleep

**Pray** for Françoise, as she continues to diligently raise support for the ministry here in Mahadaga

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