

July - August 2007

“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers”
Acts 1:14

Day 1 **Stella Song (HA Toronto)** She praises God that her brother-in law accompanied her to meet the pastor and his wife in Hong Kong, so some connection was set up. May the Lord continue His work in her brother-in-law's heart, that he will experience God's grace and love, and accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. Stella thanks God for giving her strength to finish writing 18 testimonials in Chinese that can be used as a tool to share with her prayer partners. Stella also thanks God for the opportunity to be home with her mom who has some hearing problems and is losing her memory. Although her physical body is deteriorating, her mom is very energetic to share the Gospel with others. Although her role has now changed, Stella knows that she is still serving the Lord.

Day 2 **Galen & Jill Johnson (HA USA)** They request prayer for the 3 weeks Galen will have at Bible camps this summer. Pray that kids will be challenged to walk the “straight path” and also consider missions. Pray for them as they have lots to do as they prepare to return to Burkina Faso on August 14 which includes 3 weeks of traveling for meetings and family gatherings. Praise God for Ben Steel who will be joining them in Burkina for 18 months this October. Pray for him as he builds a support base.

Day 3 **Carl & Sharlene Pilkinton (studying in France)** They praise God that their French refresher course at Les Cèdres has been excellent (Carl fulltime, Shar part-time and Isaac in child-minding during the morning). Carl will participate in a summer school course for three weeks during July to early August. They anticipate arriving in Burkina mid August. Pray for the next doctor's appointment and a baby scan to know whether it is advisable to continue on to Burkina for the birth as planned.

Day 4 **Rob & Denise Ottosson (Fada)** Please pray for the Fulani family near Fada who have publicly made a commitment to Christ. Pray for Soumaïi, his wife Raamata and Soumaïi's two brothers Usmana and Iisaa. Pray that they would remain strong and continue to grow in their knowledge and understanding of Christ amidst much persecution from their father. Pray for Mark Ziesmer who will be in Fada early July doing intensive evangelism work plus catching up on contacts. Also pray for the kids' club activities he wants to run at nearby villages. Pray for all the activities going on around the Fada station. That the bore well will be up and running without difficulty. For the construction of the new house that Rob is supervising to some extent; that it will be done quickly and efficiently. Pray also that housing will be found for the Lewis family who hope to come to BF at the end of September. Thank God so much for the teachers they have had this year so far. Jess returns to Australia at the end of July and Hannah Rowse will be coming and team teaching with Katie until the end of the year. They really have been a blessing. Please pray for 2 qualified teachers for next year.

Day 5 **Elspeth Slater (Piela)** Elspeth thanks the Lord for strength given her to finish the teaching season. In July and August she expects to be translating or writing new lesson materials; pray this goes well. Pray that the Nindangou students will have a good farming season. Pray that the women will not neglect their reading during this time. Praise God for evidence of growth in women attending "Equipping Women" classes. Pray for wisdom on how to best help women of her church in a reading class.

Day 6 1. **Daniel Yonli (SIM Office)** My father has just been diagnosed with diabetes. He is now on a no-sugar, no-salt diet. (He also has high blood pressure.) I thank God that he is still alive. Please pray that he will be able to cope with his diet. My mother still suffers from asthma. Please pray for her. My wife has a burden to open an evangelical school. Pray that, if this is God's will, he will open the doors and that this project will come to realisation. Please continue to pray for a place of worship for Goundrin.

2. **Dave & Marianne Ruten (HA Canada)** They praise the Lord that Andrew and Nathan graduated from Bible College and both have summer jobs. They are also grateful for how the Lord has guided their girls during this year in the Canadian school system. Wendy graduated from high school after having to take additional courses to meet Canadian requirements and Krystal completed her 10th grade. Marianne and Dave have done many thousands of kilometers in the last couple of months visiting partners in ministry and the Lord answered prayers for meaningful and uplifting visits. Their travels will continue in the next couple of months; pray that God would give wisdom as they continue to meet with more people.

Day 7 **Lydia Nusser (Ouaga)** She gives praise for God's work in the children's hearts, for positive changes and openness to God's word. She also thanks God for the great relationships she has with all her students. Please pray for the proposed summer camps, for wisdom and strength and that many children will come to know Christ. Pray for all the goodbyes she needs to make which will be difficult. Pray for her return to Germany, for God's guidance as she re-adapts and for the exams she needs to pass to be able to enter university in April 2008 and for God's guidance as to possible future involvement in missions.

Day 8 **Jenny Fallon (Fada)** Jenny is thankful for this time free from classes at the Bible School to be more involved in the AIDS program. Pray for the planning of a course, in conjunction with Family Life Movement, to train couples in each of the EE/SIM regions in marriage and family counseling. Pray the couples chosen would be capable and motivated to teach others in the local churches. Pray this would be effective in strengthening Christian marriages, improving communication and other godly principles in families.

Day 9 **Pauline Golder (Ouaga)** Pauline praises God for a safe arrival in Ouagadougou and gradual introduction to life here and work with IMS and IBEO. Please pray that she will be soon in her own accommodation and be able to move her household goods from Benin so she will have the resources for her ministry and life here. She also asks prayer for alertness and adequate study time for the students she teaches Thursday evenings at IBEO as they have added two nights of Bible classes to full work and family schedules.

Day 10 **Jane Gunningham (Ouaga)** The dissolving of the government is slowing World Concern's registration here in BF and there is a large shipment of medications arriving in July which will pose some difficulty without a signed convention. Please pray that all that's necessary will be done in time to receive the shipment. Praise God for Ngaira, the World Concern trainer from Kenya, who will be coming to BF for 10 days to meet with partners and give workshops. Praise God for funding!

Day 11 1. **Sibidi Lankoande (SIM Office)** He thanks God for completely transforming his younger brother. He asks for prayer for two older brothers at Piela who are alcoholics, that God will deliver them and save them in Jesus. Please pray also that his two nieces will be able to go to school this year.

2. **Bill & Joy Stregger (HA Canada)** Praise God for a good finish to the school year for all the kids. Praise also that Jessica found a job close to home for the summer. Pray for them as they transition back to Burkina (Sept.), leaving Jessica to enter her 2nd year of Bible School.

Day 12 **Stéphane & Myriam Gigandet (Ouaga)** Pray for Myriam's mother who is coming to visit them between the 16th and the 31st of July. This will be her first stay in Africa. Pray that this will be an enjoyable first experience for her and that she will be kept in good health. Stéphane and Myriam are thankful that she can visit. At the beginning of August, they will move house. Please pray that everything will go well in their relations with their new neighbours. They have been given a number of responsibilities in the running of the centre. They are thankful for this but they pray that this will not distract them from their main goal – the work with the girls.

Day 13 **Jonathan & Ali Nichols (Fada)** Jonathan gives thanks for growth he sees in the youth of the Bible study he and the Diehls are involved with, thanks be to God for the work He is doing in them. They also give thanks for the ways God is working in their hearts and in their family. With the rainy season upon them, they have several agricultural projects they're looking to implement—pray for God's blessing on this work and for the logistics of getting these organized. Pray for Jonathan and Albert Yonli, director of the school, as they look to work on administrative tasks during the break from classes.

Day 14 **Alan & Pauline Ashmore (Ouaga)** They give thanks for the continuation of the evening Bible Institute (IBEO) following necessary changes in the program and for the enthusiasm of the ESL students who continue to ask for "more". Please pray for them as they teach these courses and also for the planning of the outreach by the IBEO students as part of their evangelism course. In August they return to the UK to be at their eldest son's wedding. Please pray for David and Louise and also for some very precious time with family and friends.

Day 15 **Robin Watson (Ouaga)** Robin gives praise for a refreshing break in May. Praise that 1 Samuel is available; that the Lord would use it to speak to people's hearts. Pray that Robin would be able to wait on the Lord and have his wisdom for exegesis in various NT books, and for the consultant and Fulanis giving input. They hope to have more consultant-checking for some NT books in October.

Day 16 **Ariane Jaeger-Dumont (Ouaga)**. Praise God for adaptation to new factors. Praise God for the opportunity to serve Him in BF and for all the support and help from people here. Praise God for growth seen in the students at the pre-school since she has arrived and for God giving her a willing heart to do tasks she was reluctant to do at first. Pray that her grandmother can see and understand God through Ariane's witness of her experiences here in BF. Pray for all the different projects and ministries Ariane is involved in and that God will bless the work she does and give her an open heart ready to learn. Pray for the ESL class, that the Bible study portion will have an impact on the students.

Day 17 1. **Kirstin Kuntz (Ouaga)** Kirstin gives thanks for the health that she enjoys. Pray for God's blessing on the summer camps in the various places. May the Bible teaching programme and the fellowship between the team members touch the hearts of the children so that they grow in their faith. Kirstin asks for prayer for protection during her travels and rest during her days off.

2. **John & Lis Joyce (HA USA)** Please continue to pray that Christ will be formed in their children. Maaika will be attending Covenant College this fall. Pray for quality friends. Philip will continue in 10th grade at Southeast High School in Dalton. Their friend "U", from a Muslim area is under a lot of pressure to renounce his faith. Pray for perseverance and that he will find grace to help in time of need. Also lift up "M" in her attempts to pass her faith on to her daughter.

Day 18 **Joel & Karen Gray (Ouaga)** Praise the Lord for His help in surviving the hot season and for the children's good health. Pray for the IMS students. They have had a very busy 6 months; they have a 2 week break in July – pray that they get a good rest. Pray for the IMS class of 2008 – finding the right students remains a challenge. Pray for IMS graduates in Gabon and Guinea who are starting missionary training schools this fall. Pray for Daniel, Joshua, Jessica and Katie - that they have a good summer.

Day 19 1. **Chuck Manning (Ouaga)** Please pray for Reid Harkness as he raises his support with Friends in Action so that he can join Chuck in the work in Burkina Faso. Pray for Isaaka, a young friend of Chuck's. He really wants to follow Christ but faces a lot of opposition from his father. His home situation is difficult.

2. **Françoise Pedeau (Mahadaga)** Praise God for new LT missionaries coming to Mahadaga to assist in the work there. Pray that God provides strength for Françoise as she welcomes and orientates these new families while maintaining her daily responsibilities.

Day 20 1. **Janet Haight (HA Canada)** Janet praises God for the advance made in Children's ministry these past few months. She leaves Burkina Faso for Home Assignment on July 11th. Pray for her as she completes final preparations and for a good adjustment back into life in Canada. Pray that she will be a blessing to her parents. Continue to pray for the Burkinabé Children's workers who will carry on the ministry.

2. **Marthe Kassoubé (Maternity leave)** Praise God for their new baby daughter. Pray for patience, strength and peace as they welcome and integrate this new family member into their lives.

Day 21 **Mark & Leanne Dartnell (Ouaga)** Pray for Mark & Leanne as they work through a doctrinal assessment during the month of July as part of the process to becoming long-term members with SIM. Pray also that God will bring needed short-term associates to Burkina Faso especially for the Ottossons' home schooling needs (Jan to Dec 2008), for the ESL courses and for the many children's ministries in Ouaga (Oct 2007 to June 2008); that initial inquiries and subsequent processes will begin and progress during the summer months.

Day 22 1. **Matt & Julie Walsh (Mahadaga)** They praise God for His provision so far, that language studies went well in Canada and they were able to come to Burkina mid-July. Pray for them as they settle into life in Mahadaga and adapt to their new life there.

2. **Mark & Cheryl Gibson (Djibo)** They thank God for Jodoma as he continues to settle in his new role as pastor. Do continue to pray for him and his family; it is still a time of transition and settling in. Pray for Mark as he helps Jodoma develop and shape his ministry up here in Djibo. Do also pray for possibilities where Jodoma can support himself in the long term. Pray that the Lord would give Mark wisdom as he looks at ways he can help start him off in some ventures. We praise the Lord that he was given a field to work this year. Pray also for Mark as he explores his vision to combine the practical ministry of well repair and sinking with evangelism using a chronological approach for individual villages; pray that the Lord would give him the ability to coordinate this and that He would lead him to the right places.

Day 23 1. **Rick & Karen Smith (Tenkodogo)** Please pray for Sumayila and his family as they return to Piela to resume the pastorate of the Fulani church there. Please pray for Eli Bande and his family as they move to Sebba to take up the responsibilities of the Fulani church and outreach in that area.

2. **Marcus & Jen Baeder (Fada)** Praise God for good health. Praise God that the construction of their house is progressing well. Continue to pray for their language studies (Gourma). Pray for Jen as she struggles to face constant human interruptions with diplomacy, grace and guiltless peace.

Day 24 **Carolyn Burge (Ouaga)** Praise the Lord for His power and His presence and for the ministry of sharing His love with others. Pray with her for her brother Jim, that his eyes would be opened to the truth. Continue to pray for her landlord, Bourema, that he would desire to know Christ. Please pray for Sidick. His father found out that he gave his life to Christ and has completely cut him off from the rest of the family in Saudi Arabia. As this is the 'headquarters' for Islam, believers in Saudi are executed if found.

Day 25 **Dale & Florence Johnson (French Studies - Canada)** Praise God for his faithfulness and his miraculous aid to get them to Burkina Faso for their first term at the 'Handicapés en avant' project in Mahadaga. Praise Him also for His aid with their French studies in Quebec and for their good health in the frozen north. Please pray for their continued learning with French. Pray for a good move into Mahadaga. Please also pray for the relationships that they begin to form and the decisions that must be made in the first few months. Pray that they will be flexible, open, and have a good sense of humor through their transitions. Pray for Florence's health during her pregnancy (baby expected in December). Pray that Caleb will adjust well. Pray that God would protect them from sickness.

Day 26 **Roy & Marilyn Keys (Piela)** Praise that, after much waiting, Yempaabu Tindano has now arrived to be the new head of the CREN. Pray that he will develop good relations with the staff and quickly learn the procedures and work of the CREN. Praise for the successful visit of the Friends In Action well-drilling team who got water in all three of the villages surrounding the agricultural site. Pray that the Lord will use the wells to improve relations between the villagers and the students, and to open the door for the Gospel in these villages. Praise that there has been some guarantee by local leaders of safety for the ten student families who will be farming on the site this year. Pray for these ten families, and for a good rainy season and good harvest. Pray for EE/SIM President Douna Amidou as he continues to work with the government Land Office in efforts to finalize papers for the land.

Day 27 **Alan & Alison Dixon (Ouaga)** Praise for the input they have had in people's lives during the last semester of the ESL program that finished June 21. Pray that the word sown would have ongoing effects in the lives of the students. Pray for planning for a new term in October. There could be as many as 100 students; pray for classroom space and teachers. Pray for 2 leadership courses that Alan will be leading in July; pray for application of the principles learned. Pray for three men who are key leaders in our medical work; Pierre, Mambagali, and Dayeli. Pray that these men would continue to run with the vision of using this crucial ministry as a tool for serving others and building God's kingdom in Burkina Faso. Pray for Matt and Joel; that they would both have a great summer working in Toronto. Luke is planning a month's vacation in

South America climbing mountains. It would help his parents knowing you are praying for him.

Day 28 **Mal & Jenny Watts (Ouaga)** It is now summer break from school and a point of transition for their family; please pray for Erinn who will start at the French school after the break and for Alicia who will start at nursery school. Please pray for Jenny as she works at the Navigator's lab and looks at other work options for when Alicia starts school. Praise God for the recent visit of Dave Coder to work on the office computers and for Mal's audit of the EE/SIM office. Pray that in the busyness of many tasks that they would not miss opportunities to talk with people about Jesus.

Day 29 1. **Katie Roxborough (Fada)** Praise God for how well things are going with teaching the Ottosson children and that she has been able to start work on Hope for AIDS radio dramas. Pray that she will be able to write relevant and clear scripts, and that God will look after her fiancé who is finding it hard being so far apart from Katie.

2. **Jessica Bursill (Fada)** Thank God for the cooler weather and the friendships in Burkina Faso. Pray for self-discipline in managing time and in getting maximum value out of school time with the kids.

Day 30 1. **Salamatou Ouédraogo (SIM office)** She thanks the Lord for the support he gives every day. Pray that God will bless her husband and open for him all the doors of blessings. Pray also that God will protect him in all the activities that he undertakes. Pray for her family who are in Niger and who don't know Christ.

2. **Clara Klassen (HA Canada)** Please pray for Pierre Mano who has taken over the supervisory position from Clara. Pray that he will know how to organize his schedule. He is capable in so many areas and there's a lot of demand for his time. Pray that he will not neglect the most important aspect of his job— prayer. Please pray for the CSPA employees as they get used to the changes in the leadership positions. Mambagari and Dayeri are responsible for the Mahadaga and Piela dispensaries. There have also been changes in the department heads.

Day 31 1. **Louise Béogo (SIM office)** Pray the Lord will give her wisdom in her work and in all the other parts of her life. Pray also that the Lord will help her to always serve him with joy in her local church. She asks for prayer for her younger sister who is looking for work. Pray that God will give her a good job.

2. **Bev Hutchison (Fada)** Pray that those taking teacher training courses will fully grasp the material and effectively put it into practice as they take on new leadership roles in various clubs.

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