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## Mali Chronicles

Sep 2003	Move to Bamako.
Nov 2003	My neighbor Simeon saved.
Nov 2004	Bible School launched. CAM launched. Simeon baptized.
Dec 2004	First party for street kids.
March 2005	Accepted by HIM.
Summer 2005	Accepted by FFMI . Seybou saved.
Sep 2005	Weekly program for street kids starts. Street kid Sekouba saved. Sekouba moves in.
Nov 2005	Government recognition. First anniversary. 4 new believers baptized.
Jan 2006	Land found.
March 2006	NGO in Germany as partner.
April 2006	Finally a car! 2 <sup>nd</sup> kid moves in.
May 2006	3 <sup>rd</sup> kid moves in. Paul moves in to help. Our school starts. Ministry on property starts.
July 2006	4 <sup>th</sup> kid moves in. Christian doctor on call 24/7.
Aug 2006	Village ministry starts.
Sep 2006	5 <sup>th</sup> kid moves in, and leaves. First kid Sekouba leaves. Firmin moves in to help. Accepted as part of the Malian Association of Churches.
Nov 2006	Teacher Issa moves in. Second church anniversary. 7 new believers baptized. Trip to Ghana.
Dec 2006	Three new children move in, two leave again.
May 2007	Paperwork cleared. Construction starts.



## Church Plant

After 8 years of preparation I moved to Mali by faith, to step into God's call for the sake of the 3<sup>rd</sup> poorest nation in the world. For two years I taught German at a small local High School, and one year into that the church called *Centre Apostolique Malien* was born. In November 2004, we had our first service, baptizing two young men, one of whom - Simeon - had gotten saved two months after my arrival in Mali and become a faithful team member. A year later, my now right hand man Paul was baptized together with 3 other new believers, and this past November, on our 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary, we baptized 7 new believers. We seek to serve our community preaching the gospel with words and actions, by doing movie nights, offering literacy and English classes, and a children's program. CAM meets every Sunday afternoon for a service, and we also form local believers in our Bible school. This year we have 5 new students which is reason for great joy.

We're also ministering on our property every week, preaching the gospel to the great number of kids assembled, and teaching them how to live for Christ. A few months ago we had two dramatic healings, like this boy whose broken arm was healed. And when we showed the Jesus-movie and served a banquet. Sekouba could see the food multiply as he dished it out; later that night, more than 8 people dedicated their lives to the Lord.



## Street Children

In Dec 2004 we did our first Christmas Party for Street Kids, proclaiming the gospel, feeding and clothing them, and praying for the sick. Several times a year more than 100 kids show up at the time for those parties, and several get saved and also healed every time. This past Christmas we were also able to give a pair of shoes to each kid that came.

In September 2005 we started ministering to the street kids on a weekly basis - playing games, singing & dancing, memorizing verses, teaching them, praying for them, and eating together. Sekouba was the first street kid



that stayed with us, followed by Abdias, Fousseni, Abdiel, Daouda, Solomani and Eli. In May 2006 the first three moved into the house with me, and I started teaching them daily - the Bible, reading, writing, math, French and music. In November we employed our first teacher who also moved in with us - Issa, a young Christian man who is called to work with street children. The Lord also sent us a Christian doctor who is always on call, and whose services we need frequently. All kids grow rapidly in every way, thanks to the school and to their time with the Lord alone and with the others (90 min a day). Every night each kid is prayed over and blessed. Today they have a loving family - in heaven as well as on earth.



## Our Resident Kids

### Abdias, 14

Delivered of all the demon friends he came with, Abdias is a joyful, loving young man.



### Fousseni, 15

Having suffered beatings, hunger, and death of loved ones, Fousseni is slowly being healed by love.



### Saloum, 17

Thrown out by his violent father, this smart kid has found refuge with us.



### Hama, 6

Born crippled on the left side and punished by society for it, he's now starting to blossom by unconditional love.

### Sarata, 2

Several malnourished when she first came, Sarata is turning into a lively, talkative, inquisitive girl.



### Solomani, 13

An actual slave in his uncle's home, Solomani had to work very hard, was beaten and not given any food.



## Expansion into Mali & Beyond

In April 2006 we finally got a 20-year-old car to be able to move around, which has opened doors for us to minister on our property as well as outside Bamako. In August the Lord opened the door into village evangelism, which had been on my heart for many years. We now



go into the village of Dio on a monthly basis to preach the gospel and heal the sick, supporting the only pastor in that village of 4000. Pastor Enoch was spiritually dead when I first met him, but today he's more alive than ever and starts seeing miracles



through his own hands. For the first time his church is growing, as people turn to the Lord when we come to visit. We've seen heart conditions, poisoning, and birth defects healed. The children that have come to the Lord are fiery evangelists, persecuted by family and friends, and some of them we have to take in with us in Bamako (e.g. Daouda in yellow).

We're excited to take the region for the Lord together - and it's only the beginning! We're forming believers in our Bible school to send them into the rest of the country to start churches where no believers exist today, so that the whole of Mali can be filled with His glory.

I've also traveled to Senegal, Guinea, Ivory Coast and Ghana with Paul, where we prophesied churches into being. We're invited to come back to Ghana to do a crusade.

## Sponsoring Children

There are now three categories of children in need who are looking for sponsors - the 6 children with us (all sponsored), then children in our neighborhood too poor to go to school or eat properly, and finally children in the village, where we are doing family sponsorships for widows or divorced women who barely survive with their many children. Please check my website to see who still needs a sponsor. Sponsorship for one child is 40€ or \$50 per month.

## Healing Ministry

Last November I went to Ghana with my assistant Paul to be trained to do a certain approach to inner healing called Theophostic Prayer Ministry. That week powerfully impacted all our lives, church, and ministry. We're now effectively ministering to all the adults and children, seeing them set free from the horrors of their childhood. I myself have been powerfully healed from traumatic childhood memories.

We've also seen a dramatic increase in physical healings - for example one deaf-mute man was healed, and a paralytic man was completely healed., having to learn to walk now. Praise God!

## SUPPORTERS NEEDED

**Monthly supporters are greatly needed, as only a third of our monthly expenses are covered, i.e. \$710 of \$2000 (or 575€ of 1600€), and expenses are rising.**

**Also, we are in dire need of a new car, a Toyota pick-up truck, that costs about \$20000 (or 15000€).**

**Details and costs concerning our building project can be found in the separate brochure.**



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