

Jeff & Carla Bassett, Your Missionaries To Africa Northeast USA and Missionary Enrichment Week

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Dear friends, family, and co-laborers in the Lord,

Thank you for your prayers for my trip to Burkina Faso. The Embassy warns that the country is on high alert because of kidnappings of foreigners and terrorist attacks on public gatherings. 170 people were massacred in February. This trip was important for the nationals. God gave me peace and direction. Your prayers were crucial as God's protection and provision were obvious.

It was 108 degrees the day I arrived in Ouagadougou and 18 percent humidity. Bernard, a businessman, met me at the airport. He brought me to one of his houses where I lodged that night. He served me breakfast and lunch. He assigned a driver and pickup truck to take me everywhere that I needed to go. He paid for the fuel which was nearly \$6.00 per gallon. We went three hours to the village of Koukoudil and he lodged me in his house there in security and had meals prepared for me. I drank over a gallon of water per day. He instructed the driver to keep me supplied with drinking water. It was humbling and a great help.

I asked Bernard how he made it from the village as a poor young man and became so successful. He said it was the Lord. When he first left the village to go to the city to look for a job his pastor Bazie Andre gave him the money for transportation. Andre was the African missionary who I had trained and who had pastored the third church that I had started in Ivory Coast for four years. He was a great influence in Bernard's life. He died in 2014, with fruit that remains.

I preached several times in three churches. Souls were saved, lives were surrendered to serve God, and I baptized 36 people. I was escorted to the baptism by a soldier on a motorcycle armed with a machine gun. Around 400 people were at the baptism. Soldiers were in the fields watching in case terrorists arrived. Three of the soldiers were members of our churches. God blessed and watched over us and used the fruit of our ministry to be part of that protection.

Many of their wells have dried up and they cannot water their gardens. Pray that they would get enough rain. If they had a well drilled and a pump and holding tank they would not suffer so from a lack of water. Pastor Joel's motorcycle is eight years old. Pray that it holds up as he ministers to the three churches they have started out of his church.

Enrichment week is fast approaching. There are missionaries that need to attend this week of encouragement and rejuvenation. But some are busy reporting to their churches. Others think they are fine but in reality, could really benefit from what God will do in their lives that week. Pray that those who need it will attend and be strengthened and recharged. Pray for safety, health, the messages, finances, and the program. It can be the difference of some quitting or continuing their course as a missionary. It can help all to reach their full potential.

Pray for Carla and me, for health, for victory over Satan's attacks and that we would be pleasing to the Lord as we serve Him.

Your servants in Christ,
Jeff and Carla Bassett