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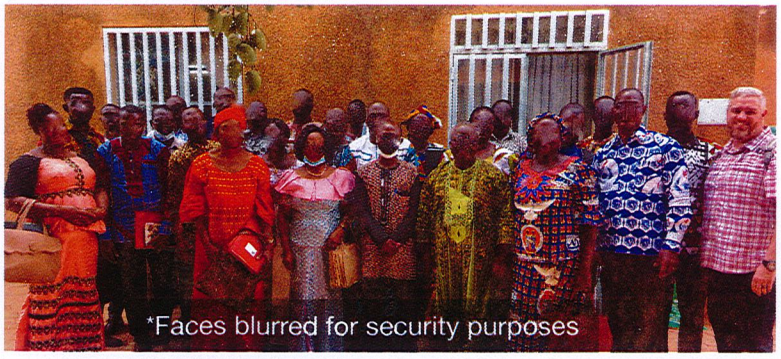
Tree of Life Ministry Update

March 2021

In Galatians 6:9 Paul says, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (ESV).

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

March was a very busy month for my ministry partner (Fiacre) and I. We were away from home more than we were at home. Sometimes, when we are out on the road, I can begin to wonder; "Is what we are doing even having an impact on the lives of those we are training?" That's when I'm reminded by the Lord's still small voice that: "I've got this… It's your job to be faithful and it's My job to bring the increase!"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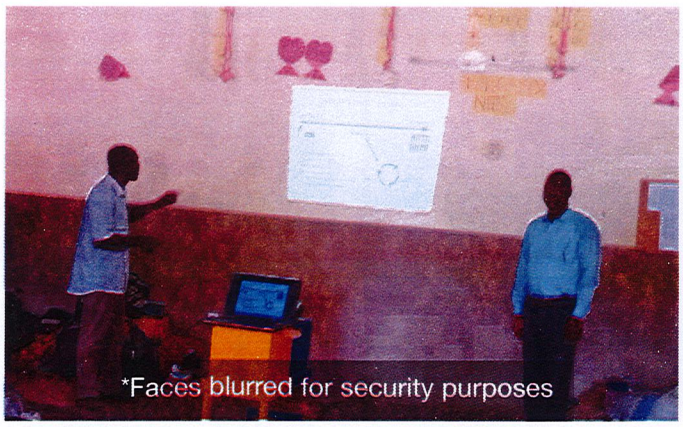
You may remember that in February the kids helped me stuff Tree of Life (TOL) manuals that went to 35 TOL graduates in Burkina Faso. Well, in March, Fiacre and I delivered those TOL manuals and completed the training with those 35 graduates pictured right. In the picture at the top you'll see a pastor holding a red folder… that is one of the TOL manuals the kids helped stuff. That picture was sent to me a week after Fiacre and I left Burkina Faso. The pastor holding the TOL manual was meeting with some other pastors and leaders to plan TOL trainings for their churches. He also sent us the two pictures below of a new training group that he started himself in a remote area of Burkina. It's hard to tell from the pictures, but there were 105 pastors and leaders in attendance at his training! It's very humbling for us to see faithful men and women put this training into practice immediately.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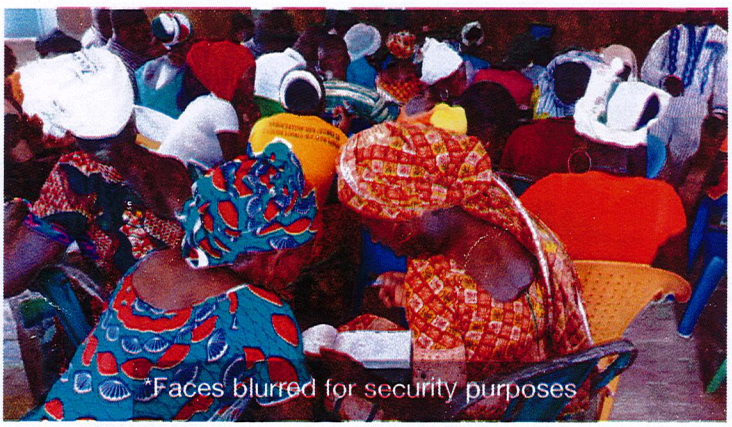
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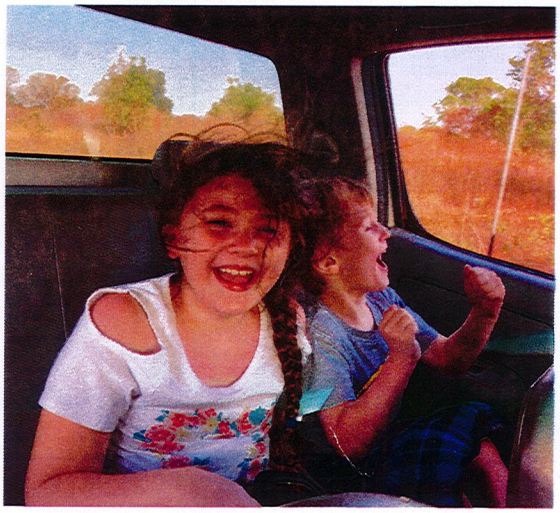
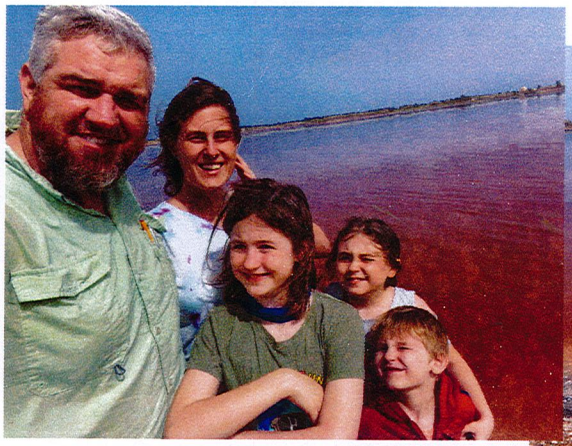


With all the travel that Justin does each month for training, his passport has filled up faster than the rest of us. Recently we realized that Justin's passport was nearly full which meant he would have to go to the U.S. embassy in the capital in order to get a new passport. We decided to make a spring-break family vacation of it and accompanied him. Normally we take a 50 minute flight from our host city to the capital, but this time we decided to see more of the countryside and drive instead. The kids weren't too excited when they found out they would be spending over 8 hours in the truck and would have to stop along the road whenever "nature calls", but ultimately we had a great time.

Once the embassy business was finished, we were able to explore some of northern Senegal, including a pink salt lake called "Lake Retba". Lake Retba (pictured) is 10 times saltier than the ocean and gets its pinkish color from algae.

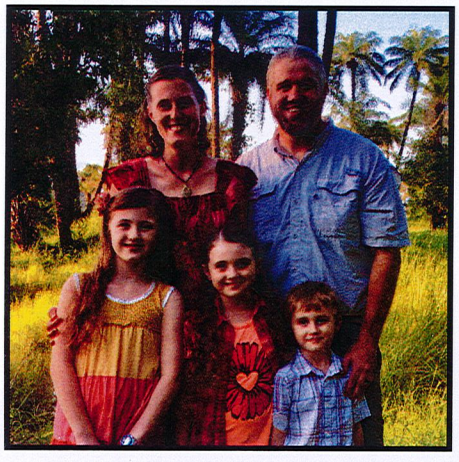


Praises:

1. We are so thankful for safe travels.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that we will be given clearance to break ground on the training center project.
2. Pray for the brand new TOL team in Burkina, especially considering the persecution there.
3. Pray for the TOL leadership team as the TOL strategy expands through West Africa.



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