



April Prayer Update

Pray for healing:

Dauda is a young man who is struggling through the last stages of cancer. My teammates David and Beth have walked with him on this journey taking him many times to the city to get chemo and help him manage. He is now back in Tumu with nothing else that is left but a miracle. He and his family do not know Jesus, yet they have seen and been told about His love through David and Beth and others that have been there along the journey. The tumour began behind his eye which was removed and is now spreading throughout his head. Breathing, swallowing, seeing and hearing are now all affected due to the tumour's growth. Humanly speaking, he has just months left to live – I, along with many others are praying for a miracle. Would you join us to pray for a miracle?



Lydia is a pastor's wife who recently had surgery to remove a big tumour that could be cancer and is now struggling with the side effects of surgery. The doctor who did her surgery spends most of his time in a city 3 hours from Tumu and so access to him and follow-up on surgery has been minimal. She is in pain and is struggling to recover from the surgery. Please pray for wisdom about her travelling to the bigger centre for more access to what she needs to recover.



Rose has had pain on her right side of her body for months. It started with her hand, moved to her right leg, back, neck and head. She has tried multiple tests and an assortment of medicines. She has gotten prayer for healing and although it improved for a time, she is still struggling with the pain. Please pray for complete healing and wisdom as to the source of the pain.

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies...

Miriam – is still working for an international company that buys and sells maize and other products. It is a very intense and risky job as she has to ensure all the hundreds and thousands of bags that are bought and brought to warehouses are all accounted for. This is not an easy task with lots of ways for bags to be miscalculated or stolen. She is also in a course that will top up her education to be able to teach elementary students. She is writing some very difficult exams in these next days. Please pray.

Makaiza – Miriam's sister is in her 3rd year of education. She is doing well in her practicum and really enjoys teaching. She is growing in her love for the Lord and it is a real joy to see her flourish as a believer. Praise God for His transforming work in her life.



Nasira – has started a catering degree that is in a city 6 hours from Tumu. It means that her daughter Blessing is now staying with her grandparents while Nasira is in school. It is a difficult situation being separated. Please pray for both of them.

Esther – has finished her training to be a tailor and now has started out on her own. She also had a baby girl named Faith last July. Please pray for her situation as Faith's father does not know Jesus.

Asana – and I have a Bible Study together. She grew up in a Muslim home and only started learning about Jesus when she married. She is growing in her knowledge and understanding of Gods word. She has a little girl named Margaret who needs a lot of prayer as she is only 3 years old but does not listen to her parents and many times disappears from the house to roam the neighbourhood causing distress as Asana tries to find her. She is also pregnant and will deliver in early June.

Stella – and I continue to meet and have Bible study together. Stella wants to study how to grow spiritually in her walk with the Lord. She is in her second year of education. Please pray for good health and for her studies.

Rita – is teaching at a village about 25 minutes from Tumu. She works with a good group and has been able to be a light to her students and to her student teachers who have come to train under her. Pray for her siblings who are not following Jesus. Pray for her son Divine, as he grows and develops.

Esther Kormisah – Esther is helping teach Sisaala literacy to children using the Bible. We sit together to study Genesis and discuss what she is teaching which also is helping me in my own journey of language. The Sisaala language is not yet taught in the schools, but the government has recently started training teachers in university which will soon be brought to the schools in Sisaalaland.

Bintu – is a special friend who always brings joy to me when we meet. She delivered a baby girl while I was away, and it was a such a joy to celebrate with her and her 3 brothers. Bintu is helping me continue to practice and move forward with my language. Please pray for her to know Jesus.

Rashida – Just delivered a baby girl in April. She is still in a remote village far from Tumu. There is very inconsistent network, so I don't have many opportunities to hear from her. Her mother recently passed away after an illness. Please pray for the family.



Pray for the Youth Club – direction and future plans. It has been on hold for months and now the leaders will gather to see the way forward. There are many challenges that we face in keeping a consistent place to meet, having enough leaders and committed members willing to be part of the planning committee.

Almost everyday I have children calling my name from my gate asking for various things – some want water, some want to play with skipping ropes or a ball I keep with me, others want my mangoes or lemons in season. I have had a number of children and youth start asking for me to teach them something. Thus began Wednesday afternoon reading club. Many of the children really struggle with their reading. This follows them all the way to high school hindering their growth and learning so I decided that this is a great place to begin. Pray for them to grow in their love for reading and for opportunities to show God's love.

Our Team

Currently speaking, our team is made up of David and Beth and myself. I am focused on the Sisaala people and David and Beth are focused on the Fulbe people.

“Fulani, also known as Peul or Fulbe, are a primarily Muslim people who are scattered throughout many parts of Africa, mostly in West Africa from Lake Chad in the east to the Atlantic coast. They are among the largest tribes or ethnic groups in the Sahel and the continent’s western region, widely dispersed across the area.”

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Fulani>



God is opening doors to reach the Fulbe people who have previously been looked down upon and ignored. We work with the local churches and there are 2 families that work closely with us that are also reaching the Fulbe people. One family is from Rwanda and the other is from Burkina. When we work together, we are working through a diversity of cultures, personalities and giftings. This is a beautiful picture of the body of Christ. It also comes with challenges as Satan, the world and our flesh pull against the unity that Christ calls us to. Please pray for deep love for the Lord and out of this love it pours onto our brothers and sisters and overflows to those we are ministering to. There are some challenges that we are facing and its so clear that Satan does not want God’s kingdom to advance. Please pray for us to be bound together in love and unity.

Current Events:

This week the organization “The Great Commission” which is a part of Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru) has come to Tumu. They have come to bring a follow up to the Jesus Film that they have presented in the Sisaala language. They have 5 new short films called “Walking with Jesus” in the Sisaala language that shows the reality of life after choosing to follow Jesus. How do you walk a transformed life? These are fantastic follow up videos that can help with discipleship. They have come to launch the videos and give training on how to use them and other material that they have brought to evangelize and disciple those that choose to follow Jesus.



Praise God for this team and the tools they have gifted the church. Please pray that God would use these tools to equip the church to help disciple those who are new believers.

