



The Smiths

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serving in Burkina Faso

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Dear Praying Friends,

"How many times do I take for granted having the printed Word of God in my hand?" This thought was brought to my mind by the Holy Spirit a few weeks back as I was feeding on the riches of the Bible. Sadly, the simple answer is that I often do not appreciate the wealth of wisdom, strength, comfort, and guidance that I have been given in the pages of God's Word. On many occasions in Burkina Faso, we have had the privilege of handing out Gospel tracts, John and Romans booklets, and Bibles to many people who had never before had the joy of owning a copy of the scriptures. It is the great joy of missionaries to be able to dispense this most valuable gift that God has given us, yet we are only the last link in a great chain of God's servants that have been used to deliver His message to those in need. We are very grateful that the Lord has put us in partnership with other individuals and churches that buy, print, put together, and deliver this precious resource so that are able to share It's light in our dark world.



With Bro. Samuel Martin



Putting together copies of John and Romans

This past month we had the privilege of meeting two valuable links in this chain. We were very thankful to be able to get in touch with Bro. Samuel Martin, a retired army colonel, who has dedicated his life to getting churches together to get copies of John and Romans into the hands of missionaries. He called me up to let us know that he has arranged to get us 50,000 copies in French to be able to take back with us when we go back to Burkina! We also had the joy of helping one of our faithful supporting churches, the Grace Baptist Tabernacle of Fort Scott, KS in putting these same booklets together! I was so overjoyed to be able to get to see this work in progress, knowing that the very pages that I was holding here in the States we will be able to hand out 6,000 miles away in Burkina Faso! God is so good!

Thank you for praying that we would be accepted to serve with BIMi. We had a wonderful and uplifting time during candidate school and had the joy of being accepted on June 1! Please pray as we are deputating to raise the additional support needed to get to BIMi's recommended level of support, having been in new churches in Kansas and New Mexico. In June, our support came in at 71%, so we are earnestly praying that the new churches that we have been in will take us on so that we may be able to get back to the field quickly. Thank you so much for faithfully praying and giving so that we are able to go with the Gospel of Christ to the nation of Burkina Faso. May God bless you.



Cutting down to size

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