



# NEWSLETTER

from Margaret & Celestin

May 2026



Dear Friends & Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and support, especially for La Bergerie primary school toilets. We're still so hot every day with temperatures reaching over 40 degrees Celsius. Margaret had hoped to escape the heat by travelling to Sarh for the next Discipleship Training School but we had to cancel the school because candidates were not ready.

Year 1 had to move out of their classroom because it was so hot. They are now in one of the metal classrooms which has better airflow when there's a breeze. Children start school at 7 am and leave at midday before the hottest time of day. It doesn't really cool down much at night - still around 28 to 29 degrees Celsius.

There have been several deaths recently – people who were sick, and unable to cope with the extreme heat. Celestin has been supporting the bereaved families, including the primary school headmistress, whose husband died. The church choir also assisted in the night of singing before the funeral. That was when they discovered that the deceased had been part of a cult. Celestin spent some time praying, in spiritual warfare.

Over the past few days an 18 year old girl who is sick, and demon-possessed has been brought to La Bergerie church by a group of people from N'Djamena. The church has been praying for her and over her, and have seen some improvement in her condition – praise God!

Work is progressing well on La Bergerie primary school toilets. Here's the photo story:



*Underground hole for the 'cess pit'. The soil is very sandy and the sides of the hole started to fall in, so we had to start building quickly.*

5000 extra-strong bricks



*As you can see the bricks are placed sideways, rather than lengthways, with reinforced concrete rings, and the structure is circular. This is to make it strong enough to withstand the pressure of water.*

The 'cess pit' has been built up to ground level but is currently higher than the ground. In the future, landscaping will be done to level the land.



Labourers pumped water to the 'cess pit' and channelled it around the structure in order to moisten it and stop it drying out too quickly in the high temperatures.



We're holding the seminar in the school grounds this month. The focus is on praise and worship, with Celestin giving a short message about the cross, *which is our victory*. It feels very safe within La Bergerie school walls and there is plenty of room for the instruments and people, as you can see in these photos!



*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."  
John 3 v16, NRSV*

Margaret had the opportunity to teach how to study the Bible to the Discipleship Training School which started in N'Djamena. There are 11 students, very keen to go into mission!

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- Praise God for his love and relationship with us.
- Praise God for the miracles of provision, especially for building La Bergerie School wall and toilets. Pray this will continue - to build the whole school and give the children a good, safe environment in which to learn. We are grateful for all who support us in many different ways – we couldn't do this work without you.
- Continue to pray for the new church in Milligana.
- Pray that we can start a church in Etena, the nearest village. An older man from there has been attending La Bergerie church regularly and has a vision to start the church.
- Please continue to pray for our safety and the security situation in Chad.

Thank you

**GOD BLESS YOU!**  
Margaret & Celestin

*To support us financially:*

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Here are our UK bank details:

Bank name: Santander; Account name: Margaret M TANNER;  
Sort Code: 09-01-32; Account no.: 85726803.

If you would like to give towards building La Bergerie school wall & toilets, please give through our bank or GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/d96df2652>.

Thank you