

NEWSLETTER

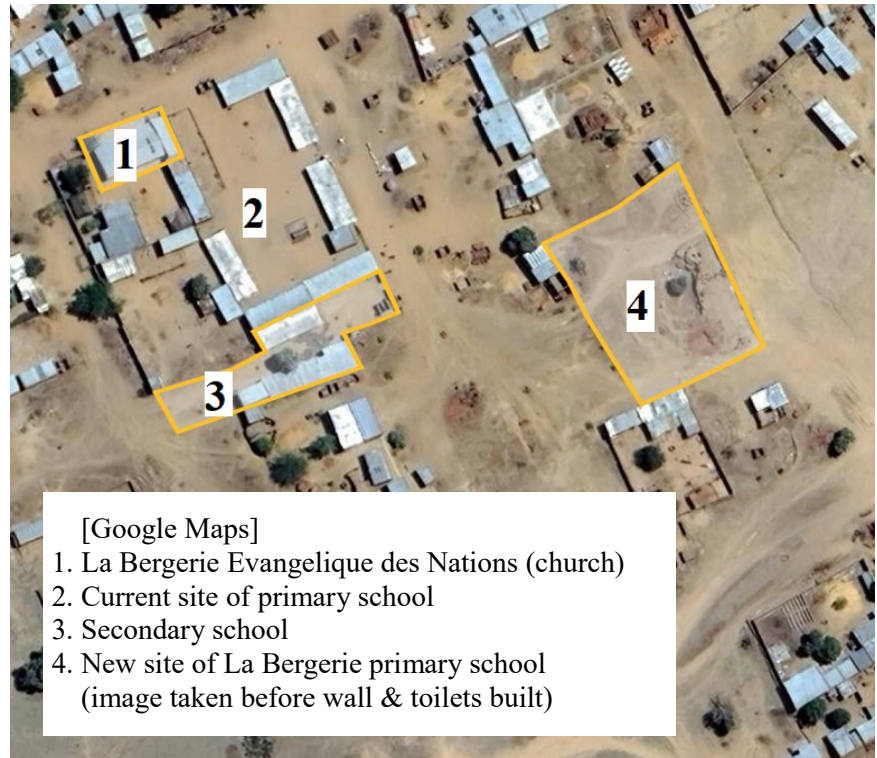
June 2026

from Margaret & Celestin

Dear Friends & Family,

We hope you are well and are enjoying good weather in the UK. It's still hot in Chad, although it has rained once in Koundoul during the past month, and several times in the south of the country.

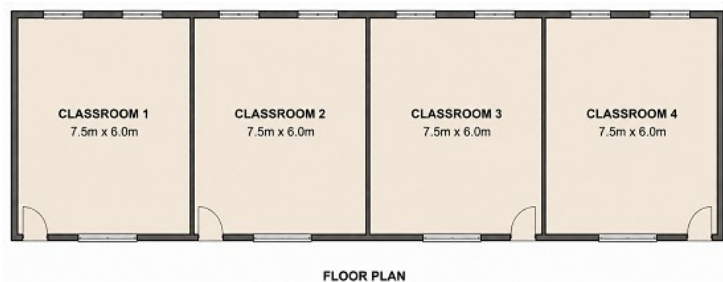
Here is a google satellite map showing the locations of La Bergerie church (which is in the compound of our house) and the primary and secondary schools. The image was taken before we started to develop the new school land (*site '4'*).



La Bergerie primary school children and teachers have finished their last term and are now on summer holidays!★ The secondary school still has another couple of weeks, with some pupils preparing to sit national exams (the 'BEF,' which is similar to GCSE, and 'baccalaureat', similar to 'A' level).

We are keen to start the next stage of building La Bergerie school during the summer holidays. The classrooms to be built in the new school grounds need to be ready to use in October, at the beginning of next term. It would be more cost effective in the long term to actually start building the permanent school classrooms now, rather than moving all the current temporary classrooms. This means we really need to do some serious fundraising urgently!

The plan is to build very strong foundations to support a 3 storey building. We hope to construct a block of 4 classrooms, each of which would be the optimum size of 6 x 7.5 metres, on the foundations. At a later date we would build another 4 classrooms on the first 4, followed by another 4 classrooms on top. The younger children would be on the ground floor, and older children would have their classrooms upstairs.



To begin, we are going to build up a stock of sand and gravel, which can be kept securely within the school grounds. When it rains, supplies of sand and gravel become very difficult to access; materials flood, roads become impassable (and lorries get stuck in the mud!). This forces builder's merchants to increase the price. We're praying for provision to buy lorry loads of sand and gravel as soon as possible. Currently, 1 lorry load of gravel costs around £500; & 1 lorry load of builder's sand costs £100.

If you can help in any way, or would like more information, please let us know. Margaret can be contacted by email (margaretaner@gmail.com) or WhatsApp: +44 (0)7514 691431.

The rainy season brings several benefits as well as challenges. The temperature will (hopefully) drop; farmers can sow seeds and plant crops, and many other people will start growing vegetables and fruit on any spare land available. On the down side, travel is more difficult, especially to remote places, and consequently the price of food and other goods increases. Locally grown produce becomes scarce until harvest time and many people are at risk of hunger and malnutrition.

La Bergerie Evangelique des Nations church has just started a 3 week programme of prayer, training and evangelism. During this time we will plant a new church in the East of Koundoul, where several church members already live. An experienced pastor, and friend of Celestin will be giving leadership training each week, and there will be activities run in small groups. This is to help the church continue to grow. We remind people that as missionaries, Celestin & Margaret may not always be there to lead the church, school and health centre and so we need to train the next generation of leaders.

The church will go to the East of Koundoul to show films and do evangelism, before holding a Sunday service there. Then we will go to Milligana to support the growth of the church 'planted' at the beginning of the year. There is a small team of ladies who will cook evening meals (for around 50 churchgoers & guests). The total cost of the programme has been estimated at £800. Any help towards this cost would be much appreciated.

Celestin is very busy as he is overseeing this programme. He is also teaching every afternoon this week on how to study the Bible using the inductive method, and about Spiritual Warfare, in the discipleship programme being run by another pastor in Koundoul.

“You were at one time spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were Gentiles without the Law. But God has now brought you to life with Christ. God forgave us all our sins; he cancelled the unfavourable record of our debts with its binding rules and did away with it completely by nailing it to the cross.”

Colossians 2: 13-14 (GNB)

PRAYER POINTS:

- Thank God for his forgiveness of sins and new life he gives to all who believe in him.
- Pray for the church, La Bergerie Evangelique des Nations during this time of intensive teaching, evangelism and growth. Pray God will prepare the hearts of the lost to hear and receive the gospel. Pray that a new church 'plant' will start. Pray for God's provision for food, materials, fuel, transport.
- Praise God for all that he has done in the lives of La Bergerie school children and their families over the past school year. Pray for those who are taking end-of-year exams. Pray for their parents, teachers and other staff as the summer holidays begin.
- Pray for the work of building the permanent structure of La Bergerie School. It is God's work and he is sovereign. Pray for more miracles of provision – to complete the toilets and build the classroom block. Please see the information below on how to support us financially, and please give, if able.
- The new church in Milligana is doing well – praise God!
- Please continue to pray for our safety and the security situation in Chad.
- Pray for Celestin especially as he is so busy and it's still very hot.
- Pray for Margaret as she travels back to Chad on 8th June. She is preparing to do the bookkeeping for La Bergerie school in the next academic year.

Thank you

GOD BLESS!
Margaret & Celestin

To support us financially:

If you would like to gift aid in the UK, please sign up to www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20103447. Stewardship claim back from the government the tax paid and add it to your gift (making it bigger).

Here are our UK bank details if you would like to give towards our personal support or mission work:

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, please give through our bank or GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/e439558cf>.

Thank you

