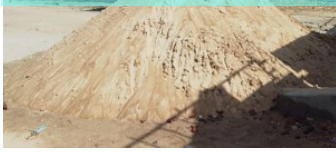


NEWSLETTER *from Margaret & Celestin*

July 2026



Dear Friends & Family,

We hope you survived the heatwave in the UK and Europe. Here in Chad, it has rained a little in Koundoul and the capital, N'Djamena, over the past month. The temperature has dropped slightly but it's still hot and sticky because of the high humidity.

We're pleased to say that we have bought a small stock of sand and gravel, ready for building La Bergerie classroom foundations (*photos above*). We're very grateful to everyone who has contributed financially and in prayer. We really appreciate your participation and encouragement – and cannot do this without you.

On arrival, the sand and gravel lorries were too big to enter the school grounds safely, so there is a big sand pile just outside covered with bricks to stop children and animals playing on it, and thieves stealing it. Likewise, the piles of gravel deposited at the school gate were taken inside by our young people for security.

Work has started on the toilet cubicles but

more finances are needed to continue.....



Ready to go!

The 21-day programme of teaching, outreach and church-planting was very successful – praise the Lord! Church members worked together – spending time in prayer and intercession for the community, and fasting. They received training and then did evangelism in 2 quarters of Koundoul and in the village of Milligana.



Margaret bought a small projector in the UK and got back to Chad in time so we could use it to show films in the evening. This is an effective way of drawing people in to hear the gospel, and several people responded – praise the Lord! We held a Sunday service under a tree in the area of Koundoul called 'La Paix', where one church member lives. Two people who gave their lives to Jesus at this time were baptised at the end of the programme. One young lady, a university student had been possessed by demons, and was unable to study, or sleep well. We saw her face change as she was being set free. She's staying at the church during her time of deliverance to be in a safer environment for her spiritually. Celestin visited in prison the husband of one lady who attends the church. We pray that more people will come to know Jesus and this new church will grow.

La Bergerie Evangelique des Nations church then went to support the new church at Milligana and stayed there for a couple of nights. They did evangelism, going from door to door to share the gospel and also showed a film in the evenings. One night, there was a big storm and gale during which the church roof was damaged. Having had the insight to secure the tin roof with bricks before the wind started meant it was not so bad as it could have been. People were quite scared though, and definitely prayed during the storm!

That same night, during a gale, the roof on one of the temporary shelters in the new school in Koundoul came off, complete with metal pole and the concrete that stabilised it in the ground. The roof damaged a couple of buildings nearby. Thankfully no-one was hurt.

On the last day of the programme we baptised 9 people in the nearby river, 4 of whom came from Milligana.

Celestin is very tired after this programme and really needs to rest but there is so much to do – especially because the rainy season is coming. He accompanied another pastor and student missionaries on a mission trip towards a town in the north of Chad called Massakory. The team saw a real need for mission in the area and Celestin received a word from the Lord about orphans.

Since we started working in Koundoul in 2017, we've tried our best to take care of local orphaned or abandoned children and young people. We've had some support for this but haven't greatly publicised this activity, even though it is a great need. Children have attended La Bergerie school and some we have housed. Now we have the conviction to develop this ministry to provide housing, ready for the school year in October.

We have a vision to plant a church in Moundou, a town in the South of the country, and industrial capital of Chad. One lady from church has already gone to Moundou, and a small team will follow her. They will travel there with Celestin for a couple of weeks to pray and investigate how and where to start the church, whilst Celestin will continue to Sarh to visit the YWAM base. There's only 1 YWAMer and the guard at the base and we still have the problem of lack of clean water supply and toilets.

Financing mission activities and missionaries is a real challenge, especially in Chad which is one of the least developed and least reached places with the gospel in the world. We put our hope in Jesus and pray he will provide people and resources; gratefully accept his leading and provision.

A group of intercessors called the 'Femmes sentinelles' will visit the church in Koundoul this week so that Celestin, as one of their advisors, can work with them, before he travels.

Margaret is studying accounting ready for the new school year. Also looking forward to being immersed in the Word of God by taking a course with the University of the Nations called 'Copying the Scriptures'. This is what it says – writing out the scriptures: slowing down to make good observations and answering questions on observation and interpretation for each book of the Bible. The course is online and open to everyone.

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9 v 35-38 (NRSV)

PRAYER POINTS:

- Thank God for his love and grace which sets us free from sin and death and gives us new life in him.
- Praise the Lord for growth of La Bergerie Evangelique des Nations church especially over the past weeks.
- Praise God for the church in Milligana and for the new church being planted in 'La Paix' quarter in Koundoul.
- Praise God for his provision and ask that he would continue to provide for mission in Chad. It's very difficult for individual mission workers to get the support they need from local churches.
- Pray for the people who have recently been baptised. They are continuing to meet together for support.
- Pray for children and their families as the summer holidays begin. Pray for orphans and abandoned children.
- Pray that we will obtain La Bergerie school permanent authorisation. This will help us to be formally recognised in the country.
- 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.
- Please continue to pray for our safety and the security situation in Chad.
- Pray for Celestin to have the strength and stamina to continue this intense time of mission activities. Last night he went to bed at 5 p.m. and woke up this morning at 6 a.m. because he is so tired.
- Praise God that Margaret eventually renewed her mission visa for Chad.

Thank you

GOD BLESS!
Margaret & Celestin

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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