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*Primary school front gate*

# NEWSLETTER

*from Margaret & Celestin*
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*Dear Friends & Family,*

How are you? It's a long time since we wrote because we've been so busy starting the new school year at La Bergerie school in Koundoul, Chad! Thank you for your prayers and support which have carried us through!



*Photo: renovated secondary school classrooms*

The secondary school classrooms have been renovated and we started using those that were previously damaged in a storm for the 'examination classes' which started in September. Praise God!

On 1st October the rest of the school began - a wonderful day and testimony of God's love, strength and sovereignty. We had the privilege of welcoming and hosting Anthea, our missionary friend from Kingsbridge, Devon and Uganda. She had come to speak at the international conference of the *'femmes sentinelles'* in the capital, N'Djamena, and was pleased to stay with us for a few days afterwards. She helped to start the new school year in prayer and with bible teaching. We're really grateful for this, as well as for the tea and computer cooling fan that she brought!



*Celestin translating for Anthea*

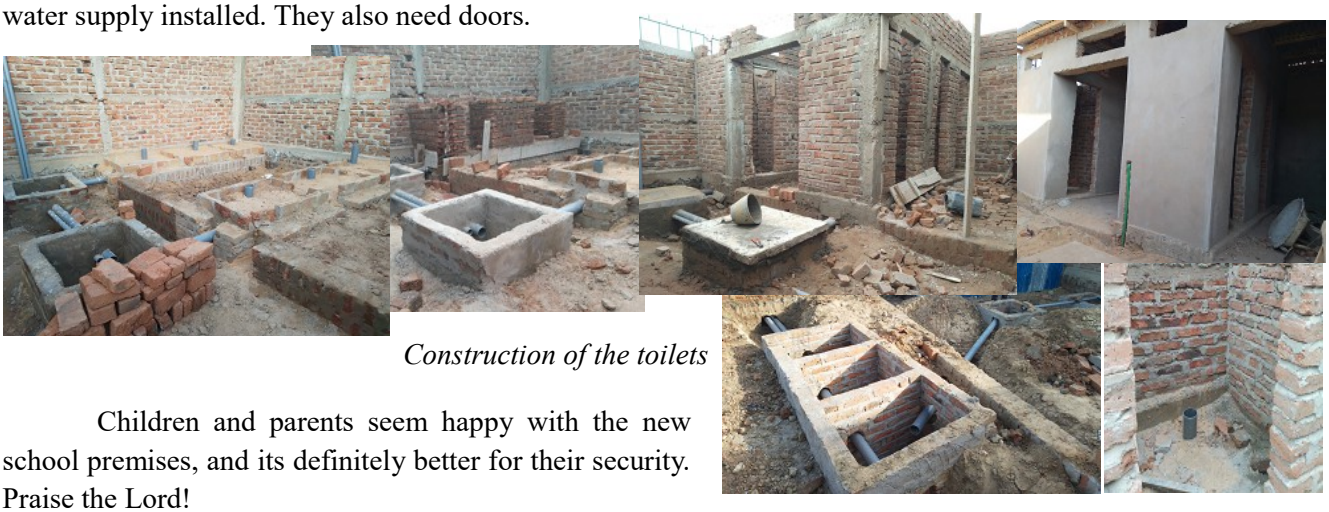




The primary school foundations have been walled off (see photo at top of page) to make the area safer for the children. The plan is to raise funds for this building now so that we can buy a stock of materials soon, that will be used without delay during the week of the Christmas holidays. Please pray for this and help if you can!

In the meantime we've built some sturdy temporary classrooms and 4 brick permanent classrooms for the children and their teachers to use whilst we fundraise. The brick classrooms need doors and windows, plastering and a concrete floor. We've built 2 offices which also need to be finished.

The toilets are in operation, although not finished due to lack of funds. They need tiling, and to have the water supply installed. They also need doors.



*Construction of the toilets*

Children and parents seem happy with the new school premises, and its definitely better for their security. Praise the Lord!

In the primary school we have a 'supervisor' – he was a school inspector for many years, and neighbour who offered to help us in the past. This year Celestin asked him to share his expertise. He has been recruiting

qualified primary teachers; so most of the primary school teachers are new to the school. Not sure that he really understands the vision of the school, but he is certainly keen to improve the children's education.

*'Let each of you look not to their own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even on a cross.'*

*Philippians 2 v4-8 (NRSV)*

The health centre is functioning well as the school infirmary. We collect funds at the time of enrolment to cover the cost of the first treatment. Parents are obliged to come and continue treatment if needed.

This year, the seventh since the school began, we've decided to provide tea and snacks to the teachers and staff as a blessing and encouragement. It's so good to see them enjoying this at breaktime, and its good to have the lady who makes the tea and gateaux here; she is an intercessor. Praise the Lord!

***PRAYER POINTS:***

- Praise God! He is loving, kind, faithful, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing. He is righteous and good!
- Thank God for his faithful provision so far to get the school ready in time for the beginning of the new school year. Primary school opens from Monday to Friday and so from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon the builders moved in to work on the classrooms and offices for the first couple of weeks.



- Pray for God's continued provision to build the school – especially for the materials needed to complete the foundations during the Christmas season.
- Pray for a good relationship with the builder's merchant who will provide materials as we need them, and that we can continue doing this without mounting up a debt. Pray for God's wisdom and intervention as we show a Christian witness to the merchants, who are mostly Muslim.
- Pray for the children and their teachers as they settle into the new school routine. Pray especially for the examination classes who have to work hard to obtain their Baccalaureate or School Certificate. Pray for the primary school teachers to have understanding of the mission of the school. We want children and staff to know Jesus as friend and Saviour and look to him for guidance each day. Pray for the parents and families represented at school.
- Please continue to pray for our safety and the security situation in Chad.
- Pray for the programme of evangelisation and church planting the church is planning to do in Moundou, the industrial town in the South of Chad.

*Thank you*



GOD BLESS!

Margaret & Celestin

***We are very grateful for your financial support***

*We would like to offer you the opportunity to join with us in blessing the teachers/staff with tea and gateaux. If you can help with finances to buy tea, sugar, flour, yeast, oil, peanuts, please let us know. Thank you.*

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 gift aid in the UK, and help with personal support, 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).

If you would like to give towards building La Bergerie school, please give through our bank or GoFundMe: https://gofund.me/e439558cf.

*Thank you*