

Please pray ...

- ... that we are the best reflections of God's love for the world that we can be, through Christ.
- ... for a sort term missionary that will be coming to learn more about missionary life and to help Wanda.
- ... for building an administration team for the summer at the FEU.
- ... for security issues in and around Niger.
- ... that we finish well the last few months of this term.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. –Romans 10:12

Greetings from Niger!

February in Niger is marked by slowly increasing temperatures, and harmattan season. This season in West Africa is characterized by dry and dusty winds, which blow in from the Sahara Desert. We start to see small sand drifts, and sand dust coats leaves in an unconvincing imitation of frost. The worst part of it is that the wind borne dusts are irritating to the respiratory system and bring with it colds and sore throats.

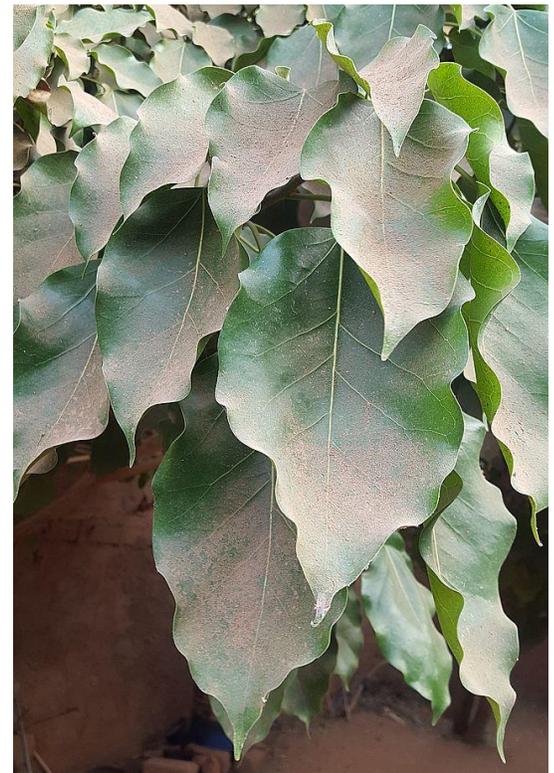
There are two big things we'd like to touch base on this time. One is that we will be coming back to the U.S. this summer for a few months from May to August. We will have more information as things get closer, but we have already contacted supporting churches to schedule times to share with them. In fact, between family times and presentation times, every weekend has sharing opportunities scheduled. However, we would love to connect with you one on one or in a small group on other days of the week, so feel free to email us! We'd love to hear from you and visit this summer!

In our November letter, we shared that Randy was now the Director at the FEU (Foyer Evangelique Universitaire). With the beginning of the new semester, we lost a few volunteers that were returning to home countries or other commitments. But we also gained staff, and some of them have had much experience at the FEU. With that increase of staff, we are now open four evenings a week, and a few hours on Saturday afternoon. We have been able to offer eleven different courses over the semester, and have had 132 students from throughout Niger and at least seven other countries register for classes. About 35% of them take multiple courses. The Lord is touching students and working at the FEU. We'd be eager to share some of those personal stories face to face when we visit in the summer.

This brings me to a significant prayer request concerning the FEU. With our departure in the summer, I am looking at figuring out how all the little administrative things get done at the FEU in our absence. I'd like that to be a mix of missionaries and Nigeriens who are on the team. The Lord knows how this is supposed to work, but I have not figured out what He has in store yet! Please pray that He makes those things evident, and the puzzle pieces fall in place, so that the momentum that the FEU is experiencing now is not lost.

This letter has been focused on our visit back to the US and the FEU, but I am still doing some IT and process projects, and Wanda continues to work in the literacy realm. So, please remember those items in prayer as well if you could. Thank you so much for your part in what is happening in Niger through your prayer and financial support.

Blessings! Randy and Wanda





Wanda helping to teach a cooking class at the FEU



A debutant English class at the FEU

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Partner with us through giving

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- **Phone --** 1-800-521-6449 extension 1467 or ask for donor care. They are really nice people and will answer any questions you might have.
- **Mail --** Make check payable to SIM. In the memo note "Potratz Account 065825", and send to:
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Literacy class at a bible school



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