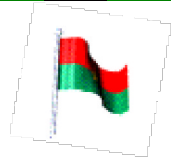


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Easter Sunday

Have you ever dreaded something and anticipated it at the same time? That's how I felt about Easter Sunday this year. The reason for my hesitation was because the men of the church wanted to serve a meal after the service and watch a Christian film. If you will recall, for our anniversary service last May, we prepared a meal and it was a less than stellar event when one considers that chaos rained in the children's ministry. Because of the poverty, the children come out of the woodwork when food is involved. On that

morning, we had only 4 adults supervising and 221 children in attendance waiting eagerly for the meal that was promised afterward. It was madness! So this year, I can tell you, I wasn't quite as eager to serve food again.

Easter Sunday morning turned out to be such a nice Sunday. We had a wonderful time. That weekend the ladies came to our house to cut up vegetables and pack bissap (African cool-aid) in bags for the following morning. We had a great time of fellowship doing that. Then the next morning, several of the la-

dies and I prepared the meal. I am so happy that this is not something I have to do by myself. I am used to preparing meals for four. I've not quite learned the art of multiplying for large numbers of people. These women are pros at it. While some cooked, the others cleaned up the dirty dishes and prepared other things, all the while talking and fellowshiping. We had the entire meal ready before church, and were able to enjoy our Sunday morning service before a yummy meal of Riz Gras afterwards, without the chaos. It was a great day.

Answered Prayer

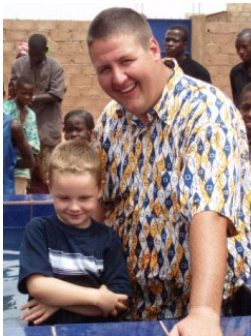
• The goal of the Manna Feeding Center is to not only help those in need, but to help the ministry of the local church. I'm happy to report that we have already seen fruit from this ministry. One of our young mothers has been coming to one service a week as required for her child to participate. After hearing the Gospel for several weeks, Salamata was convicted of her sin and asked Christ to save her on April 26. Please pray that she will take the next step and follow the Lord in baptism.

• After three months of living in our new home closer to our church, we are finally getting phone/internet connection.

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A New Brother In Christ



It is the prayer of every Christian parent to see their children come to know Christ as their Savior. We have had that prayer answered in one of our children's life this year. Blake is now

5 years old. He has been asking questions for some time now about how he could go to Heaven. For a while, his doctrine was a little confused. But in late February, early March, he really started pushing us to talk to him about salvation. We answered his questions but were hesitant to push too hard because he's so young.

In March, he decided he'd take matters into his own hands, so to speak. One morning, he woke up before the rest of us and started thinking about salvation

again. He had been asking questions the night before, and we told him we'd talk to him about it the next day. When he woke up, he decided to pray by himself to be saved. Later that day, he told me what he did. We realized then that he truly understood what it meant to be saved. Because Mike was gone all afternoon, he had to put off talking with Blake about his decision until the next day. On Friday, they had the opportunity to talk in detail about his decision. He told him if he had already asked Christ in his heart, he was saved. Blake told Mike he wasn't sure if he "done it right". Therefore, he wanted daddy to help him to be sure. That afternoon, Blake prayed and made sure he was truly saved.

Blake is now our brother in Christ. It's amazing how that works. But he is sure of his salvation. He tells me now when he does bad things that he needs to pray to ask Jesus to forgive him. "Not to be saved, 'cause I only had to do that once". God's already working in his young heart.

We have a guard named Souley who is a Muslim. Souley knows about salvation, but is scared to accept Christ as his Savior; for fear that he would lose his family. His father-in-law has already told him that he would take his family if he became a Christian. But Blake doesn't know all the specifics of Souley's situation and has made it his personal mission in life to see him saved. One time Blake asked him, "Do you want to go to hell?" Souley responded no. Blake told him then that he had to pray to ask Jesus to forgive him of his sins so he could go to Heaven. Our little witness has opened up several doors of opportunity for Mike to speak with Souley about salvation. Our family is praying for him and now members of our church are praying for him as well. Please join us in prayer for Souley and his family that they will come to know Christ. But rejoice with us, that we have gained a little brother in Christ.

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