

# KENNEDY GANG

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## DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Just so that you know, we are well into Birthday Season here in the Kennedy Household. Daniel turned 7 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, Timothy turned 4 on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June and Fiona, now I forget how old she turned back on the 8<sup>th</sup> May? Let me take all my fingers and then add all my toes, then multiply that by all my ears, both of them that is, and add to that the one black eye she just gave me and viola what do you get!

It has been great and for the boys just unbridled joy, first at knowing their birthdays are soon and then when they finally receive all their gifts. Thank you for making some fun memories. I think most of the gifts contained way too much sugar for Fiona's liking, but then birthday's only come once a year and parents are able to 'reduce' the number of sweets in an open packet!

Now if you were sceptical like me you would never have thought that the Kennedys would have actually managed to get their website up and running. Yet it is there and not half bad, thanks to all who helped out along the way, great working with you. Surprised!! Yes you are not the only one. Go and check it out at [www.kennedygang.net](http://www.kennedygang.net). I am sure the Kennedys would love some feedback, so let them know if there are things missing or info and / or photos you would like to see on the website. One thing to note is that they have placed some of Fiona's writings in a password protected folder, not for any sinister reason but that Fiona writes these mainly for the grandparents and family. You are welcome to have a look and read, the password for all of 'Fiona's Blog' page is Fiona's surname before she upgraded to Kennedy, Floyd.

Fiona and the boys had a good time in Burkina Faso, it was a very long drive, two days to get there and two days back, both ways they spent a night in Ouagadougou to break the journey. They were able to stay with a friend who also had two young boys. Life is somewhat different in Burkina Faso, much drier and hotter with the countryside only being mostly scrub bush and none of the more lush vegetation we have in Parakou during the rainy season.



Fiona, Daniel and Timothy

## **BENIN OPERATIONS**

I said that in the next Prayer Letter I would give more details on a number of people who have come out to help us. Well they are here and it is great to have them here.

Firstly, we have Dave and Patti Olson, who along with their enthusiasm have brought their vast experiences and knowledge in a number of areas. They have worked across the globe in a number of areas from radio broadcasts to electrical engineering and information technology.

Secondly, Matt Willy, he is an intern with an electrical engineering degree who has come to spend three months with us. He has a number of tasks on his plate and has already been able to jump in and get going.

If you would like to see more about what they are up to and maybe get a different perspective on life here in a Benin, take a look at the following websites:

<http://www.daveandpatti.com/>

<http://theendisnear17.com/>

these are their personal blogs and they may give you an outsiders view of Benin and its people. Pray for them and their work with us, and also for safe travels back home.

The third week of June sees our Africa Director, West Africa Director and TWR's Chief Operating Officer coming to Benin to have various meetings with the government and other institutions, primarily to try to push for the SW license. Please pray with us about these issues and all the meetings they will be having in Cotonou, pray for the authorities and the decisions they will be taking.

The first two weeks in May saw Paul Cox and all the technicians from the Station head up to Burkina Faso for two weeks of training and the installation of satellite dishes. This trip went very well and they were able to install 7 satellite dishes throughout Burkina Faso that will be used by local FM stations to download TWR programming off satellite broadcasts. Garth had the fun job of staying behind and doing two weeks of night duty to make sure the transmitter was working and continued broadcasting. Thanks for your prayers for this trip, all went very well.

\* some clarification, if you have read Timothy's Tales, the 'afrikan culture' he is talking about are some Leon Schuster videos that Garth has been showing the boys, only selected ones of course, but they have found them very funny and have watched them a number of times.

#### Our Praise and Prayer Items:

- Praise for the safe arrival of Patti and Dave Olson and Matt Willy
- Praise for the great work the above mentioned folk have been able to do
- Praise for a great time had by Fiona and the boys in Burkina Faso
- Pray for the end of the school year for Daniel and his teacher, Fiona
- Pray for some time out as the Kennedys go away for a few days
- Pray for the arrival of the TWR bosses and the SW licence application
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This year has moved on, the rains have started and everything is nice and green, football world cup is on the little screen and Praise God for his ongoing goodness and mercy to us.

God's Blessings  
Garth and Fiona  
Daniel and Timothy

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*Daniel*

I had the best 7<sup>th</sup> party ever and we went swimming with the other children, had a treasure hunt at home, then a meal for everyone and also a birthday cake and also an ice cream cake, it was delicious.

We went fishing with my dad and we caught loads of fish in a little pool next to the dam, they were easy to catch and we used a bucket and I even caught a shrimp.

Daddy found a baby rabbit in the bush at his work, it was very tiny and we had to help him to drink milk and now he is doing well and getting bigger, I did not know what to call him but daddy said to call him Peter.

.....me, i had my 4 birthday party and i made sure everyone did know about my birthday, we did go to the swimming pool and swam with all the other children, we did go and have a hamburger and chips for supper and mommy even let me have some ice cream, i am very happy i did get lots and lots and lots of sweets, but i am not sure what happened as they were all in a bag and now there seems to be lot less in there, my daddy has been showing me and danyel (Daniel) some afrikan culture\*, i like it very much but mommy does not always think it is so funny, we always watch the one about the snake in the suitcase and also the tokoloshi.

### Timothy's Tales

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'Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God'  
PSALM 20:7