

KENNEDY GANG

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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Wow, what a summer, it has been crazy, busy, hectic, blessed and loads of fun! I know it sounds strange but technically it is summer here, Benin is in the northern hemisphere! One of the highlights of this time of the year, besides getting the rains and it being a little cooler, is the annual Family Fun Day. This time it was held down beside Lake Bature, it was a great day out, plenty of food, mud, water and fun, all at different stages of the day.

Now I know you are dying to look at the pictures so go along to www.kennedygang.net, they are all there and some more. The Kennedys have been out and about quite a bit the last few months or so, the reports and photos are there for your enjoyment.

It seems not long ago that Daniel started school holidays, well you will be pleased to know they are over and he is back into school, he has just started second grade, Garth is still trying to figure out this grade system for schools, not what he grew up with! The reason he is starting early is that there will be some interruptions during the first half of next year. Yes, you guessed correctly, the Kennedys are heading back to South Africa during the first half of 2011.

To be exact they leave Accra on the 24th February and fly back to Accra on the 7 June 2011. Once again, the Kennedys do not do things the easy way, but since the tickets are a third of the price when compared to flying out of Cotonou, you can understand why. So there will be a fun road trip to be had from Parakou down through Togo and into Ghana and final destination, Accra!

After a slow start this rainy season has been pretty wet, even by local standards, already three times in the past 5 weeks the road going north to the Transmitter Station has been blocked due to the road breaking up, water flooding over it or accidents as a result of both. This causes major disruption to traffic going north since the only alternative route is a 5-hour detour via the west of the country to rejoin the road 60 kilometres north of us.



Daniel and Timothy

BENIN OPERATIONS

All our guests have come and gone and it has been good to have them here. For a different perspective on Benin and the work here, you can look at their blog pages and photos at the following websites:

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

<http://theendisnear17.com/>

We are glad Dave and Patti and Matt all had safe trips back home and we Praise God for their presence here and all the work they did.

Good news for TWR was the change in name of the Title Deeds for the land where the transmitter and tower are installed. There was a Title Deed but the name listed on the deed did not conform to the requirements of TWR International.

There are still issues with the land we have in Parakou, where we are planning to build missionary housing and also possible office and guest accommodation. Please pray about this situation, we have paid for the land but there seems to be a problem between the surveyors and the local town council and we are caught in the middle. The wall around the property has been started but put on hold for a while.

Praise God we have had no problems with the Transmitter, no lost air for the last few months. On the TWR property we have once again been able to plant 2500 Gmelina (white teak) trees as well as 4000 Moringa (miracle tree) trees. These have grown well and our planting season has included maize, sunflowers, groundnuts, sweet corn and yams. The rains have been good this year and we are thankful for God's blessings on the land.

There have been a number of interesting and difficult experiences these last few months for the Kennedys. Nearly all of these have involved people close to them here in Benin. Benin certainly has its fair share of problems and being one of the poorest in the world does mean socio-economic problems are rife. Please pray for the Kennedys as they try to deal with these situations and help where they can, things involving education, health, transport and spiritual welfare, things we all have issues with that we have to deal with from time to time.

The new school year has started in Benin again and we just hope that it is not a repeat of the previous years, when the teachers go on strike for a few months before the school year actually gets going. So many scholars have lost out on their education because of these strikes and it does not make the countries problems any easier to solve.

Our Praise and Prayer Items:

- Praise for a great summer time and the start of the new school year
- Praise for the work done over the summer by Dave and Patti Olson and also Matt Willy
- Praise for travel mercies as the Kennedys did a fair bit of local travel and for others with TWR who have travelled further afield.
- Pray for Daniel and Timothy both being in school, for them and their educators.
- Pray for TWR staff at the Transmitter site.
- Pray for the SW licence application and NGO registration.
- Pray for the Kennedys

Thank you once again for getting this far and actually reading the Prayer Letter, we appreciate your prayers and continued support.

God's Blessings
Garth and Fiona

Daniel and Timothy

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Daniel

I still have brownny, my rabbit to look after, I want to get more pets and me and gramps (Garth's Dad) went and caught some tadpoles in the pools of water that are sitting in the road, they were nice and big and I kept them for a few days but now they are dead, not sure why, think my dad was looking at using them when we go fishing.

I have started Taekwondo with Miriam which has been great fun once I started to remember what to do, but do not understand why my mummy says that I am not allowed to practise my moves on my brother. He seems game enough.

.....i have the best teacher in the world, yes it is true, i have started at school and aunty donna is my teacher, it is really good fun, we have made apple aliens, had a bear party, made crazy cookies, i have a bag to bring things to show aunty donna every week, apparently not every word starts with the letter A, not sure why that is ..my mummy did teach me how to play a memory game with cards and now i beat her and my daddy when we play, maybe some time i must let them win since they are getting old and can not remember where the cards are when we play.....

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