

KENNEDY GANG

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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

What a wonderful time of the year this is for the Kennedy family, well for those with birthdays at least, you see Fiona and the boys all have their birthdays in May and June, so it was time to give the credit card a good workout at the local malls and fine restaurants. OK, so there is nowhere around here that accepts credit cards, maybe that is a blessing in disguise!

Fiona was able to celebrate her birthday twice, she had an evening out with the ladies and then on her birthday a stir fry meal enjoyed by a few close friends, and they kindly let her win at cards as well.

The boys are easy to please, Daniel wanted a day out at work with Garth and a meal of goat and pounded yam, his absolute favourite. Timothy wanted video games, well more specifically he wanted to play Wii, it did take Garth a few days to catch on to what he was asking for!

The boys are finished with school and move on to their next grades. They both did well and are getting along fine, Timothy is more determined in some areas and keen to do what his brother is able to do. Donna was a great help this past year and it will be strange to continue on without her, but Sarah Phillips from SIM has offered to help out where she can for the first few months. It will take a while for us all to settle down into a new routine so please remember to pray for us. Garth does seem somewhat concerned about the friends the boys are mixing with during their recess / break times but he needs to talk to the teacher about those things.

With the arrival of the Phillips family Fiona's role at SIM helping out has come to an end for the time being, she will miss the contacts and doing something different but there has been plenty to do to keep her busy since then.



The family out enjoying Daniel's birthday celebration

BENIN OPERATIONS

It has been quite a strange time the last few months at the Benin Transmitter Station- along with the house construction happening in town and getting used to a new road out to the Station, there have been and are a few changes happening.

The boss, Paul Cox, and his family head off for some well deserved time out back home and we look forward to seeing them back early next year. Pray for us as we continue without his experience and wisdom.

Work on the houses is going well, we are very thankful for this and continue to pray for the work as the roofs go up in the next few weeks and our website has photos if you are interested in seeing the progress, www.twrbenin.com

We are very thankful for Devin Weaver (mentioned in our last letter) being here and he returned back to Cote d'Ivoire during the month of June. We are very grateful for the time he was able to spend with us and the work he accomplished during that time. Please pray for him as he finishes up his time of service later this year and returns home and needs to decide what direction he wants to take in the future.

We have a real favour to ask and this is a request from Garth and Fiona, they ask could you please spend some more time in prayer for them over the next few weeks. They go into the second half of this year with some rather daunting challenges and obstacles to face and they feel very inadequate for the task.

Please could you pray for the following:

- The Cox's leave Benin and will only be back in January, leaving Fiona on her own at the school and Garth having to pretend he knows how to run a Transmitter Station
- The housing project is in full swing and the pressure is on to finish on time and within budget
- Garth and Fiona are involved with a work group coming from Canada at the end of July, so things have to be planned and arrangements made
- Both are also involved in the wider mission community
- There are a number of exciting visits over the next six months, so all the travel and hospitality needed are areas for prayer, will let you know as time goes on who comes and when.
- Also trying to keep tabs on two very energetic and head strong boys (Garth says that comes from Fiona's side of the family!)
- Pray for wisdom over the next few months to decide on what is important and also the energy to get things done.

Well the rabbit never laid any eggs but we did get four new tiny baby bunny rabbits which we now look after and make sure get fed everyday. Sometimes we let them out and then have to run around behind them to get them back into the cage. Now we are waiting for the next lot of baby rabbits to come.

I had the best birthday party, including a day off school and some nice presents which I was happy with.

...my dad was making lots of funny suggestions for my birthday party, all i wanted was a wii party but he did not understand it and he gave us a oui (yes – in French) party, but i said i did not want that then he gave the boys a wee party, we did that outside and mom was not happy, but he did understand in the end and we went to aunty donna and uncle paul's house and had a wii party, it was good fun and I showed my dad how to play some of the games...now i am six years old and have been telling everyone i see how old i am....

•Timothy's Tales•

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Thank you from all of us, we do appreciate the prayer, support and email and phone contact people have made during this year.

God's Blessings
Garth and Fiona
Daniel and Timothy

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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