

# KENNEDY GANG

JUL - SEP 2012

## DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Well, what a few months it has been, jam packed full and we are still going. Just when you think life will calm down and take a more relaxed route the rapids of life make an appearance, I am sure you know the feeling.

Once again this year we had a wonderful Family Fun Day, pictures on our website. We had people come from all over the region and it has become a treasured time for our MK's who love the opportunity to have fun together. There was also a group from Canada who helped us set everything up and helped with the events on the day. As a family we spent the following week with this group and Clara, SIM director, at the French Bible School 3 hours away, working on fixing up their classrooms and living accommodation. It was good to be involved and working there making a small difference in the lives of the staff and students.

Immediately after all this fun and work Garth's mother and Chris arrived to spend some time with us. Great time for all of us and the boys certainly had a good time, a chance for them to catch up with their Oumie. Timothy particularly enjoyed his time in the mornings with his Oumie, he insisted on having mid morning tea and a biscuit with her every day.

The boys are back for the new school year and Fiona is being helped out by Sarah who is new with SIM to Benin, it is great having her help out and a real answer to prayer for us. Just as an additional prayer request, please pray for Daniel as he is presenting some challenges at the moment, not that he does not understand his work, he just feels really hard done by since his teacher is obviously the only teacher around who gives homework and for some bizarre reason insists on it being done!

This is becoming a real concern for us and may influence any future decisions we make. Please pray for Daniel and also for patience and guidance for his teachers and parents.



**Daniel and Timothy  
with their Oumie**

## BENIN OPERATIONS

It certainly has been a crazy time since the boss left for some time away in the US. Broadcasts continue and thank you for your prayers for this as it is the whole reason we are here.

We have had a fair number of visitors who have come to help and encourage. **Chris Goosen** came in August and spent some time with our technicians giving them some basic training, sorted out some RF issues and also working on some of our building projects.

It was great to have **Steve and Lorraine Stavropoulos** from Swaziland back again, always a pleasure and Steve worked with us helping us sort out some Generator problems and also helped on the training for the technicians. Lorraine helped out at the school sorting out the books in the library which was much appreciated.

**Lyle Pennington** has joined us all the way from Canada and is here for two months helping with construction, he has been working on the new cottage and also some areas on the new housing.

We are looking forward to still some more people coming and look forward to sharing some exciting news concerning next year.

So Garth went and messed up the peace and tranquillity (OK, there was not much of that), he decided to arm wrestle with the tractors fan belt while the engine is still running. Long story short, well little finger shorter to be exact, yes he had his hand ripped in by the belt and pulley. Thankfully no serious damage, the doctor at the hospital stitched the end of his little finger back on and it is a lesson learnt the hard way!

Prayer and Praise:

- Praise for a Great Family Fun Day and a good week working at the Bible School.
- Praise for a good time with Garth's Mom and Chris
- Praise for the new school year and the help of Sarah
- Praise for the help we have had so far this year with short termers coming to help us
- Pray for Daniel and his attitude to the work and life in general
- Pray for the ongoing work on the construction of the houses
- Pray for the transmissions every evening and early morning
- Pray for travel and accommodation arrangements for all those coming to help us out
- Pray for us as a family midst all the business of work and school
- Pray for the Cox family back in the US and especially for Donna as she faces upcoming surgery in November.

I just had the best time at this years family fun day at the lake, Uncle Vern brought a special camera and he asked me to wear it on my head while going backwards on the foefie slide (zip line, flying fox) into the water to film somebody else following me... unfortunately she went much faster than me which ended up in a small crash but we had a good laugh.  
I now have a tortoise along with all the rabbits, now if only I can persuade my mother to buy a kitten....

...my two front teeth came out both at the same time, not sure they were meant to but I was biting onto my towel one evening and daniel pulled the towel hard and my two front teeth just came out. Good job they were loose to start with!  
I had the bestest time with my oumie and also uncle chris made us a water rocket which we have been using and having great fun with, we experimented with putting a little water in and also lots of water but then the rocket does not go too far, once we took water from the lake and there were little fish in the rocket and one time a little frog....

**•Timothy's Tales•**

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Thank you, thank you and once again thank you, we are blessed to have you praying and supporting us.

God's Blessings  
Garth and Fiona  
Daniel and Timothy

Daniel

Fiona

Timothy

GARTH

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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**