

particularly when they are young in the faith. I've told this story because I want you to pray for this couple, that the power of God will be shown to be more powerful than that of Satan in this village.

The pressure from the family for this couple to go to a more powerful psychic for protection over the previous warning would be beyond your imagination. If they bow to this pressure, Satan will have re-entangled them back into the fears & darkness they wish to leave behind. Can you pray that they will be able to believe & obey these verses to enable them to stand against the enemy? James 4:7 Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil & he will flee from you. & Prov 3:5-7 Trust in the Lord...be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord & turn away from evil.

### ***Prayer points***

**Praise for answered prayer for our kids & the time Faye had with them.**

**Pray for a solution to the teacher shortage at Sahel Academy.**

**Pray that the generators will stop giving problems.**

**Pray for Christa to be able to clearly explain the Gospel to the TB patients & that they will be open to what they hear.**

**Pray for Halimatou & her husband, that their faith will stand firm in the midst of family pressure & that God's power will be seen.**

**Praise the Lord for the lives he is touching though healing. Continue to pray for Sabi.**



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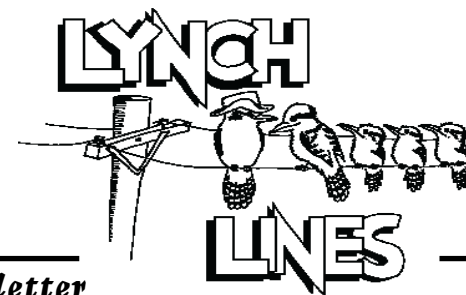
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***Lynch Newsletter***

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In our March Lynch Lines we wrote about Seibou & his electrical accident. An update, he is back at work for 5 mornings a week. He still tires easily & is experiencing pain from his pelvis that was fractured, as well as a bit of short-term memory loss.

As I think back over the last few months, one thing that comes to mind is that we have had some major illness here where the problem was bigger than the Doctor. We've seen our staff become more aware of the need to trust God with situations & be willing to put their faith into practice. Because we lack experienced doctors, there have been times when we openly admitted "only God can heal this person" & by his grace he has. This was the case with Marie, our Pastor's wife. We wrote about her in the December 2001 edition of Lynch Lines. We have since witnessed God's handiwork with Seibou who was close to death & is now back at work. Another is

Pastor Simon who was ill & had lost a lot of weight. After 3 operations no definite diagnosis was given, then someone thought of trying a treatment for Tuberculosis, which seems to be improving his health. Then we have Sabi, from our last newsletter. He continues to persevere with his dressings being changed regularly. His long-term battle is against contractions & infection. The African skin tends to scare more easily and Keloids tend to develop, so please continue to pray for Sabi. Pray that he will have minimal complications from the scaring.

Due to the increase in patients in the TB ward, I've been helping out Mondays & Fridays with giving the injections which is a daily treatment for many. There is only one nurse who works in this ward and the work is a bit overwhelming at the moment. It's amazing how many of patients

*From the Lynch family working in Bénin with SIM*

that are from Nigeria. It seems that our hospital is the only place that is always stocked with medicine & where the patients can receive their full treatment. Christa (the TB clinic nurse) delights in having time to share God's precious Word with the patients as they are here for at least 2 months.

The kids have been doing well lately & I enjoyed spending Mother's day weekend with them. It was a lovely time & was the first time in 10 months that I was able to say good-bye to them and have peace that they were OK. Other times there's been some sort of problem that I just longed to stay there to help them sort out. However, perhaps it was best that I wasn't there as I tend to smother them instead of mothering them & they don't get enough space to come through it on their own.

The Youth Pastor for Niamey, whom I spoke about last newsletter, arrived May 22. Everyone is really delighted that he & his wife are here for the next 2 years. This will ease the load of the parents that have been organising the youth group for the missionary kids each month.

In regards to the teacher situation at Sahel Academy, we still have a small crisis with the need for a maths & a science teacher. These are for the senior years, and concerns 12 children, Katrina being

one of them. We were very pleased to learn that the teacher coming from New Zealand is now coming for 12 months instead of 6. This means that Scott will have the same teacher all year.

Neville continues to be tormented by the 3-year-old generator which has proven to be a real lemon! The decision to buy the new generator in 1999 was made because the old one was breaking down a lot. So, as you can imagine this has really disappointed Neville. He thought being new, it would be free of any worries for quite a few years. Motor sensor problems, oil leaks along with radiator leaks have meant that he has spent more time working on it than expected. He has just replaced the turbocharger, which was a big expense.

You might remember that when we returned to Bembéréké, there were 2 houses waiting to be built. Well, the good news is that one of them is finished and the director & his family have just moved in. Part of the delay was due to Seibou's accident & Neville not having the time to work on it.



We have just received a gift of land from the local council; this piece of land will extend the hospital property 50 m to the south and is the width of the hospital property, 304 metres. Neville is now in the process of enclosing it with a 2 metre high brick fence.

When we were home, we noticed how much the occult had increased its presence in the Australian way of life. Maybe this was more obvious to us than to others because we see how it rules peoples lives here everyday. Here Satan openly flaunts his presence & power. In Australia, it's done in a more deceptive way. The following story is an example of the daily battles experienced by Christians here.

Halimatou's father went to see a clairvoyant to find out why his cows were dying. The father actually got more than he asked for because he was also told that his daughter would fall pregnant & die. Can you imagine how the father felt? He went to find out about his cows, not his daughter! This news distressed him greatly because his daughter had had problems with previous pregnancies. When he told his daughter the news she was very upset. You see, Halimatou & her husband had become Christians & what her father didn't know was that she already was pregnant. Therefore, there arose the conflict as to which way they would go in dealing with this problem. Fear had gripped the whole family. Abortion was the first thought for the family, but Halimatou & her husband knew that this would be murdering their child. Often here, the women die anyway because of the manner in which the abortion is carried out. So, they went to seek the advice of Christian friends who counseled them to trust God with this baby & Halimatou's health. This is an enormous challenge for this couple to take on