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Hi Everybody,

Ramadan has begun across the Muslim world. The month-long observance commemorates the month when Muslims believe the Quran was revealed to Muhammad. It is a time of fasting, praying the *taraweeh*, and *sadaqah* (giving alms to the poor) but it can also be a time of violence where attacks on Westerners are thought to bring extra rewards in *jannah* (paradise).



As Christians living in a Muslim nation, Ramadan can be a trying and spiritually dark time of year. We immediately notice that traffic patterns change across the city. This is partially due to more people taking taxis to conserve energy and also due to changed work schedules where people leave work earlier so that they can be home for the *iftar* (evening feast). Last year, Sarah and I got stuck in a particularly memorable traffic jam where it took 2 hours to drive 3 KM. Beyond traffic, many of our veteran missionaries report heightened spiritual warfare throughout the month. This has certainly been our experience as well. I also find that there are days when it seems like the local mosques are always calling the *adhan*, making Islam feel almost inescapable.

During months like Ramadan, I take great comfort knowing that we worship a God who reigns supreme above the many other gods that exist today. I also feel incredibly blessed that you allow us to do His work in the Muslim world through your prayers and financial support. Some highlights of the month so far:

Making It Work In The Field Marriage Conference:

The heightened stress of cross-cultural living can exact a toll on missionary marriages and few local resources exist for addressing problems when they arise. This past month, Dr. Robin Maxson and I held a two-part marriage conference for local missionaries. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and learning about God's design for marriage.



Baptism at Plage de la Voile D'or:

While our first priority at Dakar Academy is serving other missionaries, we are also here to share the gospel with unsaved students and national staff. On May 6th, we baptized 5 students and 1 national staff member at a local beach in Dakar. We praise God for the work He has done in their lives!



Protecting Your Children From Sexual Predators Seminar:

The decade that I spent working in prisons provided a wealth of information about sexual offenders. During the upcoming week, I will be speaking to parents and staff about how to protect children from predators and how to educate them about the dangers of pornography.



Senior Sunday – June 3rd:

The senior class has asked me to preach at their final Dakar Academy church service. It will be a tremendous opportunity to send them off with both a challenge and a message of hope about our Lord and Savior.

Sarah and Caleb Update

If you think my schedule is busy, you should spend a day with my amazing wife! Sarah continues to be a full-time mom to our now 9-month old son. She also helps with worship, planning/packing for the return trip, and even occasionally finds time to sleep. During the last appointment with the pediatrician, we learned that Caleb has already reached his 1-year milestones for height and weight. Praise God! We plan to reunite as a family in mid-June.



Prayer Requests

PRAYER: For missionaries in Dakar who were impacted by the recent riots.

PRAYER: For continued medical stability for our son Caleb

PRAYER: For Sarah as she begins to prepare for the move back to Senegal.

PRAYER: For Paul as he remains active with counseling and teaching.

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