

Our week of work was followed by a weekend of rest and various experiences. On Friday night we spent the evening with our missionaries Jeff and Sonia Kilmartin. They invited us over for a supper of spaghetti! After sleeping in on Saturday morning we went to the market where the ladies bought dresses and Toby and I bartered for 5 oranges. After the market everyone got a ride back to the seminary on the back of a motorcycle taxi, at the cost of 200 CFA (about 50 cents). That afternoon we had a volleyball game against some of my students. Toby came onto the court wearing a Canadian flag as a cape, but unfortunately Canada didn't have a good showing. We lost all of our games. ☹️ We played a few more games after by mixing up the teams.

On Sunday morning we walked to First Baptist church for their 9 am service that finished at noon. There was a lot of singing, dancing and praying followed by an offering auction before the sermon. People brought produce for their offering and then it was auctioned off with the money going to the offering. I entered into the bid for a bag of corn and was able to get it for 1000 CFA (about two dollars). The church leadership also invited our team on stage during the service where I introduced everyone, brought greetings from Canada, and prayed a blessing on the church.

We have had a weekend of virtually no power and our water tank has gone dry. That means no showers and we are unable to flush our toilets. We are all placing bets as to when we will get our power back on and are preparing for another evening of reading and game playing by candlelight. Tomorrow we are back to work. In addition to painting the blackboards the guys have been helping Bernie in the computer lab by hauling away the many broken down computers. The ladies have been working in the library sorting through boxes of donated books, organizing and labeling them. Hopefully my class will have done the homework I gave them for the weekend so that we can start working on the second phase of sermon preparation this week. On Wednesday and Thursday my class members will take turns preaching their sermons and the Bethany team will help me evaluate the delivery while I evaluate both the delivery and content. Thursday afternoon we begin our trek home!