



## Update from Jeremy and Susan Beebout December 2020

Dear Friends,

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? If you ask children this question, they might say, “Christmas.” Grandparents might say, “We’re waiting to see our grandkids.”

How would you answer the question? What are you waiting for? Of course, there is the ‘waiting’ for responses regarding questions on everyone’s minds. *When will the masks and the self-distancing and the virus itself go away? How much longer will we be subjected to news about elections and results, etc.? Will 2021 take a similar or different direction than 2020?*

What else are you ‘waiting’ for? And do you have the intention to ‘wait’ during this Advent season? Advent is by definition a time for expectant waiting and preparation for us as believers. It is quite unfortunate (but certainly not accidental) that this season of Advent devoted to waiting is also the busiest holiday season of the year. We all know from experience that once the Advent season begins, the holiday bustle starts and the time left for expectant waiting is very difficult to find. For those who succeed in finding time for ‘waiting,’ it might just lead to a greater discovery of the themes of advent which we so desire; hope, love, joy, peace . . . However, it is also true that the world, and particularly the prince of this world, would prefer that we not make this discovery as that would lead to us giving glory to God!

For all of us, the year 2020 has been a significant alteration from the norm. For many of us, for the first time in years, there has been ample opportunity for waiting during the downtime from COVID; whether we were inclined to do so or not. A few months back, I watched a short video by Francis Chan on the theme of getting off the treadmill, slowing down, and waiting upon the LORD. His conviction was that God has given us this extra time as a gift. God intends that we would use the time for ‘waiting,’ searching, and renewing our relationship with Him. That is also what the season of Advent is for.

In Acts 22:16, Paul is describing his own life experience and asks the question, “And now what are you waiting for?” During this season of Advent, what are you waiting for? Find some time to wait!

Psalm 130:5 says, “I WAIT for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope.”

And while you are waiting, I will share with you a few recent activities from ministry here in Niger:

1. CADR has a new administrator who, serving just under the Coordinator Chako, is responsible for human resources and finances. What a blessing!

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Susan teaching medical English to the HESP nursing school students.

2. The nursing school at CADR (HESP) has received a new group of students for this second year of operations of the school. This group of 10 will join the small group of first-year students who continue their classwork and clinical experience. May God grow and use the school for His Kingdom!

3. The Dutsin Ceto Clinic in Dogon Douchi now has electricity coming in on power lines and the lights, ceiling fans, and outlets are working . . . as long as Nigelec is bringing power! Furnishings and equipment have been making their way out to the new clinic for its opening early next year, LORD willing. We were finally able to make a day trip to the site in November to see the advancements made and were quite

encouraged. One of the newly recruited doctors has agreed to be the medical director and will help with decisions as we continue to hire for many key positions. Please keep praying particularly for the personnel as they are the key to using this ministry to advance the Kingdom. If you would like to make a year-end gift, we urgently need funding for the construction of a building for food preparation and laundry and a small guesthouse at the clinic site. You can give here: [www.rca.org/beeabout](http://www.rca.org/beeabout).

4. COVID has taken a toll here in Niger once again. It has only been a concern for brief periods over the year. However, many in the mission community got COVID via Sahel Academy and several Thanksgiving celebrations! Our family was not spared in this latest round and we are currently dealing with mild symptoms in our home as I write. Fortunately, it seems to not be too severe thus far.
5. Related to the last point, Sahel Academy was forced to close the classroom up through Christmas break and go online to finish classwork for December due to much COVID present in the community. With the relocation due to flooding and the many changes that were required in the classroom as well as out of the classroom, the fall semester has been full of challenges. Pray that God will guide and sustain the leadership of Sahel Academy as well as the students and teachers for the beginning of the new year. Pray that they will continue to wait upon the LORD and trust in Him.

Thanks for reading and praying and partnering in this ministry. May God BLESS you as you find time to wait upon Him during this season of Advent!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our family to yours.  
Jeremy, for all of us