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Dear Friends,

It's always a struggle trying to decide what news to share in our letters. What are the most devastating or the most exciting things that have happened recently? In what areas have we felt attacked, in what areas have we felt blessed? There's always a little of both. So let's start with the hardships we've had lately.

Our town of Mango has had major problems with water and power of late. Sometimes only water is cut off (due to faulty city pumps) and then other times when the power is cut, the water also is cut since the city pumps can't run without power. We do have a reserve water tank that we installed a few months ago for which we are very grateful but there are days when even that gets used up and there's no city water to refill it. We can always buy bottled water in town so we aren't going to die of thirst, but it's really inconvenient to not be able to wash dishes, flush toilets, take

**Village Church in Koumbeloti**



**Easter Sunrise Service at HR Gazebo**



showers, etc. Some of our teammates have been without water for a couple of months because that side of town has had pump problems. So pray for that. And then the power has gone off and on so much lately that it's killing our appliances. We've already had to replace our fridge, microwave and other small appliances. These are just daily struggles that make life here extra stressful. Keep praying for us.

The biggest struggle is always how to make connections with our friends and contacts for the Gospel. We have

prayed over, sought ways to reach out to them. On Easter Sunday we had an open gathering where we invited all our friends for a sunrise service, it was such a special time of celebration of Jesus's resurrection together with believers, several unbelievers, at least 1 muslim friend who came to see what we celebrated. Faith has also found ways to share the gospel while she cleans teeth; likening the build up on their teeth so hardened that can only be removed with special tools to sin that can only be removed by the blood of Christ. She also has been teaching English in our new Christian school (mostly non-christians go there) once a week which has not only helped us develop a passion to help train and teach better methods of learning but has given us a desire to see these kids come to know Christ.



**Faith teaching English at Bon Berger**

Hope Radio Chaplains sharing Gospel in Village



Adam has been able, with Hope Radio, to go out to many villages that are in our listening range, this has allowed us to make connections in those surrounding communities and we pray that many more will start listening. Every day, we get phone calls from people all around us, wanting to know more about Jesus, God's word, how to have better marriages, and be blessed in their daily lives. Hope Radio is a wonderful resource for them.

It has

become a lifeline for many people that are left alone in their villages, persecuted in their families and those in need of a community of faith. Our muslim friends have also just finished up ramadan (30 day fasting), during which many of them "hope" to find favor with Allah and this has become an important time for us to pray diligently for Jesus to be made known to them. As you can tell, our desire and struggle is for our friends that are still in darkness. II Pet. 3:9 "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."



Invited to breaking of Ramadan fast by some friends

Our kids are excited about finishing school in just one week and to be able to have a summer at home. They love their life here in Mango, their pets (dogs, monkey, goats, ...), their yard, their siblings, movies, pool time and everything else a good summer calls for. We will be quite busy this summer though, because two of our teammates will be gone. Mom and Dad just left today to go back to the US for 1 month to see the newest Drake baby born (Ben and Megan's new baby) and to get some needed family time. Justison's are leaving for the summer. At least our teammate Becky will be around for the summer and we will not be



OC turned 14!!!!

completely by ourselves as Peter S. and Jerry P. are coming out to help at Hope Radio throughout this summer. Pray that for receptive hearts as the radio emits the truth of the gospel!



New baby Donkey on the farm

In His Service,  
Adam, Faith, Oc, Celeste, August and Nico

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