

March 13, 2007

Dear Friends,

Last week our supervisor and wife (Glenn and Kathy Kendall) and his supervisor Jeff Denlinger visited our home in Kadiolo, Mali, and Glenn wrote the following observations. This was sent to one of our supporting churches and a copy sent to us. We wanted to share it with you so you see how God is working there.

The Swards, Tom and Lisa, are WorldVenture missionaries living there and working with us.

Love, Jan and Ernie

Dear Anita,

Kathy and I and my supervisor, Jeff Denlinger, Vice President of International Ministries together with Robin Hampton, who was driving us arrived in Kadiolo, Mali, almost on the border with Ivory Coast last evening. Kathy and I stayed in Edelman's home.

I wanted you to know how pleased I am with their ministries here. For instance we visited Radio Yaleen (sp?) (Radio Sunshine) about 6 PM. In one studio two men were broadcasting the news in another studio a couple of other men were working on programming. Then later the crew in the news room changed and a couple of younger men were in the live room...one moving with some beat I couldn't hear and saying words that in the other studio I could hear and couldn't understand even if I could hear.

The director of the radio station told about the impact of the radio station, showed us the awards they had won, the computer with the Pentium II Chip they had been given because of their excellence and then went on to say in the last couple of years their technical ability has greatly increased because of the Edelmanns and Swards being here. They had gone from one computer to multiple and they know much better how to use them.

The Station Director told of how the radio is going into the privacy of people's homes where they can listen and their hearts are being touched. For instance he told of the Imam who came to visit last year (previously reported by Jan) and had to ask "Is what you broadcast really true?" Because if it was he wanted to believe.

Women's conference is soon coming and Lisa is encouraging as many women as possible to go.

Today we are visiting the Radio Drama Team that Edelmanns and Swards have had a major part in helping it to continue to function.

We met students last night who they are helping stay in school.

About 9 PM we dropped in on the study center and saw six or seven mainly Muslim men seated around a table and being taught to read by a Christian man there.

Last weekend Tom Seward took a group of youth out to a small church plant. Previously only a few older people had attended. With the youth there the local youth were drawn in for the first time and the church there will grow.

Tom is also teaching a group of young people maybe seven or eight and they want to be baptized.

So things are happening here. God is at work here in Southern Mali.

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