

April 20, 2007

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings! It is a gorgeous spring day here in western Michigan and we are enjoying it. Of course we have also had some delightful winter days during this month as well. Variety is nice, you know.

So, what is happening in our world, you ask. That is a good question. We are visiting churches in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and even the state of Washington. It is great to become re-acquainted and share what God is doing in Mali. So many of you are praying and we really appreciate it.

Wherever we go people ask when we are returning to Africa. WorldVenture's Africa director asked us to plan to go in early June. Then our support figure went down—way down to 84%. Some health issues began to surface, making us wonder what we should do about a return date.

Then the Lord showed me a passage of scripture and this verse jumped out of it:

“You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged....The Lord will be with you.” 2 Chronicles 20:17

We claimed that verse and took up our position of an early June departure. We decided to stand firm and already we have seen some of the deliverance the Lord has given us. Some of the needed support has come in. The 84% support we needed is now 87%!!!! Praise the Lord!

How can you help? You can pray remembering our support needs and health needs that God will take care of these situations, and that we will not be afraid or discouraged.

There is one other special prayer request. The Mali national elections

are scheduled for the end of April. Pray that they will be peaceful and fair and most of all that God's will will be done through them.

Until next time,

Ernie and Jan