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Cindy Faile newsletter

## *Mali Minutes/Benin Blessings*

Hello again everyone,

Thank you so much for your prayers over the past few days. I've arrived safely in Benin! It took an hour over the road in the States, 3 flights, a 3 day visit in Niger, and then a small plane flight, plus one vehicle over an African road for about an hour to get me here. Yes, I'm still catching up on rest and figuring out where I am!



Leaving the States was not, and never is, easy. It's always hard to say good-bye and just seems to get more difficult as the years pass. I do want to thank my home church for a wonderful send-off. It was the best I've had in many years. It's such an encouragement to know that the folks there – and all of you – are praying for me along the way wherever God leads.

I came to Benin rather than go direct to Mali in order to teach 2 modules to the ladies' group here at the Bible institute. These ladies have been so faithful in their studies and it's a delight to see how they're using the things they've learned in their lives with the opportunities God is bringing their way. They're so excited about graduating! We got off to a good start today in our first course, pneumatology (study of the Holy Spirit). Next week, we'll be on to eschatology (the study of last times – appropriate for our last course?). They have a lot of hard work ahead of them and would appreciate your prayers, especially considering that they leave their families behind for their time in studies. That's not easy for any of the family members. Thank you for praying for them.

Yesterday I visited the church here in the village of Guéné where I attended while living in Benin a few years ago. I mentioned to you last year that they'd just called a new pastor. The church has grown by leaps and bounds. I remember the days when a good crowd was considered 15. Today there were more than 60 present. More importantly, several are showing growth in their spiritual walks. It was a special blessing to see and greet one lady for whom I'd been praying and who accepted Christ shortly after one of my earlier visits. Her husband is a graduate of the institute here. Now she's faithful by his side in growing in the Lord. They're very involved in helping the church get started in planting a new church in another nearby village. Please continue to pray for the folks here, the churches and their ministries.

Pray also for the upcoming activities in Mali. The month of February will be quite busy with the annual conferences as well as the dedication for the New Testament in the Timbuktu Songhai language. If anyone would like to help financially with that ceremony, you may do so. Gifts can go to Faith Baptist Mission, PO Box 866, Eagle Lake, FL, 33839. Just be sure to make checks out to the mission with a note saying it's to go to the New Testament dedication in Mali. The folks in Mali will get it and will greatly appreciate it. More importantly, they covet your prayers for this huge undertaking as well as the open doors it will bring for sharing the gospel nationwide.

As for me, I'll be in Benin for 2 ½ weeks. Then I start the trek back to Mali – which will include either another small plane or a longer road trip, then a couple of days back in Niger before a midnight commercial flight back to Bamako. I would say it's 'over the river and through the woods' but with no woods around, I'll just have to go over the river several times. Thank you again for your faithfulness.

Until next time!

Yours in Christ,

*Cindy Faile*

**Thought for today: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths.”**

**Prov. 3:5,6**

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