



## Hear. Believe. Call.

The Timbuktu Trio has a lot to tell. Yes, it's fun to watch God work. Sometimes it is exhausting in the process, but what a testimony we have to tell how great our God is!

First of all, we praise God for the extension that we have been granted! God is at work so that the Songhai will hear His Word in their language. Especially with our recent relocating, we can't begin to imagine what it would be like if we only had 11 days left in Mali! But now we are watching God put together many puzzle pieces so that we can see His plan more clearly. Here are just a few things that God is doing...



Because we were preparing ourselves mentally that we might be leaving in August, leaving our village so abruptly was *easier* because we already knew our time may be cut short.



Because of our extension, we now have time to establish rich relationships with Songhai people in our new area instead of doing mediocre ministry.



God has put Songhai people very near us in almost every direction of our house. One of these men, Al, runs a store and is overjoyed that we speak his language! Jessica told him that she had Stories from God's Word that she wanted to play for him, and he insisted that she come back the next morning at 7:00 to start playing them. He has been more enthusiastic about helping us understand these Stories from a Songhai perspective than any other person we've worked with!



Over a year ago we worked with a great backtranslator in Timbuktu, Monsieur Rogers. We were highly disappointed when he took a different job and moved away. Now we are back in the same city! We are working together again, and he is also very excited to hear our Stories. He even said to us, "I think I should read the *entire* Bible because it is history." We recently spent an entire day with his family, and he has agreed to help us craft our remaining Stories while we are away from our original Crafter.



Please ask that our original Crafter will agree to travel and work with us here. He has *said* he will come, but now he is busy farming and won't come until his farming is over. Then soon

after that will be their fasting month of Ramadan...and not much work gets done during Ramadan! God has provided for us every step of our journey with perfect timing, so we are believing that He will bring the Director to us so that we can complete our final recordings.



Just yesterday God gave us an unexpected blessing. Our landlord's wife, who we call our Timbuktu mother, was in town. She is one of the dear people who we weren't able to tell we were leaving. We were able to go visit her and take some pictures with traditional Songhai head wear! It was very bittersweet to see her. She scolded us for "running away from her" and threatened to beat us with a big stick, but she understood our reasons. We left the house only praising God for letting us see her again!



These are just glimpses of what all God is doing in Mali. The past month He has truly shown us what it's like to live in on the edge of our faith. It is my prayer that I will never forget how God has provided for us so that the Songhai may hear!

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