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Dear Prayer Partners,

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Our C.L.A.I.M. team recently returned from a trip to The Gambia, Africa. We were helping missionaries Daniel and Sarah Jenkins work on their new church building project. The Lord has given Daniel a clear vision of this pioneering work that he has established and we are so thankful to be a part of it!

The goal for this trip was to complete the church steps and weld some security covers for the windows. Pastor PJ Hackathorn and Brother Paul LaRoche did a fantastic job working with the locals to complete this concrete step project. My job was to weld 13 security covers for the windows, however, I didn't get as much done as I would've liked. There were over 100 welds per cover, which took about a day to two days to complete.

One day of our trip we took a ferry over the Gambian River to the northern part of The Gambia. We purchased a 100lb. bag of rice and 50 lb. bag of sugar and delivered it to a church member's family in a village well off of the paved road. For some of the kids in the village, Daniel and Sarah are the only white people (Tubobs) they've ever seen, so they were amazed by us when we arrived! Paul was really in his element as he sang songs with the kids and ran races with them. PJ played with the kids and made hilarious animal noises that the kids were quite entertained by. The men had lunch together eating fresh fruit, drinking local tea and sharing out of a communal food bowl. The visit to the village was a huge blessing for us to be a part of!

The Gambia is 95% Islamic. Most people think they're born Islamic, so relationship building has to happen before people will even consider accepting Christ. We didn't see anyone saved on this trip, but we sowed seeds with the local workers, the people in the village and many people along the way as we traveled.

I'm reminded of 1 Corinthians 3:6 when Paul is writing to the church at Corinth that ministry is not about one person being better than another or doing more work than another. He said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." We all have a job to do and the Lord just wants us to do it! Building the church building on this project was secondary to building relationships with the people.

Thank you so much for your prayers and your financial support!

Building the Kingdom for Christ, Clint and Miranda Tackett

