



HOSANNA INSTITUT DU SAHEL NIGER

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“ He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump.”

Ps. 113:7

Dear friends and partners,

This scripture is a visual reality in Niger. The greatest need in this country is for people to know the love of God. We all are made in the image of God that is why we have a deep need to love and to be loved. We got that from our Father, since that is His nature. When we begin to realize God’s love for us it will free us from comparing ourselves to others. Our self worth will be based on what God says and we will be able to believe and receive His promises fully. **All of God’s goodness comes from His love.**

Visit to Maradi



The team of Hosanna Niger board members along with Jonas Vetter’s Family and Rabe visited the sewing center and the center of Hope for different handicapped people in Maradi. Everybody on the team was inspired and overwhelmed, witnessing the energy and determination for work, the many income generating activities and the creative ideas of the people there.

The young people even started a soccer team and are training for a competition with another physically disabled team from other cities in the east of the country.



The goodness of the Lord shines all the brighter as source of satisfaction and hope for some of the most needy in the city of Maradi.

Road trip ministry

On the way from Maradi to Niamey, the team visited the **Hosanna Pastor Omar and his family in Guidan Roumji**. After several hundred of kilometers the team visited **Duchi**. A member of the Hosanna church in Niamey insisted that P- Yacouba would share the good news to her family and to her relatives in Douchi. After a while 2 family members accepted the Lord.

Niamey church



A team from the US together with LINK organized a one day women's conference in the Hosanna church in Niamey. Women from different churches and different parts of Niger came to fellowship. It was a day of encouragement, listening to testimonies about what God is doing in peoples lives, followed with prayers, songs and dance.



The new drum set that arrived in the container from Germany gave real joy to the musiciens in the church. This past Sunday we all could enjoy the great sound. A big "Thank you!" to the donors in Germany.



Kollo clinic



We were blessed having **12 women from the USA** through **The Link organization** coming to help at the clinic. They also went out to a village, not very far from Kollo for an outreach.



There are many severe malnourished children with edema. Anemia is always present and most complications are associated with Malaria. Because of a new law, saying that only children under 2 years (used to be under 5 years) can be part of the malnourished program, the clinic can no longer take in children age 3 to 5. This is a vulnerable group and it is difficult for the women to understand why they cannot receive help any longer. The clinic receives their food from an organization cooperating with the government and therefore has to be in line with the new law. **In the container arriving from Germany last week Humedica provided children porridge, medical supplies and mosquito nets. This will be a big help during this season.**

Community health program



Dr. Idi through the CBN project conducted a deworming program for 4000 peoples in 4 villages, from the age of two years old. The distribution was preceded by information and awareness of the benefit of deworming, handwashing with water and soap before eating and keeping the environment clean. There was a lot of enthusiasm and participation expressed during the session.

Media

The radio team continues to broadcast programs on different traditional work and local jobs. We continue to receive calls from villagers telling about their lives and work. We also get feed back showing the positive impact The radio and TV station has in the city and in the surrounding villages.



Sarando



It was a Friday in October, the team from **radio Fidelite** arrived in the Babangata village located 85 km from Niamey, in the Kollo district. During their visit, the radio team met Ms. Akina and her nephew Boureima. **Boureima** is a young handicapped 16 years old and admitted to 8th grade. The boy was born into a poor and disfavored family with his father being mentally ill.

Boureima begged the team to take him with them in order for him to continue his school. He didn't see any possibilities to pursue school in his village, because there was no high school there.

The whole team was very moved by this situation. Immediately, a meeting was held with the director of the school, the village chief and Boureima's parents. The director explained to the team that this is the situation in the village; after obtaining their primary school certificate, they encounter too many problems to move on to high school, due to lack of means. This forces them to stay continually in the same grade each year until God opens a door. Those who obtain a place are forced to leave their parents to study at hundreds of kilometers away.

After hearing the report from the radio team, Pastor Yacouba asked **Pastor Bakari in Sarando** if they could host Boureima in their family and contact the school there. A team went back to the village and all necessary formalities were done. Boureima arrived in Sarando and registered in the school.

Arriving in Sarando Boureima talked about his friends living in the same situation as him and asked if they could come too. A member of the radio team also received phone calls from the village asking if they could help more children. To make the story short; three more children have come to Sarando and are now attending school and welcomed into the pastors family.



Sewing center



The sewing center has also started up a new school year; The class from last year with 10 students and a first year with 20 new women. **The Pastors wife in Sarando, Hadiza**, is teaching both groups.



Agriculture program supported by CBN



The agricultural team continues to monitor activities on the improved seed multiplication program with millet and beans. As of beginning October, the food situation is satisfactory in these locations in Agadez and Tillabery. This improved performance is the result of multiple interventions by **CBN and other partners**, who have supported farmers in using improved seed including millet and beans.

At Kollo, we visited **Abdoulaye one of the beneficiary families, who has a success story** (see photos above). They have finished harvesting and we participated in the first taste of the products. It was an immense joy for this family to reach this stage (eat what you sow). Abdoulaye testified about the impact of the program: «Since I joined it in 2013 this activity has always allowed me to have millet to feed my family and also beans. I sold two bags of beans and I paid a sheep that I will feed and sell the next season in order to pay a lot more seeds for an extension of my agricultural activities.»

The team also gave a gift of vegetable seeds to the **women's group in Tamou and Moli** and the number of beneficiaries amounts to 280 women. This activity will enable them to be active, earn income and have fresh vegetables for their families.

Testimony



During the month of October, **the chancellor of Germany, Dr. Angela Merkel** visited Niger for few hours. Toward the end of her stay she visited a school in our neighborhood in Niamey. She sat on the same school bench with **Dauda Peri**, who is a young Woodabe boy, whose family is part of the Hosanna Church in Niamey.

Dauda Peri is very proud of these pictures and so are we, since he made it to be in the headlines of the news in Germany. **He is a big miracle of God's goodness.** Few years ago he was a severe malnourished child already with complications. Thanks to **Humedita**, he was advised to participate in the nutritional program for four month at the Hosanna clinic in Kollo. Today he is a confident student in school.

Praise



- For the arrival of the recent container from Germany, sent by **Humedica and Helping Hands**.
- Beginning of October the school has started in Niger and we are thankful for all the contributions that made it possible for several of the kids to attend school this year.
- **Safe arrival of the family of Gunther from Germany and Jonathan from Senegal.**



Prayer

- Please continue to pray for a fellow missionary from the US, who recently was taken hostage; for his family and for a soon release.
- Pray for additional support for the 4 new kids that are living with Pastor Bakari in Sarando. (Support for this kids would be \$ 200 /month)
- Please continue to pray for faithful workers in the different areas of Hosanna Niger.
- We are still in need of long-term volunteers to come as trainers and coaches for key positions in this ministry.
- The Lord has touched the owner of the land in Namaro for the educational Institute of Hosanna Niger. He has shown us great favor by extending the purchase deadline of the property. His desire is to sell this to Hosanna Niger because he sees the benefit and great opportunity of help for his people.



We are very encouraged to see how the Lord is reaching out with his goodness to "the least of these" in the country of Niger.

Through your agreement in faith and through your contributions we continue to witness his unfailing love in action.

Thank you again for all that you do to advance His work in this country.

The Hosanna Team in Niger

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