

Carina Saarloos in Mali



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Dear family, congregation and friends,

Summer holiday and break is over. Schools have started and the church season in your spiritual family has begun as well. It is my prayer that you and I will get more and more enthusiastic every day to meet our Lord in prayer, but also to play an active part in the different activities in our congregations. It reminds me of a well known song in Dutch "Together in the name of Jesus". This song says that the Spirit speaks every language, and makes us understand each other. Pray TOGETHER, search for the plan of our Lord TOGETHER. Sing and testify TOGETHER, live for His honor TOGETHER. **THEN**, the work of God can not be stopped and the Spirit will break through the boundaries made by men !

Let this be our prayer for one another this new season, you on your spot and I where I am !

FLASHBACK SUMMER 2008

As you can see on the pictures below I have had a very blessed and varied summer, hosting visitors from my home congregation as well as a trainee from the Netherlands for about one month. I have been encouraged and got my mind sharpened again ! Thank you visitors and thank You dear Lord !



Meeting people in the Dogon



Together with Aya en Katy



Fatimata and Katy drinking tea !



Annelies with headscarf !

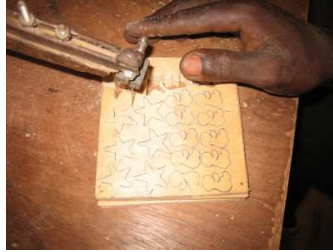


On a trip with a piroque on the Niger. Annelies with friend Aminata after having painted in the prison.

PHILEMON CENTER

Since the beginning of August we have a new leader for the boys. His name is Pierre Teme. He and his wife and baby live in the center and you can notice the difference. The boys adore baby Mozes as well as Mrs. Pierre, who's name is Rachel. Every day she cooks meals for the whole lot. It starts to look like a big family in the centre and that will prove to be very fruitfull.

The boys from Philemon centre have succesfully ended the training in fretworking and are able to saw lots of crafts from wood. The saw is driven by a bicycle. Now we need to find the finances to be able to buy the materials needed to do the work. Below you see a few pictures.



A proud Siaka A nice piece of precision work ! A great result !

On the fretwork bicycle !

- *Thank the Lord for Pierre and pray for strength, wisdom and patience for him and his wife Rachel amidst the boys of the centre.*

RAHAB MINISTRIES !

At the end of August we said goodbye to Louise en Ruth, two women who followed our training program for ten months. Every time it is hard to let the women go, but we also need to make place for new women who come to us through the open house centre. Most of the time these women are on a waiting list for a couple of months before they are assigned a place in the training centre.

Mireille is the new woman in the training program. She is originally from Cameroon.



On the pictures, left to right; Ruth behind the sewing machine.

Louise making a bracelet.

Mireille with Carina in Rahab Centre.

- *Pray for Ruth who wants to return to Central Africa where she's from. The price of a ticket is 500 Euros (750 dollars) !*
 - *Pray for Louise who will continue as a small self-employed entrepreneur with making and selling bracelets.*
 - *Pray for Mireille that she will get settled quickly in our center !*
- Your donations for Philemon centre and Rahab Ministries also make it possible to buy fretsaws for the boys and an airplane ticket for Ruth. Your donations are very welcome on my work special account !

Write down on your calendar ! Carina on furlough in 2009 !

Still more than six months to go, but just to let you know that I will be in the Netherlands for 3 months in 2009. During the months April and May I will be free for presentations and visits !

You will read more about my furlough in the newsletter of December !

Thank you very much for your compassion and prayers for me and the work here in Mali. love, Carina

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