

Short update of Carina with points of thanks and prayer for the month August/September 2006

1. Thank for the open house "Centre Rahab". Little by little the women keep coming. When asking some of them why they keep coming back for the 4th or 5th time, they often reply that they experience the peace, quiet and love of the Lord in our centre. For that reason they like coming there.



Pray with me that these women will experience the love of the Lord and will accept Him in their lives as their Redeemer and Saviour.
Pray that I will find another enthusiastic christian woman who wants to help us in the open house, so we will have enough people to be able to open the centre a couple of hours every day!

2. Thank the Lord for the partnership with the women's prison, which is a fact now!

The training centre is open since August the 7th, and the women are working very hard making soap.



The first group of 20 women will be in our training centre for 3 months. Twelve of them are prostitutes, 5 are ex-convicts and 3 are widows. Each day from Monday till Thursday they work from 9.h00 till 13.h00. Most of these days they are busy making soap. Once in a while the women embroider or do crochet so that they will learn various skills.

At 13.00 the women eat together and they clean up so they will be ready to go home at 15.00. Friday is not a working day but is used for education. They are especially taught from God's word but we also invite other people, for example a doctor to explain things regarding AIDS.

On Friday mornings I am in the centre as well to accompany them with guitar and songs, and to do part of the biblical teaching.

Pray that the women will be touched by the stories and encouragements from the bible. Pray that the women will learn skills which will enable them to provide for themselves in society after these 3 months. Also pray for the close cooperation and relations amongst them. Some have lively personalities!



3. Keep praying for "Centre Philemon", the future shelter for male convicts. We have decided to wait with the construction of the big dormitory due to lack of funds. In August we have built 3 smaller bedrooms which can hold 2 bunkbeds each. It is now possible for us to accommodate 12 ex-convicts. Plans are to start with this small group of 12 before Christmas. We already have a list of prisoners and ex-convicts who can qualify for our centre. Pray for a responsible (leader) for this shelter. Up to now we have not found the right person yet. Pray for a budget of 3.000 Euros to start with for food and drink and to enable us to start small projects like a vegetable garden which will provide employment to these 12 men. When these points of prayer are answered we can open the doors!

4. Keep praying for the conversion of Bassira. Bassira is a risk woman which I met for the first time 8 months ago. Her entire family is muslim but she herself is eagerly searching for the truth. During the months May until July she followed a computer course on our expenses. In the beginning of August I appointed her as a secretary for the training centre in Yirimadio. She is there every day and is also responsible for the daily program.



Pray that the Lord will open up Bassira's eyes, so that she will see the truth and will give her life to the Lord Jesus.

5. Pray for rain!! We are in the middle of the rain season but it is not raining quite enough. It should rain 3 to 4 times a week in August, but we barely have rain once a week. The rain season will only last until the end of September and after that it will be as dry as a bone for 7 to 8 months in Mali.

Pray that sufficient rain will fall in the country so that the farmers can actually harvest what they have sown.

Bound with you in prayer,

Carina