



The Hedges

WINTER 2013
REPORT

Family

WORKING WITH
BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS in Chad, Africa

“NEVER LACK GOD’S SUPPLY”

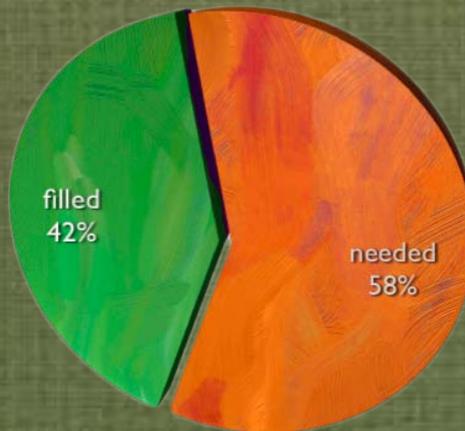
Over 100 years ago, Hudson Taylor a remarkable missionary who pioneered much of China’s interior said, “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.” I believe this wholeheartedly. And, presently, this is where I have directed much of my attention-God’s supply.

When we returned from Chad over a year ago we met with the mission to reevaluate our living and ministry expenses, and then we set a new budget. This necessitated that we seek additional support during our furlough.

Our plan for raising additional support is two-fold. First, we are asking our currently supporting churches to consider a modest increase. Secondly, we are seeking new support from other churches and contacts. Our goal is that our supporting churches could cover half of our need while the additional supporters would cover the other half.

God has blessed. As usual, our supporting churches have responded generously to our request and have met 70% of our goal for them. We thank them greatly.

“Total Additional Support”



However, raising new support among new churches and contacts is challenging. We have only achieved 13% of our goal in this category. In the next few months, I will be visiting with churches that do not support us regularly. Americans are experiencing a difficult economy, and church missions budgets are tight. But we are trusting God to work.

Will you pray that over the next few months that God would supply? Please focus your prayer on new supporters. Pray that God would connect us with the right churches and people who would partner with us financially. We do not offer them a begging hand but an opportunity to make a difference for eternity.

— Joshua Hedges



Joshua & Barbara Hedges

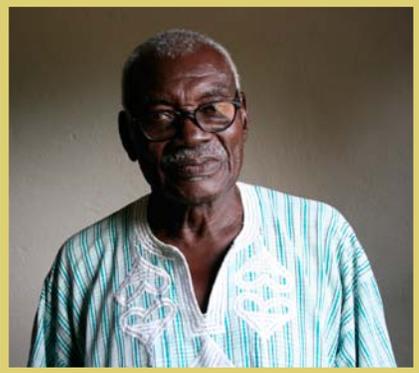
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PRAYER REQUESTS

We believe in the power of God and prayer. Would you join with us in prayer for these special requests?



Philippe

1) Day Translation- The last workshop in November 2012 went well. We finished the minor prophets and checked Esther and Nehemiah 1-8. I was thrilled to discover that Philippe only had 11 chapters left to translate! He is probably done by now. We are far from being finished though.

Joshua will meet with them

in February to check Nehemiah 9-13, Ezra, Ecclesiastes, and the first few chapters of Job. Dr. Hantz Bernard will be going to Chad at the same time to work with one or two other language groups. Pray for these workshops and for Barbara as she cares for the family while Joshua is gone. (Trip dates: January 30-February 21)

2) Helpers- Continue to pray for a young lady to come and help Barb with homeschooling our five girls during the next school year.

3) Special project- We asked you to pray for someone to come with us to help with some necessary home repairs. We currently are in contact with a man from one of our supporting churches who is considering going with us in June to help with this need. Please pray that God would provide the way for him to come.

4) Support- Support-Please pray that God would raise up new supporters (as explained on the front side.)

“Ye have Not Because Ye Ask Not.”

FAMILY FUN:



If you are a teacher of children, be careful what you say! Our youngest daughter Emma announced one night at dinner, “My teacher said that I can do whatever I want at home.” I imagine that her teacher had told her something like, “You can’t do that here in my class, but you can do whatever you want at home.” We think Emma misunderstood



LEARN DAY:

Do you remember when teenagers used to tease each other, “Hey, your hair looks really nice-not!”? They were playing a linguistic trick by moving the negative particle “not” to the end of the sentence which is unnatural in English. But this is normal in the Day language!

Itinerary

WHERE ARE THE HEDGES?

JANUARY

6-BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
GRAND RAPIDS, OH

13-CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
CLINTON, IN

20-FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
OTTAWA, OH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BOWLING GREEN, OH

30-LEAVE FOR CHAD (JOSHUA)

FEBRUARY

21-RETURN FROM CHAD (JOSHUA)

24-GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
LIMA, OH

MARCH

3-CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
WELLINGTON, OH

10-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FINDLAY, OH

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
ELIDA, OH

