

# IN BETWEEN

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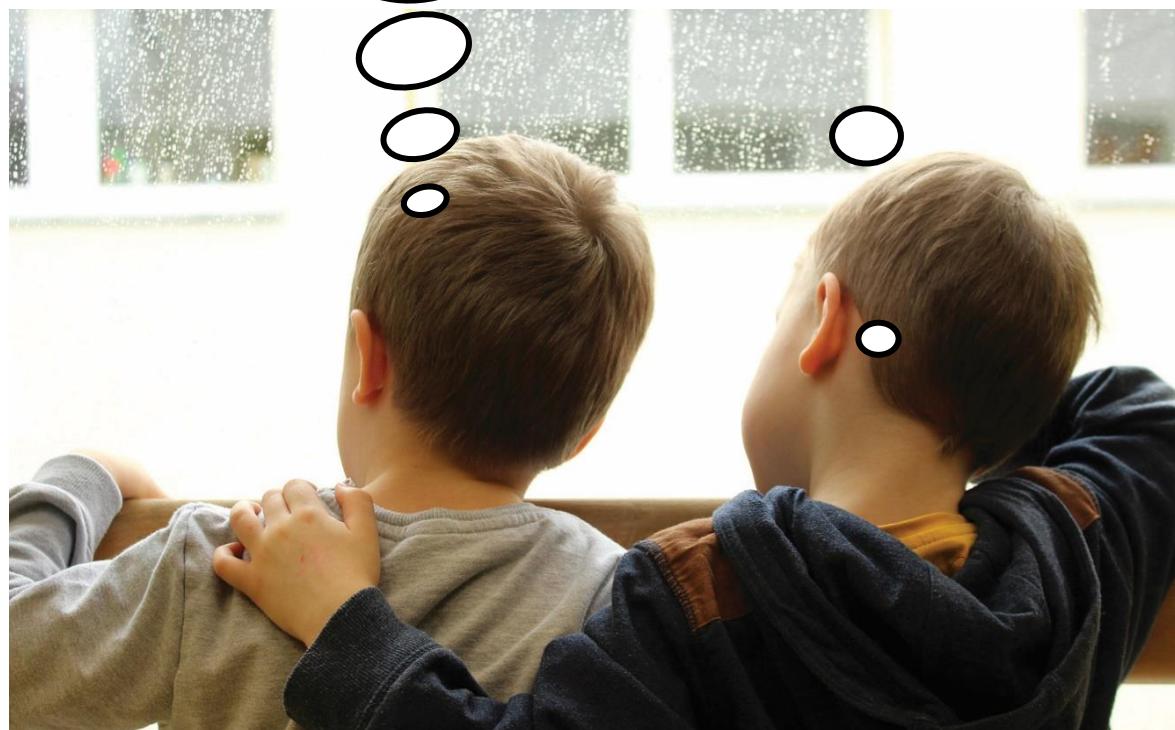
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Wait for the Lord;  
Be strong and let your heart take courage;  
yes, wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:14

# BURKINA FASO

## Loropeni



In my last Newsletter (June 20) a disturbance in the region of Loropeni was mentioned between Christian and non-Christian members of the Gan tribe over the burial of the body of a Christian woman which resulted in several churches and houses of the pastors being severely damaged, or nearly destroyed. I am glad to be able to report that the

disagreement has now been amicably resolved for which we give thanks to the Lord. At the start of the repair of the first of the damaged churches a big reconciliation meeting for the tribe was organised at which all the relevant authorities were present – this means in African context the (traditional) king, authorities of the current local government and the authorities/representatives of the different parties involved.

We need to continue to pray for the situation as the recent disagreement between the two communities (pagan and Christian) is of long standing. It is difficult to be as wise as serpents and innocent as doves, especially in the long run. Pray that the Christians will not see this ‘general reconciliation’ as sufficient but that individuals will recognise their own involvement in the affair and repent on a personal level; that would indicate they take responsibility for their own actions and will go far to avoid future disturbances.



## Bible College Gaoua

Since the re-start in 2019 the Bible College in Gaoua has known a significant increase in the number of students that have enrolled. Whilst this is reason for rejoicing it has also created a few problems, especially regarding accommodation. When students are accepted to the college the fees they pay (or the home church pays) include accommodation. That is, the students are expected to have accommodation on the campus. Due to the increase the housing available on the campus has not been sufficient, which meant that the school has had to find rented accommodation for families – for the same tuition fees. Not surprisingly this has exacerbated the financial strain the Bible school was already experiencing.

Another consequence of the joyful increase in bible college students is the lack of lecture rooms and study spaces available. The general lecture room has become too small, and the small lecture room has been converted in sleeping areas for the single male students. The college has managed by making use of the adjacent church for general lectures as well as the generous assistance of the church’s secondary college (Eileen Summerville college). This secondary college is at walking distance from the bible college.



As the school itself has only started a couple of years ago, they've had two class rooms free which they offered to the college. It has been a great help, but unfortunately not a permanent one as the school will be needing the two class rooms soon themselves.

## UNITED KINGDOM

### Citizenship

In July the solicitor who helps me with this application contacted me regarding the time factor: in order to 'qualify' for approval as a British citizen one must have resided within the UK for a minimum of two and a half years within the last 5 years of application. Due to my long absences during this period, I do not meet this criterion. If I would put in my application at that time (July 20) he suggested praying hard. Though I can put in a second one later if refused the first time around I would have to pay the full fee twice. We didn't think this was a wise policy to pursue, so it has been decided to build up my UK-time rather than put in an application of which the approval is based on the goodwill from a civil servant. That means that the official handing in of papers will not happen till July 2021. In the meantime, my UK citizenship application is inching forward day by day.



### Praise

- THE HIGH NUMBER OF BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS
- THE AMICABLE SOLUTION IN LOROPENI
- THE LORD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE



### Prayer

- DIRECTION AT THE BIBLE COLLEGE
- RELAXING OF TENSIONS LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY
- MY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH