

July 2015

Binta

Friday, July 17th was the holiday for the end of the month of Ramadan. That evening, I was called down to the hospital for a one-week-old baby with bleeding from her intestines. She had lost about half of her blood and 20% of her body weight. Before arriving at Bongolo, she had been stuck her at every imaginable site, which made finding a vein for giving her a blood transfusion much more difficult. While her father had gone to the lab to give blood, she stopped breathing. We continued treating her, but I asked a nurse to tell the lab to stop taking the blood because it was too late. Instead, the nurse came back a few minutes later with the blood. The baby still had a slow heart beat, so I prayed out loud, put the needle in the bone in her leg and pushed in the blood. Her heart rate started coming up and she started breathing again. Her parents are Malian, so this was their holiday, and her dad in particular got to hear me pray out loud asking God to help his daughter and then see him do it. Wow!



Etéké

Sunday, July 5th, Izzi and I went out to visit the church in Etéké, a village about 3 hours into the jungle from the hospital. I knew several people from this church originally decided to follow Jesus during their time in the hospital. Recently, I had taken care of the pastor's daughter, and he had asked me for help with the building. So we brought them two 5-gallon buckets of paint. As it turns out, the building is the garage or workshop from a Belgian gold mining company from the 1930's that the church has permission to use. One side of the building is open for machinery to drive in. The church people have put up some pieces of metal roofing sheets to close it off. The floor is dirt, and the people bring their plastic chairs with them from home. I heard from the people in the church that sometimes people die waiting to for transportation to take them out of town to the nearest medical care. The church was delighted with the paint, but I just kept thinking that these people need so much more than paint. As a surprise part of the visit, when we sat down the pastor announced that the preacher for the morning would be me. So, I preached and taught the children a song from Sunday school.



Praises

- The yearly retreat for our missionary team will be next week at Lambarene. Pray that it would be a time of refreshment and for the the staff at the hospital in our absence.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for my health. I've been having bad headaches.
- The new machine for the special blood test (CD4) for patients with HIV has not yet arrived. Another important lab machine could not be fixed.

Thank you for praying.
Blessings,
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