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## PRECISE PRESENTATION POINTS

How great to begin with **answered prayer**?! Our last letter explained the need for more face to face opportunities and presentations for sharing how God is leading us.

Praise God! We have had several opportunities to share in the past month. We look forward to the **upcoming weeks** filled with more opportunities and even to a brief road trip to MN and ND in late April.

It has been so helpful to clearly articulate our purpose and calling to missions and Mali. Our presentation consists of answering the following questions...

**Who are we?**

**Where has God been leading us?**

**Why missions and Mali?**

**How can you partner with us?**

**What now?**

We've realized that there are some points we may not have clearly articulated to each of you as our prayer and support team, so our focus in this issue will be to bring clarity to several of these looming questions.

Hopefully each of you know enough about who we are and where God has been at work in our lives preparing us for this new venture. But why missions, specifically Avant, and why Mali?

\* As a family we are convinced that God has **designed** us to be able to move, transition, and carry His name into places where people may never hear the name of Jesus.

\* We recognize that Avant is a ministry whose values line up with ours as a family (see sidebar)

\* We long to plant **churches** among

**university** students where there is no church and through discipleship allow the Holy Spirit to carry out His work in His time!

\* We see that Mali, within a short period of **time**, is ripe for harvest among the **next generation** of the Church.

\* We see the potential of using **technology** to help reach and equip the church in Mali for future impact

These are just some nuggets that have helped clarify our purpose and passion for making this move. You can partner with us by checking our website, joining our prayer team and contributing to our monthly support needs.

What now? ... REALITY! It's hitting us hard in these months. Dave is wrapping up **Church** ministry in early **June**, with a goal to be in **France** for language school by **September 1st**.

## AVANT VALUES:

- Member Care
- Primacy of Prayer
- Power of the Gospel
- Innovation

At our recent Team Leader Training at Avant HQ it was encouraging to see how the missions' values line up directly with our personal values!

## REALITY CHECK:

*\* Current support level is **48%**....we need to be at 100% pledged to buy our plane tickets.*

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