



NEW YEAR! NEW BEGINNINGS?

Happy new year! We trust each of you had a great Christmas season. We saved our updates of all that we were involved in through 2013 for the backside of this letter.

As we reflect on 2013 we stand amazed at all that it brought to us. It was jam packed with **choices** and closely listening to the voice and heart of God. We are so grateful for the journey He has had us on.

In turning the calendar

year, we realize the **magnitude** of what **2014** brings us. In the words of April "My New Year's resolution is to be in France by the end of this year!" This certainly is our prayer, hope, and focus as family. It has been exciting to see the Lord begin to build our support team in such a short amount of time... another confirmation, to us, of His leading!

We ended 2013 with **over 100** prayer and financial team members

who helped us get to 30%. While we see how the Lord has effectively used our well established communications base (website, Mali minute, etc.), we are excited that 2014 will involve many **face to face meetings**, travels, and deeper networking.

By **September** of this year, our goal is to begin a 9 month language school program in Albertville, France to prepare us for Mali.

2013

- * New year @ Urbana missions conference
- * Applied to Avant Min
- * Invited to Avant training
- * Attend COP in July and appointed by Avant
- * Vision trip to Mali and Turkey
- * **Sep 11... YES! to MALI**
- * Begin missions career and transition from current ministry
- * Year end with 100+ supporters

2014

- * Begin group gatherings for more partnership opportunities
- * **Raise 70% more monthly support - 100% GOAL**
- * Wrap up school year well with girls
- * Dave transitions from Calvary Youth Ministry
- * Packing / Moving
- * French language school begins in September

MALI MARKERS M

We are so grateful for each of you and value your partnership in advancing the gospel to Mali, West Africa. As a family we pray for each of our prayer/support partners. Here are some **practical** (even check them off) ways you can help us in 2014 make it to Mali... We're calling them **Mali Markers**:

- M Sign up for our Mali Minute and pray for us weekly (see website)
- M Host a gathering for us to share our vision
- M Send an encouraging note to our girls or fun facts about the world
- M Share with others who we are and what God is calling us to do
- M Prayerfully consider PLEDGING to our ministry (see website)
- M Give us feedback on what/how we communicate



- A. Some of the collegians we took to Urbana - New Year 2013
 B. Our girls with all their friends at county fair (D&A in Mali)
 C. Dave playing G. Washington at Patriotic Concert (church)
 D. Kylie and friend, Blake, at School concert
 E. Girls in one room schoolhouse (Avant training in KC)
 F. April in Mali market - pure joy!
 G. Daddy / daughter date night (church)

- H. Chicago Marathon, April finished!
 I. Claire being Claire
 J. Christmas family picture - end of 2013

*I've heard about
this Mali Minute?*

*I'd like to hear
more about
your family and
ministry?*

*I still have lots
of questions?*

*I'd like to make a
pledge?*

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