



The COUSENS family

Church planting missionaries in Mali, West Africa with Avant Ministries

Meet Jonny Cash, the man in black. Meet the future ambassador of Mali to the United States. Meet the future legal consultant to the Mali government. Meet the next Geologist who desires to study minerals and influence one of the largest gold mines in Timbuktu, Mali.

Now imagine each of these University students meeting Jesus, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, advancing His Kingdom in every arena of their life. Marvel at the power of the Gospel moving through these students who desire to make an impact N.O.W. (Not Of this World)!

While the national church is existent in Mali and pastors are shepherding an average of 5 villages per person, we recognize that this generation, generation N.O.W., is lost and unnoticed. They can be reached in the next 10-20 year window while 2% of Mali remains non Muslim. Time is running out though and Generation N.O.W. needs to hear, receive and share the redeeming work of Jesus Christ!



Through innovative ideas and empowered prayer, the potential of this generation expanding Gods Kingdom in West Africa is significant! Consider over 100,000 students coming to one city, from bordering nations (Guinea, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast) to study and establish their future. Then consider a significant amount of these students coming to know Christ and taking the Gospel back to their homes, villages, cities and even nations. These are exciting days for Mali! Islam is being questioned, the desire to learn the English language is on the rise and technology is a growing tool for spreading the gospel.



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Passionately making disciples and
planting churches where there is no Church

A family of 6 called by God to plant churches and make disciples among university students in Mali, West Africa.

Dave and April both grew up as missionary kids. Dave to Indonesia and April to Haiti. They met in college (Moody Bible Inst.) in 1998 while individually pursuing careers in ministry. Their first ministry as a couple involved volunteering at a local church to help lead worship and minister to teens. This was part of God's leading in their relationship and so, upon completion of Moody, they were married in 2001.

Within months of being married they began their first of three vocations in youth ministry within the local church. During their 13 year period of ministry God blessed Dave and April with four precious daughters; Emma, Hailey, Kylie and Claire.



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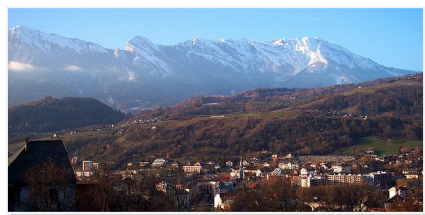
Make it to MALI



In December 2012 Dave and April attended a missions conference called Urbana. This was where they first met Avant Ministries (formerly Gospel Missionary Union) and learned of their passion for planting churches in the least reached nations (less than 2% evangelized).



After Urbana things moved at a rapid pace for the Cousens family. 2013 involved applying to Avant, attending their pre-field training, and being appointed by Avant as full time missionaries. Due to their passion for planting churches among university students the Avant leadership recommended Mali as a potential field. In August 2013 Dave and April took a one week vision trip to Mali to discern their potential ministry fit.



Through various confirmations and much prayer the Cousens family are now being led to Mali. With a clear direction and purpose they began to jump into full time prayer and financial support raising, as well as begin the transition from their current church ministry in Wisconsin (which concludes in **June 2014**).

The next step in their family journey is to start French language school in **Albertville France** on September 1st 2014 (a 9 month intensive course). They hope to then move directly to **Mali** in **summer 2015**.

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