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A Christian organization working to fulfill the Great Commission and meet the vocational training needs of our brothers and sisters in Africa.



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Political Situation in Chad



In the beginning of February, Chad rebel groups arrived in the capital city of N'Djamena. A state of emergency was proclaimed and most of the missionary workers left the country. After a couple of days, however, the rebels were repelled by government forces from

N'Djamena eastwards—to Chad's border with Sudan. Since February the situation has calmed down enough for missionaries to return although the situation is still considered volatile. Please continue to pray for the safety of our workers and brothers and sisters in Africa.



Sewing Center to Graduate Four May 25

On May 25, 2008 the Sewing Center will host a graduation ceremony for four students who have finished 2-3 years of training at the Sewing Center under instructor Elie's direction. The graduates are:

Ismael Borombaye—Born in 1988 in Mbaisaye, District of Baibokoum. His desire is to open a sewing center in Mbaisaye to help support the Lord's work in that village.

Victor Mbeulyoel—Born in 1979 in Beinamar, District of Moundou. His vision is to open a sewing center in conjunction with the local church in Beinamar to train youth who can't afford to move to a big city to learn how to sew.



Elie (far right) with some of the graduate students.

Samuel Salboro—Born in 1987 in Holi, District of Baibokoum. His desire is to open a sewing center in Baibokoum to help support the Lord's work in that village, as well as to evangelize the youth with whom he comes into contact.



The United Nations' Human Development Index ranks Chad as the fifth poorest country in the world, with 80% of the population living below the poverty line.

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done. Proverbs 19:17



Update from the Ezels

The Ezels are currently in Germany and involved in ministry there. They recently announced however that they will be moving back to Moundou, Chad on August 5, 2008. They are eager to return to the ministry in Chad and Love in Action is excited to have their help on the field again. The Metal Fabrication Shop has been closed in their absence.

A man from Germany is also planning to go with the Ezels in August and spend a year in Chad, teaching the Ezel children using a Ger-



The Ezel Family

man correspondence course as well as taking care of basic maintenance of the various vehicles and houses on the mission station. This has been a great encouragement and blessing to the Ezels and will be an immense help to the ministry in Chad. Please pray for him as he raises support and prepares for this move and ministry.

Matthais asked for prayer for wisdom as they prepare for

Chad, that they will finish well in Germany, and for the preparation of their children as they transition to life in Chad after being in Germany for almost two years. 🙏

Sewing Center Graduation continued . . .

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Edith Yokairim Beuldje—Born in 1986 in Baibokoum, District of Baibokoum. Her desire is to teach young girls with the hopes of disciplining them in God’s Word while giving them a profession with which to support themselves.

Because of the generous donors of LIAI, we are able to provide funding for this graduation ceremony which will include the purchase of material for the students to sew their graduation suits. Please be praying for these students as they graduate and seek to have an influence in various communities.

In addition to the four graduates, Elie has

been training two students who will be finishing their first year at the Sewing Center. One of these students (pictured below) is deaf. Although he has been a challenge to train, he has been a huge blessing for the center. Pray for these students as they continue in their training. 🙏



Elie with the two first year students.

The Past is Ever Present

Written by Tom Stallter, President of LIAI

Many of the peoples of the country of Chad today are still steeped in animistic religion from the past. The Church battles the powers of darkness in this arena everyday and seeks to help those lost in animism come to Christ and those in Christ to come to maturity, allowing the power of Christ to take down the strongholds Satan had erected in their lives. In many cases across Africa, Jesus has simply been mixed into the animistic system as the great ancestor or nganga (witchdoctor), even the master of the initiation rites.

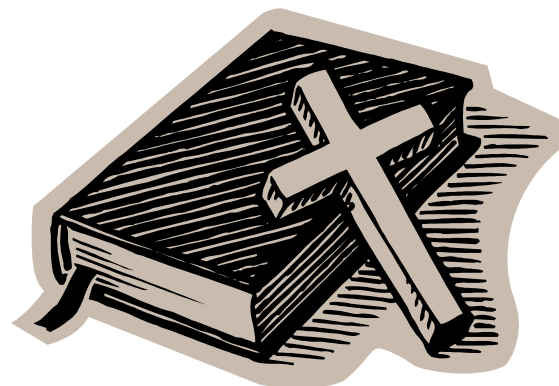
For Africans, animism is the assumption, that all of life and creation is invested with or controlled by spiritual beings or forces. These forces may be of several kinds. Some are personal spiritual forces, such as ancestors, the living dead, or nature spirits, which are impersonal and inhabit the natural surroundings. Yet others are impersonal forces such as the power in magic, sorcery, or voodoo which can be manipulated by specialists in the community. It is believed humans themselves can send out their spirit of anger or jealousy to eat the spirit of another.

The fear in people's hearts of the black magic that might be used against them, or their belief that only the marabou or witch doctor can heal them of illness or the effects of evil magic, are a prison of Satan to keep them under his power. Their minds are blinded so that they cannot see the power of Christ over all other powers (2 Cor. 4:4).

Over the centuries these beliefs have been

passed on by oral tradition and initiation rites. Today this continues and recently has taken on a new surge. Initiation rites are being seen as the neglected answer to life's many problems. Unbelievers are rushing to have their children initiated in the old tribal ways and beliefs believing it will bring health, wealth, and success to life. There has never been a greater need to train pastors to teach the biblical worldview for the many churches without trained leadership.

We in the West must not neglect our African brothers and sisters in this urgent need. While GBIM seeks ways to train pastors, Love in Action seeks to train church members in vocational skills so the churches can have a better economic base. In this way they can pay full-time pastors to teach and train members and send missionaries out to the surrounding people groups without Christ. Training is also given in the areas of evangelism and discipleship. Join us in this battle for the hearts of Africans and for a strong church in the middle of Satan's territory.



Religions in Chad:

Islam—51%

Christian—35%

animist—7%

other—7%

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10



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Urgent Projects & Needs

Prayerfully consider these projects as our urgent needs.

Sewing Center—\$7,000 for a new building. The Sewing Center has need for a new building as it has outgrown its current space.

Mike Retterer Training Center—\$5,000 for a computer training lab to be created in the MRTC.

If you have any questions regarding newsletter articles or general questions regarding LIAI's ministry in Chad, please contact Valerie Crumbley at (574) 269-4513 or by email at vcrumbley@loveinactioninternational.org.

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