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**2Ti 2:3** Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

**2Ti 2:4** No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

**“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”**

## **LET'S GET ENGAGED IN THE GOOD FIGHT of FAITH 22 SEPT-6 OCT**

The good fight of faith is the one in which we join in union with Christ, abiding in Him and executing the will of the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is certainly our intent. We do not struggle against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the powers, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

At the same time we operate in a natural world. The truth of the spiritual, manifested in a world that we can see and touch. Obviously we want to fight the spiritual forces of wickedness with weapons that are not carnal, that is, not of this world, but divinely powerful for the bringing down of strongholds. One of the strongholds we are needing to bring down right now is the stronghold of lack. We have a plan, we have a mission, the Lord has given me more than one word concerning this mission and has validated that word with repetition. However, the funds are dribbling instead of flowing like a river. That is where you all come in.

The Word I will give you first is Isaiah 52:7. “How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, and says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” Then there is also Psalm 149:5-9. The first word God confirmed today during my time of praise, prayer and worship. He is saying, “Yes, this is your mission, you are my man. Any more questions?” No Lord, thank you for the confirmation.

The mission is less important than the confirmation of God’s will. With the latter we can go forward in great confidence. The former is this. We are headed to Sikasso, Mali which is a day’s drive from Bamako into which associate pastor J and I will fly. We will be met by A from Ouagadougou, and Y from Banfora, Burkina Faso. We will be joined by A from Ferkessedougou, Cote D’Ivoire.

The target muslim ethnic groups fan out from Sikasso like spokes on the wheel of a bicycle. Sikasso is in the middle. To the north are the Banka, to the east are the Central, Senoufo, to the southeast are the Jowulu, to the southwest

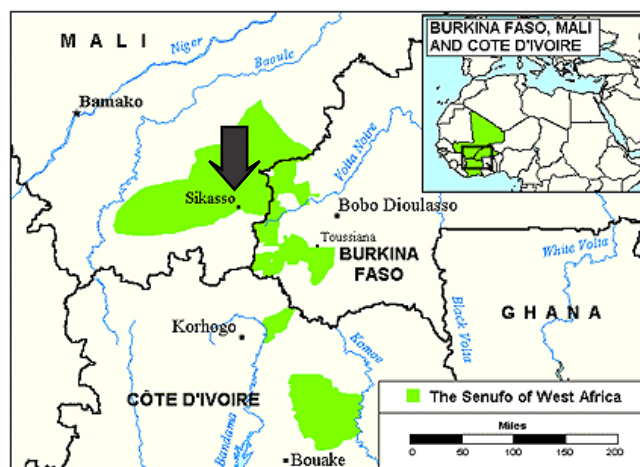
are the Duun, and to the west are the Supyire, Senoufo. If time permits we will also tackle the Senoufo in Sikasso. This is a vigorous and optimistic mission but I believe after all the years and trips God has taken us on, we are ready for an aggressive approach like this one. Never before have we targeted so many different ethnic groups in one trip. However, because of their proximity to Sikasso, I believe with His help it is doable.

We need about \$3,500 right now to send A and the guys on a recon trip to the area. He has a friend in Bamako who should be securing the letters of permission. He will go to confirm this as well as visit the muslim chiefs in the areas of interest. We also need about \$4,000 right now to buy our airline tickets. About \$2,500 will be needed to buy medications in Ouagadougou. We were warned not to purchase them in Mali but to take them over the border from Burkina. Then we will need to purchase some more equipment here running about \$1,000, then need a minimum of

\$10,000 with us to go ourselves. Total budget is about \$24,000. With overages and possible need for security, it may be \$1-2,000 more. Well, there we have it.

The harvest is plentiful, we the laborers are few, but the rewards are great. Will you join with us in this awesome, challenging opportunity? Will you fight the good fight of faith with us? Show us by your generosity please. I know the summer months are demanding on your pocket-books with vacations and

back to school stuff.. Please consider the needs of the children there for Jesus and medical attention. I am telling you the truth, your investment will be rewarded. We have and will do our part, including shoveling 3.5 tons of brick to make \$200 toward our mission. I am serious about the mission. J, **LBNF, PO Box 50292, Amarillo, TX. 79159. [www.lbnf.org](http://www.lbnf.org), LBNF is a 501c3, non-profit organization.** This letter is edited for security reasons.



The green areas represent the area of the Supyire, Senoufo. We are actually going to reach five other ethnic groups on this one trip. Impossible you say. Not with God. Note we will stay in Sikasso, Mali.