



designing a world of hope

Niger. No, not Nigeria (that's like mixing up Canadians and Americans!). . . Niger is actually just north of Nigeria, in West Africa, and we'll be at the very south in a town called Danja. Right now, there's an SIM leprosarium there, but the vision is to also build a Fistula clinic in partnership with SIM and the Worldwide Fistula Fund. Fistula isn't related to leprosy at all . . . it's actually a childbirth injury . . . but since the women suffering from it often become incontinent, there's a lot of the same social stigma, in this case due to odor and perceptions of uncleanness. Surgery to fix this condition is pretty successful, and the largest benefit of treatment is that many women can re-join their families, communities and societies because the leaking and smell are no longer present.

Kevin and his team will be on site in Niger from May 20th—June 3rd . . . If they can find an architect. For some reason, architects have been scarce for this round of project trips. Please pray that one comes forward in the next few days for the Niger trip. . . Kevin has contacted literally dozens of architects who, for various reasons, are unable to come at this time. The team can't do a proper design without the expertise of an architect, and the trip is on the verge of being postponed or cancelled. Please pray with us . . . so that we can design a world of hope for these women ostracized from their families.

Also pray for Michele . . . She'll be joining Kevin on the trip this time. While we're not sure exactly what she'll be doing while she's there, it sounds like there are opportunities for her to help out in the physiotherapy room or the pharmacy of the existing hospital, and maybe hold a survey rod—a bit of a stretch from teaching English, but that's okay. Michele needs to raise about \$3000 for her portion of the trip, so if you feel led to contribute an extra support amount this month, it would be a great encouragement.

Talia & Kaisa will NOT be coming on the trip . . . They're a bit young yet, and the project isn't suitable . . . but they'll have a wonderful time with Oma & Opa (Michele's parents) while Mom & Dad are away.

In the meantime, Kevin and Michele will be brushing up on their French (& maybe a few words of Hausa), coordinating the logistics of 20+ hours of international travel, and praying that all comes together in God's timing.

blessings,

Kevin, Michele, Talia & Kaisa

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IMPORTANT DATES

April

11-14th Water Filters course

19th eMi Board Meeting

19th Westview Women's Spring Retreat (Michele)

25-26th Mission Vision in Fort St. John (Kevin)

May

20th Leave for [Niger Trip](#)

June

3rd Return to Canada

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for an architect by Monday (April 14th) and other logistics for the Niger team
- Pray for finances for Michele's portion of the project trip
- Pray for Kevin & Michele as they present in various venues
- Pray for the eMi board as the staff meets with them and they review direction and strategy for how eMi does missions



Hospital ward in Danja, Niger

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