



# Josh & Alyssa Clay to MALI

## March-April Prayer Letter

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**Goals:**  
**Evangelism**  
**Discipleship**  
**Church Planting**

Go ye therefore,  
and teach all nations,  
baptizing them  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost:  
teaching them to observe  
all things whatsoever  
I have commanded you  
Matthew 28:19,20

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Finished! There are some things one might be happy to be finished with (such as their brussels sprouts) while other things one could be sad to see finished so quickly. Deputation sits in the middle of those two extremes for us. While we are thrilled to testify of how quickly the Lord brought us through deputation and ready to move on to the next step, we thoroughly enjoyed the ministry opportunities, the friends made, and the lessons learned. I could fill the whole prayer letter with memorable experiences and crazy statistics, but there is much more to update you on as well.

As mentioned in the last prayer letter, I will update you on our language school situation. France has still not opened its borders so we will not be able to make the May 3<sup>rd</sup> start date. This has us waiting until the end of August when school will start up again in France and Quebec. As we want to be immersed in the language as soon as possible, our plan is to leave in August to whichever country is open. If for some reason both countries are still closed, we will just go straight to the Ivory Coast and learn through a tutor and/or online service instead of a school.

As we wait for the Lord's timing on our departure, I want to update you on the ministry the Lord has guided us to these next few months. While we are not fully supported as of yet, we will not actively try to schedule more deputation meetings. We are praying that the Lord will allow some churches which we have already ministered in to be able to partner with us.

What we plan on doing is to start the Rosetta Stone language learning program to get a head start on French. As we do that, we will also serve in our home church. It will be enjoyable to be able to invest in the same people for some time as the nature of deputation did not allow that.

Also, I want to plan for weekdays/mid-week services to be available as pulpit-fill or help for special events to those of you who might be helped by that. We would also like to visit some of you for which covid or some other reason did not allow us to meet in person. If this is something that you and your church family could be helped by, please feel free to contact me with a date that we might be able to minister.

As always, we greatly appreciate your prayer. We could not have accomplished deputation as we did without your help. If you could specifically pray that we are able to pick up French quickly and correctly despite not being immersed at the moment. Also, that we could see "fruit that remains" as we minister this summer.

I am sending this letter through the postal service as well as email this time to make sure everyone is able to receive it. If you only receive it by one method, but would prefer the other method or both, please let me know. I want to make sure we are able to communicate effectively as our ministries depend on it. May God bless as we faithfully serve together.

-Josh, Alyssa, and Adelynn Clay

