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Left: Ed and Zoo (Ed is wearing the outfit that men wear on "Holy Day")

Top: Dakar, Senegal

Right: April and Emerson (can't believe she is already 7 months old!)

## Africa Update

As I was walking on campus in the English department, Zoo approached me. This didn't surprise me - we were foreigners because of both our skin color and apparent nationality and many people wanted to practice their English with us. Zoo said "Are you John Mark's (an American who has been working in Senegal with Cru for the year) friend? Let go to library to talk."

As we began talking, Zoo shared that he had grown up Muslim and that he had always believed that Jesus was a prophet but that he was really searching and trying to figure out what was true and what he believed. I answered many questions he had including the difference between Islam and Christianity, how to have a personal relationship with Christ, and what happened after you made a decision to follow Christ. After talking for almost 2 hours, we decided to meet a few days later.

When we met for the second time, Zoo, Justin (a student from University of Louisville who will be in Senegal all summer), and I opened the Bible to John and started reading. Zoo had lots of really good questions and we spent almost 2 hours talking through John, more questions he had, and sharing the Gospel. When we had finished, Zoo

explained to us that while he felt like Christianity was true, he had to weigh the cost of making a decision for Christ, which would most likely mean giving up his family and friends, who are all Muslims.

While Zoo didn't make a decision during the two weeks we were there, I am encouraged that Lord-willing, he will before the summer is over. During the two weeks I was in Senegal, I, as well as the 5 students that traveled with me on the two-week trek, shared the Gospel with 17 Senegalese people. Because 95% of the people there are Muslim, accepting Christ often means being turned away by family and friends. We pray that the Lord will continue to grow the seeds we planted and get rid of any barriers that they have to accepting Christ.

While I was in Senegal, I was also able to learn about the culture, worship at a French church, attend a Bible study with students, disciple the students who traveled with us to Senegal, lead two devotions from John, and be a part of a church passing out Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Thank you for your prayers and support - you were a vital part of sowing seeds in Africa!!

### Prayer Requests:

- We had a safe and successful trip to Africa - Christ was proclaimed and students grew in their faith!!
- We have 6 students serving on mission trips here in the US and overseas this summer!
- Pray for safety and sanity as we drive out to Colorado to take seminary classes for the summer and that we get adjusted quickly.
- Pray for our students to grow in their walk with the Lord this summer and that they come back to campus excited to make a difference.
- Pray for all the freshman who will be coming to campus in the fall. Pray that we would be able to effectively reach each of them.

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