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## The Diédhiou family

Dear friends,

## Hello from Belfast!

The children and I travelled to Belfast two weeks ago, and are enjoying eating lots of cheese, cereal and other yummy foods! Francis is very excited to have taken both a train and a double decker bus, and Adele has been enjoying the swings in the local play-parks.

Séba stayed for a cousin's wedding at the end of June, but he will be flying to England on Thursday (4th), and we will fly over to meet him there on Friday. We will be speaking at **Gloucester Community Church on** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, and will be in **Gloucester from 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**, so please do

come along on the Sunday or get in touch if you'd like to meet up this weekend!

Later in July, we'll be travelling to Edinburgh, and we'll be there from 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Again, please get in touch if you'd like to meet up, or come along to hear us share at Palmerston Place Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The rest of the summer will be spent in Belfast, so let us know if you're around and want to meet up. We will be hosting a Senegalese meal at Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church on



20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> August. Unfortunately, it is difficult for Séba to transit through many airports in Europe without a separate visa, so he'll once again be travelling separately from the children and I, although just one day earlier than us.

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She may not look very smiley, but would sit there for hours if allowed!



Going for an outing on the train



Francis and Adele were happy to be reunited with

their grandparents at the airport

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Adele turned two on 1 June and we made a trip to the beach with a friend

## **Back in Senegal**

Before travelling, we were able to talk to the pastor of our church in Thies about a potential Sunday School programme we would like to begin. This programme, based on Luke's Gospel, was developed in Cameroon and has been adapted in Mali.

After the Summer, we hope to start a pilot project of the Sunday School programme in a few churches in Thies, in French. If it is successful, we then hope to translate it into a couple of Senegalese languages and have it used by many more churches the following year. Our pastor was very excited by the idea, so we hope this will be a way we can serve our church there. A colleague from Mali will come to carry out training for the Sunday School teachers in October, and Séba will be responsible for following up with them and visiting classes through the year. In a country where 50% of the population is under the age of 20, having children's materials that are easily understood is vital!

Last month, two colleagues working in other French-speaking African countries came to visit Senegal. One had previously worked in a multi-lingual education project in Senegal. They came to visit various partners, and I was glad to be able to accompany them on a few of their visits, including to the government Ministry of Education. In the coming months, I hope to be able to follow up with the contacts that were made during their visit.

I've mentioned a number of times the ongoing work on our centre, as we try to finish up the different tasks that were unfinished when we moved into our new offices. In recent weeks there has been some serious plumbing work going on, and we are gradually coming to the end of our lists of unfinished tasks – finally!

Until next time, Clare and Séba



## Praise and prayer

Give thanks that Séba was granted a 5-year visit visa for the UK. Give thanks that the children and I had a safe trip in mid-June and pray for Séba as he travels on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Please pray for a good time in Belfast, Gloucester and Edinburgh this summer – for good connections with friends, family and partners in each place, and that we would also get some rest. Pray especially for the children through the different transitions and with all the new people they will be meeting.

Give thanks for the meetings Clare was able to participate in with visiting colleagues. Please pray for wisdom in knowing what contacts to follow up with and how to best to do so.

Please pray for the planned Sunday School pilot project. Pray for interest from the churches and for good participation in the teacher training. Pray that the programme would enable children to learn more about the book of Luke.

If you would be interested in praying for us or in supporting us, either with a one-off gift or by standing order, please contact Lynn Orr for more information. Alternatively, cheques payable to Wycliffe Bible Translators can be accompanied with a covering note explaining it is for Clare Orr and sent to Wycliffe UK direct. You can also give online at <u>https://wycliffe.org.uk/</u> <u>support/Clare+Seba+Diedhiou</u> Gift Aid forms are available on request.