

Dearest Friends and Family,

John is making his journey tomorrow to Senegal for the **final phase of the visa process**. This is the first time he has EVER left his country so please pray for him =) He will be **arriving in Senegal tomorrow** (Monday 8<sup>th</sup>). He is spending the first week going through various medical exams and then on **Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>** he has his interview with the US consulate. Once he passes this interview he receives his visa that day!

The plan is once he receives his visa we can continue on with wedding plans. Tentatively we are hoping to get married on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** or in that general time frame. Details will be passed on as the time nears =)

January has been such a busy month. With the sponsorship program on its way we have had several children “added” to households throughout the US. It is really exciting to watch these relationships form. The children are simply thrilled that they are loved, prayed for and thought of by people that have never met them.

January 12<sup>th</sup> was **National Braille Day**. This day was filled with rejoicing by all the children as they celebrated the life and works of Mr. Braille without his contribution to the education of the visually impaired many of the children would not have a chance at reaching their goals in life.

John spent most of January working alongside several organizations who are training him in managing Rescue Ministries International. He has sat through countless hours of informational settings everything from budgeting to improvements to ideas and vision. John said he has learned so much and is excited to start putting these techniques and ideas into practice.

One of John’s friends in Kabala, (a Reverend in the Baptist Convention) has been watching over the children. John says he has done an amazing job and will be watching over the children when John is away at his interview. **We are so grateful for the Lord to provide an honest hard working man to come alongside of us during these times.**

Thank you for all your prayers and support! If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask. We appreciate each one of you so let us know how we can be praying for you!

Until All Have Heard,

Lindsey Marie