

## **I. Intro Comments**

- A. We had a great trip to Niger
- B. We are very glad to be home!
- C. We will give an overview of the trip
- D. I will give some biblical perspective

## **II. The Country of Niger**

- A. The people of Niger – Hausa pictures
- B. City life and village life

## **III. Reaching Niger with the Gospel**

- A. Vie Abondante; Rich and Ginger
- B. Strategy – planting churches (like Paul)
- C. Rich and Ginger focus on the villages
- D. The process of planting a village church
  - 1. The pastors are key (pictures)
  - 2. Pastor goes to neighboring village (Sule)
  - 3. Starts teaching under a tree – people convert
  - 4. Rich will start regularly teaching people

- 5. If enough people convert, new pastor sent in
- 6. Eventually get straw building, then permanent

## **E. Rich and Ginger's main tasks**

- 1. Village evangelism and church planting
- 2. Discipleship school
- 3. Leadership school
- 4. Monthly conference with pastors and wives
- 5. Oversee literacy program in villages
- 6. Oversee construction of buildings
- 7. Financial support for pastors and others
- 8. Serve on Vie Abondante leadership team
- 9. Taxi service, counselor, etc.

## **IV. What We Were Doing to Help**

- A. Preaching in villages (both of us)
- B. Water baptism service – 8 baptisms!
- C. Teaching in city churches
- D. Teaching in the discipleship & leadership school
- E. Teaching pastors and wives

- F. Paid for new building in Tamroro
- G. Tony – documenting everything!
- H. Experience new things – camels, giraffes, tuwo, foura
- I. Being with the people – loving, praying

## **V. Conclusion – What We Can Do**

- A. Pray for God’s kingdom to expand
- B. Continue to give financially to missions
- C. Go on a short term trip yourself
- D. Are you called to be a missionary?
- E. Communion – our union with the universal church

### Report on 2007 Missions Trip to Niger

Matthew 28:18-20  
February 18, 2007  
Communion  
2 Corinthians 13:14

Ninety per cent of the population live at bare subsistence level at the best of times. - OW World on Niger

The **Human Development Index (HDI)** is a comparative measure of [life expectancy](#), [literacy](#), [education](#), and [standard of living](#) for countries worldwide. It is a standard means of [measuring well-being](#), especially child [welfare](#). – OW says Niger is next to worst in the whole world