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DeValve Monthly Update

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**John and Nancy DeValve**  
Serving in global ministry with SIM

Thank you for your prayers for John's trip to Niger. He arrived safely, though he did have to wait 24 hours for his luggage to catch up to him. He spent a week in quarantine (pretty much solitary confinement!) and is now teaching at ESPriT, the theological college. Last week he taught an entire semester course on Church History from the Reformation to the Present. This week he is teaching a Course on Islam and how to understand and reach Muslims. Next week he will probably teach a course on Early Church History. When he's not teaching, he's busy visiting people who drop in.

Meanwhile, I've had a great two-week visit with my Dad in Florida. I've escaped some of the snow and cold weather of Ohio, but it hasn't been as warm here as I had hoped. They even had frost two or three nights. In spite of the cold weather, I've had a warm visit with my Dad. It will be hard to say goodbye.

**Please PRAY** that:

1. John will have the strength to keep up a very busy schedule and that he will sleep well at night. Pray that he will be an encouragement to many who come by for a visit.
2. Our friend, Abdoulaye, can come down from Tera for a visit. We can no longer travel up there due to security reasons.
3. For my trip back north tomorrow. It looks like I'm heading into a winter storm. My flight to Chicago has

already been cancelled and I've been put on a flight to Houston instead. Pray that the Houston to Cincinnati leg will happen as planned....the storm isn't supposed to start there until after I land. Pray that that will be the case!

4. John's message to our church in Niger will be a blessing. He preaches on February 13.
5. John will have an uneventful flight back to the USA on February 15 and 16.



Please continue to pray for the security of the region comprised of Niger, Burkina Faso, and Mali. There was recently a coup d'etat in Burkina Faso and rising tensions in Mali with the most recent development being that the French Ambassador has been ordered to leave. The areas where Mali and Burkina Faso border Niger are troubled by jihadist activity. Instability in Mali and Burkina Faso affects Niger. **PRAY** for stability and peace in this area. **PRAY** for the churches in these areas who are under increasing persecution.

You can read more here:

<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/african-union-suspends-burkina-faso-after-military-coup-2022-01-31/>

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