

SIM

Serving in Niger

SIMAIR

Living Waters

Kevin & Krista Rideout

Caden & Kira, Brynn, Elayna & Silas

Life Events: Graduation...

Elayna graduated from Sahel Academy at the beginning of June. She loves Jesus and is a delight to our family. We love that she is entertaining, creative, comfortable being unique, an intentional people gatherer, and a bit mischievous. Elayna plans to attend Liberty University in August to study event planning (consumer sciences). Pray for Elayna as she transitions to a new stage of life in the USA and for friends at Liberty who will encourage her in her walk with the Lord.



Esther* and the other ladies who serve at the New Life Center for kids with special needs came to Elayna's graduation to

celebrate with her and a few other classmates who helped at the center. Brielle shared a room with Elayna at our house for the past 10 years. She will miss their special bond. Pray for Brielle as she spends the next year with her CSEN orphanage family. Pray for the logistics for her to go to the New Life Center several days each week during the school year.



...and a Wedding

We are grateful to God for an incredible time celebrating Kira's marriage to Caden Kneeshaw on July 1st in North Carolina. We're thankful for the Kneeshaw family and the chance to spend time getting to know them. Just to make things more interesting, Caden's parents are named Kevin and Kristi! The newlyweds interrupted their honeymoon to join us for a reunion near Charleston, South Carolina, with Krista's family. They are now back in Montana, living and working in Missoula. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for Caden and Kira in the years to come.





Current Events: In Niger...

Perhaps you noticed Niger in the news recently. On Wednesday, July 26, the Presidential Guard detained Nigerian President Mohamed Bazoum and removed him from office. The situation is still unfolding. SIM personnel in Niger are all safe. In Niamey, our personnel have mostly stayed home and are respecting the nightly curfew. Land and air borders are temporarily closed. We appreciate your prayers for a peaceful resolution and for the people of Niger.

...In SIMAIR

The planes in Niger are currently grounded due to the recent events. Meanwhile, work has progressed on the engine conversion and instrument upgrades for one of the Cessna 182 planes. With some extra hands on deck (a maintenance intern and a retired SIMAIR pilot/mechanic), the new engine is now hanging on the plane and the replacement cowling is painted to match the rest of the plane.



Travel plans for the team are in flux as events unfold in Niger. When international flights resume, the current helpers are due to return to the US and two SIMAIR families hope to head back to Niger. Another volunteer avionics specialist was on his way to Niger to help with the new instrument installations and annual inspections when the political instability began. He returned to the US from Paris. Pray that he can reschedule his trip soon to help finish the work on the Cessna 182.



...Home Assignment

We returned to the USA a week after Elayna's graduation for a year of Home Assignment. After the wedding, we continued reconnecting with Krista's family in NC and had a few days of meetings at SIM USA. The remainder of the summer will consist of helping our kids transition to life and school in the US. We plan to spend most of the fall semester based in MA. Please let us know if you would like us to visit in New England during the fall months. We look forward to reconnecting with many of you throughout the year.

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