

# Small Group Discussion

Missions Sunday - October 17, 2021

1. What stood out to you about Gary and Sharon's update regarding ministry among the Fulani?
2. Gary and Sharon talked about the cost of family opposition that many new believers experience. Are there ways we experience a cost for following Jesus in our culture or family? What might be the similarities, and what might be the differences?
3. Matthew 13:44-52 includes parables about the kingdom of God. Concerning the parable of the fish in the net, we find the idea of a future judgement. What is alarming in this story? What is comforting? How do these parables work together to help us understand the importance of the kingdom of God?

*Praying for our International Workers:*

4. Why not bring up Dakar, Senegal or the town of Dahra (northwest of the capital), where the medical clinic is that was led by Dr. Soh, a Fulani believer before he passed away.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Health+Center+Dahra/@15.3514108,-15.4930941,14.5z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x69f9670dbc3138b1!8m2!3d15.3499647!4d-15.4907954>

Take a moment to consider the fact that this little clinic and ministry represents a frontier, a doorway for people to hear about Jesus. Could you please stop and pray for the administration, the nurses and doctors, the budget for this work? Remember to pray any that may be experiencing persecution for their faith.

5. Encouragement: Our worship leader for the missions service, James Lucas included this video for encouragement. Why not listen to it and 1) pray for Gary and Sharon Howell and the organizations they are partnering with and 2) pray for our perseverance in being Christ's light where God has called us.

**"Your Labour is Not in Vain" Paul Zach and Madison Cunningham:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPj3Kf7Dow>

Other ways to partner in ministry (*giving to see the work move forward*):

**The Global Advance Fund** supports the work of all our Alliance workers like Gary and Sharon Howell. If you'd like to give specifically towards Gary and Sharon's particular work you can give to their:

**Ministry Partner Fund** - They use this fund for some of the teaching and seminars they do, and for our trips to Dahra and to the Fula country.

**The Fulani of Senegal Fund** - This fund is for targeted projects among the Fulani. Gary and Sharon write: "For example, earlier this year, we – along with some of our other partners, purchased some small plots of land up near the clinic in Dahra. The vision is to first put a "house of prayer" on this land. We need a place to gather believers and to worship. We also need a place – not on the clinic grounds- where believers could meet with sincere seekers of Truth in a quiet and discreet place."

All three of these funds can be found in the drop down menu on their giving page at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/37044>

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