

Is it worth it?

“For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9a (NIV)

My first year in Senegal was full of trials. I moved eight times within three months. My house burned down. I lived in remote conditions with undependable transportation, poor food and an unreliable telephone. I made my own toilet out of a plastic bucket. I had illnesses I’ve never heard of. I had power outages and a zillion mosquito bites. I was lost too many times to even count, not to mention the language barriers I faced every day. I was mocked, laughed at, ridiculed and persecuted.

Would I do it again? Yes! I was protected, provided for and blessed. I was never alone. I was loved, held, watched and kept by my Lord.

The Lord blessed me with new friends, and Sereer (suh-RARE) families adopted me as one of their own. Opportunities to show His love and to distribute the Word to thousands have been the results of these friendships. Experiencing rough times myself allows me to help others through periods of grief, such as wrapping my arms around a woman who lost her newborn.

My Lord continues to show me why I am here. I am blessed to see the Lord’s hand at work, knowing that even what may seem bad at the time serves a far greater purpose to get me where *He* wants me to be. My being in Senegal is worth what I have endured.

Does God want you to get out of your comfort zone? Maybe. Are you willing? I hope so. You will be blessed.

—BECKY, WEST AFRICA

Father God, IT IS WORTH IT TO FOLLOW YOU! CAUSE ME TO REFLECT ON THIS QUESTION THROUGHOUT THE DAY: AM I WILLING TO GET OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE? I PRAY THAT THE WORK FOR CHRIST IN SENEGAL WILL BE FRUITFUL. *Amen.*