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Remember to pray that the people of Chad who have never heard of Jesus will hear about Him soon.

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Chad is the fifth largest African country. It is not next to an ocean. The people in this country mostly speak Arabic and some French, but in villages they also speak their own tribal languages,

Story written by Kaden, Makyra, Zoey, and Elias, ages 9 and 10.

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almost 120 different ones!

Would you like to live in Chad? I sure wouldn't. The temperature goes up to 110 F /43 C in the northern Saharan zone. What a hot place to live! The southern zone is more like a rainforest.

The middle zone, called the Guera region, is sometimes rainy and sometimes hot and dry.

What is life like for children in the Guera region of Chad?

Imagine that you wake up at 6 a.m. to the sound of a rooster welcoming the rising sun. While you were still asleep, your mom would have swept the living room and got breakfast ready, which is leftovers from dinner... Millet paste. She mixes it with milk to make breakfast cereal for you.

You eat hurriedly and, if you go to school, you walk to a two-room schoolhouse with clay walls. You and the other children up to age 14 are taught by one teacher.

You finish school and go home.

About half of the children in your village don't go to school. Instead, they do full time labor. In some cases, young ten year old kids are even forced to go to the army to fight.

If you're a girl, you may have to spend most of your

time fetching water for your family and tending the fields.

Then you would go to the market with your mom to get food for lunch that your family would eat when your siblings get back from school.

When kids come home from school, they help care for the younger children and babies. They also help their ammi and abbi (mom and dad) with cooking and housework.

They don't have a lot of homework which is a good thing for their families, because there is so much work to do at home to help the family.

In the dry season the rivers dry up so the children have to go far to find water. When they finally do find water, hooray! They can take it back to their families.



At 6 p.m. they eat millet paste and sauce, most of the time in the dark. One or two hours after the sun has set, they go to bed.

It is so dusty during the dry season in the Guera region

★ Think About It ★

If we take the good news about Jesus to the people of Chad, and they believe it and make Jesus their Saviour....

What does Isaiah say will happen?

On the blocks of the well, find the letter that is in the first word but not in the second and put it in the numbered blanks below.

STRIVE — TRIES 4	PRIEST — STREP 7	()
()	()	TEARS — REST 2
SENDER — REEDS 9	STEAM — MATE 1	()
()	EAGLE — GLEE 5	STEAL — EAST 3
STRAW — WARS 6	BOAST — STAB 8	()

“With joy you will draw water from the wells of ...

_____ V _____.”
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more



Isaiah 12:3-4 (NIV)

³ **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴ ...make known **among the nations** what he (God) has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Jesus might have been thinking of Isaiah 12:3-4 when He said, about real water, **“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”** John 4:13-14 (NIV)

Like water makes us clean and gives us life, Jesus washes away our sin and gives us eternal life with Him when we ask Him to.

➡ People in Chad have to work hard to get water. We don't have to work for the kind of water Jesus gives us.

➡ Will you pray that God will send His people to Chad to tell them about Jesus, the true **Water of Life**?

that you have to sleep with a wet cloth over your mouth.

That is what my friend, Uncle Nathan, who visited Chad, told me. His wife, Aunt Laurel, had to do that when she slept in Chad.

Would you hear about who Jesus is in Chad? Have you (the one reading this) ever heard about Jesus? You probably have.

But in Chad, you might not ever hear that Jesus came to be Lord and Savior. The main reason why is because the biggest religion in this country is Islam.



In the largest city, life is a little bit different. Let's pretend my name is Sakina and I live in the Guerra region, in the capital city of Chad.

This morning, a rooster crowed at the top of his lungs. Shortly after, my mother, Carine woke me and my younger sister up from our deep sleep.

Our dad, Brahim, had already left for his shop.

I yawned, stretched, then got dressed. This is the day! I am finally old enough to sell garden vegetables, fruits, and flour in the marketplace!

My sister Nawal, at age 8, envies that I get to go to the market while she has to stay and take care of all the jobs at home.

Thankfully it is the rainy season, but unfortunately it is the last week that the city will be green and lush.

Dry season is terrible. The heat is over 40 C/100 F. Dust coats everything. Here in the capital city, N'Djamena, we girls go to school and study science, geography, math, philosophy, history, reading, and writing.

But that's it. There is no knowledge of the true God here. Thankfully, my family has heard about Jesus from some of the few missionaries who have come to our city. But I have many friends who still don't know who Jesus is.

Missionaries have to be ready to stick through the hard things, and do the work of learning a new language. New missionaries will also need to learn from local people how to live in this tough place.

Although it is difficult, we still need people to teach the gospel here.

This composite story was adapted from stories written by Kaden, Makyra, Zoey, and Elias, ages 9 and 10. They are missionary children who live in Cameroon, one of the countries next to Chad. We changed the original stories as little as possible. The crayon drawings are by Makyra, 10 yrs old and Zoey, 9.

The dark words in these **fun facts** are in the puzzle on the next page. See if you can find them.



Chad is the **fifth** largest country in **Africa** and the world's 21st **largest** country.



The Nile perch, one of the largest freshwater **fish**, is native to Lake Chad. It can reach about 2 meters (2 yards) and weigh up to 200 kg (400 pounds).

About 87% of Chad's rural population are very poor.

Chad's official language is **French** (only spoken by the educated) and **Arabic** (but most Arabic speakers are not fluent). Most everybody speaks one of the 120 **indigenous** languages in Chad.

Indigenous means not brought in from the outside. A person's indigenous **language** is their **heart** language.

Only one third of the country's adults are **literate** (can read and write).

The Tibesti Mountains are home to some of the best **camel racing** in the world.



For every 23,600 people in Chad, there is only one Chadian doctor available.

The **goat** and **lion** are the national **symbols** of Chad.

Most of the people are **Muslim**. Of the rest, most say they are **Christian**, and some truly are, but others mainly have a mix of Christian, spirit worship, and other beliefs.

WORD SEARCH

All the dark words on page 4 are in this puzzle. They may be horizontal, frontwards, backwards, diagonal, down, or up. Circle them.

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Flag of Chad.

