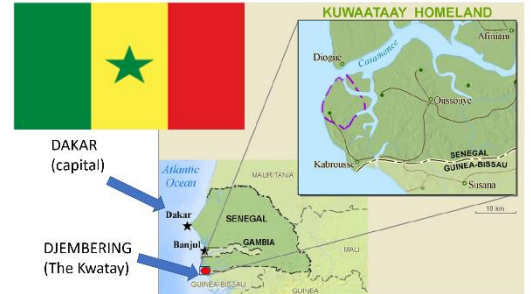


The Whitefriars missions giving helps us to lift our eyes further in terms of our mission's interest to the wider world. Yes, we send money and that is invaluable for those who need it, and it is deeply appreciated. But we can also actively work towards learning more about other Christians in a very different environment, engage with the pastor and his family, follow their activities as a church and pray into their situation.



Whitefriars is giving £750 this year to a church in Senegal, West Africa. It is called the: **Djembereng Evangelical Church**. The church is about the same size as Whitefriars, and, like Whitefriars, has a lot of families and children. They have a pastor, rather than a vicar, and his name is Albert. His wife, Irma, is also very active in leading different activities in the church. They both became Christians when they were in their early twenties and went to a Bible College in Ivory Coast to be trained for church leadership. They are from a tribal group called the

Kuwaataay, who have their own language and they live in the remote south-west corner of Senegal.



The Church building

-The Young people: La jeunesse – There are many young people linked to the church but their presence at the church depends on the time of year as many will go to high school in the regional capital called Ziguinchor (2hr drive away by bush taxi) and Universities long distances away.

-The Ladies' group: the Mouvement des Femmes. This is very active in the church (often the most dynamic of the groups around the evangelical



The ladies at their annual camp

churches!) many of the ladies are old and uneducated. They may have actually received the gospel from the earliest WEC missionaries who went to live amongst them (70-80 years ago). The financial support from Whitefriars enables this group to gather together, subsidising their costs both for travel and food, and enable them to worship together in their own language and with their own songs, to have Bible teaching, and to gain a sense of identity and fellowship together.



The children ready for their annual camp

-The Children's Club and or Sunday school: Club d'enfants. is run by the pastor's wife, Irma. There are many younger children in the village as they would go to school if they did in the village itself. The financial support from Whitefriars pays for 20-25 children to go to an annual 'camp' where they are taught Bible stories and Christian principles. Keep in mind that these children are surrounded by family members and neighbours who worship the spirits of trees and animals so it is a real challenge to be a Christian.

-Albert & Irma have 3 children one has now left home and

Hosea, studying in Morocco

is studying aeronautical engineering in Morocco. The tuition fees for this young man run to £300 per month (£2700 over 9 months). Their second oldest wanted to study electronic engineering in Dakar (the capital city) but they have recently heard that the government bursary that they applied for has been refused. They are trusting God to provide the necessary funds for the further education of both boys. If any in Whitefriars would like to help this Christian family have a chat with Keith Gibson and he will be able to give you more details.

