

COUSENS FAMILY

join our team...

Being Creative . Bringing Christ . Bridging Culture . Building Clarity

We continue to praise God for every piece of prayer and financial support we have received thus far in our journey . We began "Faith Raising" (as we called it) in August 2014. Here are some celebrations:

- Fully funded - specifically through ongoing monthly support (within a year)
- Extra one time funds raised to cover language school (within a year)
- A vehicle fully funded in 2016 (within 5 months)
- Maintained 100% support while in Mali (between 2015-2017)
- Transitioned to Dakar, Senegal with set up costs covered (Summer 2017)
- Aided by Dakar Academy to fully fund our kids education as April worked there full & part time (2017/2018)
- 650+ receiving our Senegal 60 email updates and tracking with us as a prayer team
- Various groups of 20+ specifically praying for Bible studies and series we've hosted
- 3 specific projects given to by supporting churches and 2 teams visited our field for project partnerships.



During the last 5 years we have had several moments to pause, reflect, and review our "Faith raising" . In every moment we have marveled at how the Lord has sustained us. Upon return from our recent Home Assignment we returned to Dakar and have now been able to review our current status. As we shared on Home Assignment we have had 3 specific changes in our ministry status. They are the following:

1. Since we left Mali in 2017 we have had **several financial supporters drop off or lower their monthly giving**. During this time April's position at DA helped us "float" living expenses. We were also told that Dakar is actually one of the highest costing fields within Avant!
2. Once April left DA (full time this summer) our girls education became a larger factor for us to cover. While we receive a missionary reduction **we now need to cover the costs for each of the girls**.
3. This past spring our teammates transitioned home. Together, we were each helping fund our English Center costs. Now that they have left **we are carrying the full weight of those ministry expenses**.

As you can see we have not made any formal "asks" for a while. We have been sustained for 5 years and would like to add others to our team for the next 5 year window. We long to live, invest, and thrive here while advancing the gospel in all we do. We know that **our prayer base is VERY significant and celebrate the natural additions** that have come over the past 5 years. Is this the time for some of you to pray about joining our financial support team also?



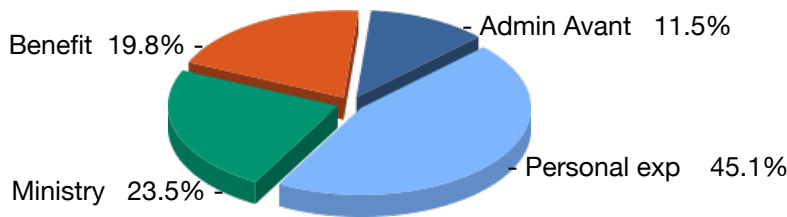


We are praying for a 15% increase to our current support. We are also praying through some specific projects and dreams to move into within the next few years. We are seeing this as another 5 year contract for us and you to commit to. Would you pray through a commitment to becoming one of the following partners:

- ✓ A current partner willing to increase giving
- ✓ A new financial partner - consistent monthly support
- ✓ A partner willing to invest for a specific, shorter period of time at a higher amount

PARTNERS	150	@	\$10	MONTHLY
	50	@	\$30	
	30	@	\$50	
	15	@	\$100	
	8	@	\$200	

Here is a breakdown of where our current support goes
If you would like a more detailed explanation please email us



Personal Budget - This category includes all expenses of a personal nature. Included in this category are base salary, children's supplements, and housing.

Ministry Budget - These funds are used for ministry expenses, educational costs for children on the field, team funds, regional expenses, and MK Care.

Benefits - These funds provide for the general care of missionaries and include a medical plan, group life insurance, and contributions to the missionary's retirement plan.

General Administration - This is each missionary's share in the general operation of Avant Ministries to provide administrative support and personal care.

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Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

\$200
 \$100
 \$50
 \$30
 \$10
 other \$ _____

Monthly
 Quarterly
 Annually
 One time

I would like to receive weekly updates (Senegal 60)

or mail this completed portion of the letter to the address below:

You can choose to give online at avantministries.org/give-now, by check (checks payable to Avant Ministries), or set up and automated Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). You can **set an EFT below:**

Amount transferred per month: \$ _____

Month _____ Day (either 5th or 20th), _____ and Year _____ of 1st transfer

Signature: _____

Please mail response card, 1st check, and a voided check (if you chose EFT) to: