

The Bottom Line

TECH SERVE INTERNATIONAL

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In the Heart of the Desert



In the middle of **Africa** is the beautiful Country of Niger, full of wonderful people.

Since 1924 SIM has shared God's love by providing medical care and services here on the edge of the **Sahara**. Where the nearest hospital is hundreds of miles away, volunteer **doctors and nurses** from all over the world have come to **give care** to people who have no other option. **SIM** operates Galmi hospital, a 120 bed facility reaching out to people of central Niger with a passion to help those in need.

Further out, SIM also operates Danja hospital, a Leprosarium and general medicine location near the town of Maradi. In Niamey, SIM operates Sahel Academy, a Christian school reaching out to the community. SIM also has many Clinics, Community Development works, as well as **home medical visits and education programs**.

For many years Tech Serve has been privileged to serve these incredible people who are living in difficult conditions so they can show the love of God in action to the **wonderful people of Niger**.

Enabling the flow of Communications

It was early in the morning when Steve Snow climbed out of bed in Chico, California. Steve was heading for the airport, with loaded-down suitcases and a desire to serve. His destination was 12 time zones away, half way around the world in Niger, Africa. As he pulled on a sweater he realized he didn't pack any warm clothes on purpose as the temperature in Niger would be around 110 degrees most of the time. As he headed for the door, he kissed his wife Sandy goodbye, and prepared for the many hours of travel to come.



One day later Steve and Weston Syverson met in the airport in Paris and together flew south to



Niamey, the capital of Niger. Upon arrival and getting through customs they were met by Jonathan Moore, the primary administrator and IT director for SIM in Niger. Serving In Missions has been working in Africa for many years and runs 2 major hospitals in Niger in the remote locations of Galmi and Danja, as well as many community development programs. (www.sim.org)

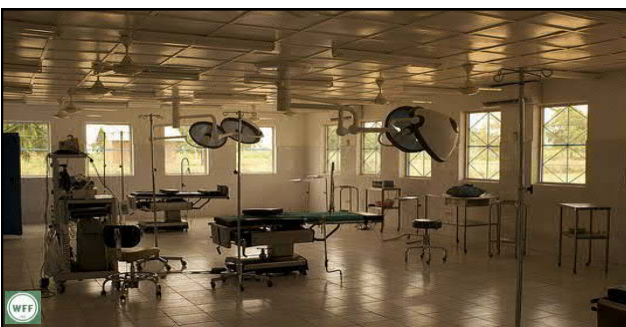
Monday was spent at the **SIM office** in Niamey going over some basics with phone and data, as well as working on an Auto-



transfer panel for the building. The crew also visited the Summer Institute of Linguistics (**Wycliffe**) headquarters to fix some issues with their telephone system. Tuesday was spent at **Sahel Academy** School fixing issues and providing some updated training on wiring and programming. On Wednesday the crew boarded a small aircraft operated by SIM Air, and flew 300 miles to Danja.



Recently **SIM** partnered with the **World Wide Fistula Fund**, and in Danja have completed new facilities to perform Fistula operations for women. This incredible ministry reaches out to **thousands of women** who have had **birthing injuries** because of their young age when they gave birth. These injuries have made them the **outcasts** of their communities, with many being sent away by their husbands as undesirable, **living in shame**. Many are teenagers, as they are often forced to marry at 12 and 13 years old. With surgeries, the doctors at the WFF are able to show them the love of Christ and **fix their physical problems**. This is a teaching ward, built to teach proper surgical procedures to many doctors, and the **first one** on the continent of Africa. www.worldwidefistulafund.org





Steve and Weston came to bring technology to the new Fistula Ward. Working with Jonathan and several local Nigerians, the crew wired the buildings with **miles of wire** for voice and data networks. Internet satellite service was connected up and the crew hooked up **wireless access points** in key locations throughout the ward, offices, and surgery wing. A simple file server was

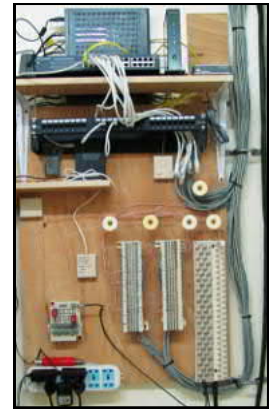


set up and networking was available for the Doctors. 1000 feet of underground cable was installed to connect 20 telephones throughout the facility. Network and **internet** was also piped back to the doctors quarters 1/2 mile away. There another wireless access point and



Jonathan Moore supervising underground placement

telephones were installed, tying in the new buildings for **campus wide access!** This was all accomplished in a few days. Steve's comment was, "hey, we're only working a little more than half days, you know, *12 hours is a half day!*"



The crew was privileged to spend time with the wonderful Doctors and Staff who



volunteer to give their lives and talents in this incredible work of reaching out to the people in their needs.

After days of hard work the crew headed for GALMI Hospital. The phone room there was covered in dust because in certain months **the dust falls like rain**. After hosing out the room the crew set about installing the new system sent over earlier in the year. This required a complete re-installation, re-wiring and programming. Working with the local technicians, Sani and Daniel, the switch room was re-wired and the new system up and running in a few short days. Upon returning to Niamey the crew was able to visit some friends and get ready for the long trip home. **Our thanks** to Steve and Weston for being willing to go where needed!



GALMI Tech Crew



Crew Transportation

- ◆ Tech Serve is looking for volunteers to be involved. Share your expertise with us, we would love to talk with you about how to use your skills with us or others. Every skill is useful!
- ◆ Currently we are needing skilled telephone people to do cable repair and switch work in several locations around the globe. Please contact Weston at the home office if interested.
- ◆ Clarence Schrader recently went home to be with the Lord at the age of 99. He was part of our Board of Directors since the start of Tech Serve, and a big part of our success. We are so thankful for his many years of faithful service, he touched many lives around the world with a servants heart. We will miss him.

A Word from Wes

Thank you for your interest in Tech Serve. You can be involved in making a difference on your own or with us! Share your expertise. Go with us on a project, volunteer to do the work. Join in our vision and supply resources for the work. Partner with us and fund a project, we are involved with many fantastic ideas around the world. Join me in praying for our teams and trips. For information about being involved, call me! You can also visit our website at www.techserve.org. For news about Tech Serve please visit our facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tech-Serve-International/500619009970127>

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