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Missionaries to Senegal

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Valentine/South Side Assembly Work Team

The Work Begins

The goal was to build two walls around the back portion of the school property. The team arrived in good spirits with plenty of energy.



The first task was to dig a trench for the footings of the wall. The hot sand continually collapsing into the hole as they dug made this a very challenging endeavor. By the second day the team was able to begin pouring cement into the trench for the footings.



Eventually the wall began to surface and the first layers of bricks came into sight. The hot and humid July weather made working in the sun baked sand difficult.

The team continued to work and was encouraged each day by their progress. The other Senegalese workers were amazed at how much the team was able to accomplish, using the same simple methods as the local brick layers. Every task was painstakingly done by hand, even mixing the cement.

In spite of some health issues among team members, they were able to see a practically finished product before their departure from Saint-Louis.

