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...let me cross the river and see the good land... Deu 3:25

In March, John, another missionary, and I began searching for a road to Guinea-Bissau, the current road is only useable during the dry season. A road useable year round would assist the missionaries with reaching the tribes in this area. In addition to help the commerce in this area.

After searching for some time, we located an old ferry crossing. The ferry was in very poor shape with large holes in the bottom. The mission leadership agreed that repairing the ferry would be the easiest solution to the river crossing.

John and I spent a few days collecting the required materials then took the 8 to 10 hour drive to the ferry location. It was a very eventful trip, however God gave us



The guys who helped repair the ferry.

safe travels.



Welding upside down is not easy!

We spent about a week bailing water, cleaning the rust off, and what seemed to me to be endless welding. We were able to repair most of the holes. There is still some additional work which needs to be done, however the villagers will be able to finish it themselves. Pray that God will bless our work.

Please remember to pray for Benjamin Baum, serving with New Tribes Mission in Guinea, West Africa!

Prayer Requests:

- *Pray for spiritual reveal in Guinea*
- *Pray that God would send more people to help with the Guinean Missionary School. Specifically pray for more teachers next year.*
- *Pray the God would help me to accomplish*
- *Pray that God will help me to balance and complete my responsibilities.*

Praises:

- *Praise the Lord for the new Prime Minister in Guinea, and that things seem to be improving.*

A new work begins.

I have been working for the past three months to help two missionaries start a new work among the Konyagui people. Right now there are no missionaries minister to the Konyagui people, there is only one believer and there is one missionary in Senegal who has started a bible translation, but is unable to minister directly to the people.

We were able to locate a house in a town with a large Konyagui population, the house has taken a lot of work to make it semi-livable. The two missionaries will live in the town until more

Adding a new window



missionaries join their team. Please keep the Konyagui missionaries and people in prayer.

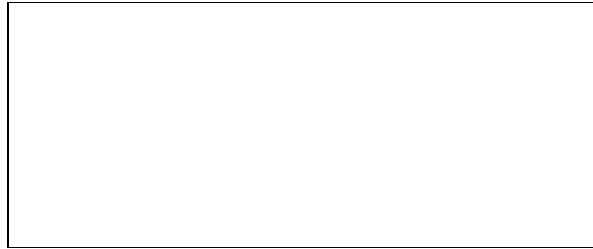


Moving to the Konyagui Town

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Dead Man Walking??



Sifting sand to work with on the house in the Konyagui Town



The school in Hofia we helped to roof

What is going on in Guinea???

Honestly, the past six months or so have been very busy for me personally, one of the reasons I have not gotten a newsletter out in a long time. I have been torn between four or five ministries in addition to many special projects. God has been faithful to get me through everything, even with my bad attitude. Praise the lord that two additional missionary families the Olver's and the Doerksen's have arrived on the mission center and will be taking over some of my responsibilities.

I went to a wedding in the village a few days ago, the culture here is so different. They had traditional African drummers providing the music and

people were dancing the night away. However their method of crow control was very odd, someone grabbed a bundle of straw and lit in on fire and pushed people back with it.

God is working in Guinea, it is amazing to see the work God is doing in the lives of people in Guinea. Often it seems slow, but it is sure. The tribal churches are growing in both numbers and in their personal relationships with God.

During January, February, and March, there were strikes, protest, riots and rebellion against the Guinean government. Hundreds of people were

killed and injured. Many government buildings were burned and ransacked. NTM missionaries in the capital city were evacuated to Senegal, and other missionaries were relocated to the mission center. It was resolved by the apartment of a new Prime Minister. However, even now there is still a strong undercurrent of displeasure with the way things are happening. Please keep Guinea in prayer.

My friend Ibrahima has returned to Islam. He had been a professing believer for over a year and was attending the believers meetings regularly. Please pray that he would return to the Lord.