

Fellow Believers;

I have written this letter with the purpose of communicating the ministry God is leading me to. I have been given the opportunity to serve with New Tribes Mission in Guinea. I hope to begin my pre-field training in late June 2005 and arrive in Guinea early July 2005.

Guinea is located in West Africa on the Atlantic Ocean, north of the equator. The climate is generally hot and humid with a monsoon rainy season. Guinea has a population of over 9 million people and is slightly smaller in size than the state of Oregon. The average individual purchase power is less than \$2,100 a year. Eighty-Five percent of the population professes the Muslim faith, an additional Seven percent have their own indigenous beliefs, while only Eight percent of the people of Guinea are Christians.

New Tribes Mission was founded in 1942 with the goal of accomplishing Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." New Tribes stated purpose is:

**Motivated by the love of Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, NTM exists to assist the ministry of the local church through the mobilizing, equipping, and coordinating of missionaries to evangelize unreached people groups, translate the Scriptures, and see indigenous New Testament churches established that truly glorify God.**

New Tribes Mission's missionaries go to tribes of people who have never had an opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. After much prayer and training, the missionaries enter a tribe and begin to develop a relationship with the people of the tribe. They may even ask permission to live with the tribe. The missionaries must then learn the tribe's language, culture, and beliefs while sharing God's love with the people of the tribe. This task is very difficult as the tribe's language is often unknown, and sometimes does not have a written form. When the missionary has become fluent in the tribe's language, they begin the process of translating the Bible in to the tribe's language. This is a tedious and time-consuming task. The missionaries often teach the people of the tribe how to read, so they can read the newly translated Bible on their own. It is amazing the works God has done and is doing in the lives of these people. I encourage you to go to [www.ntm.org](http://www.ntm.org) and rejoice in the salvation of these people. While you're at their website, sign up for NTM's email newsletter.

While in Guinea I will be working with missionaries, in a technical support role. While God has not gifted me with abilities in linguistics, I have other skills and gifts that God can use for his glory. My desire while in Guinea, as it should be in all things Christians do, is to glorify God. I plan on accomplishing this goal by assisting the missionaries in anyway I can. Some of my assignments while in Guinea will include:

- Maintaining and repairing computers: Missionaries use computers to aid in Bible translation.
- Communicating with loved ones and staying in contact with the regional missionary base. Guinea also has a school for missionary children and they are hoping to build a computer lab.
- Maintaining and repairing electronics: As Guinea has limited electric power capability; missionaries are dependent on solar power.
- Possibly assisting in the construction of houses: As new missionaries arrive, they need to live close to the tribe they are ministering to.
- Local outreaches: There are many other opportunities for me to assist the missionaries, as well as participate in local outreaches.

I appeal to you, please partner with me in this endeavor, as it says in James 5:16 "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." I desire your prayers, for if I go to Guinea of my own power instead of Gods power, **disaster waits**. I will be listing my prayers on my website and will soon begin sending out a newsletter. If you feel God is leading you to support me financially in addition to prayerfully, please contact me, or go to my website [BenjaminBaum.com](http://BenjaminBaum.com). You can contact me by email at [BenjaminBaum@BenjaminBaum.com](mailto:BenjaminBaum@BenjaminBaum.com).

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