

One Wild Boat Ride!

In February I had the opportunity to travel with two other missionaries, Dan Dore and Hans Jenson, to the island of Katufra. New Tribes Mission has a ministry with the Nalu people on Katufra. The missionaries who live with and minister to the Nalu people are on home assignment until June. We needed to travel to Katufra in order to inspect the missionaries houses, meet with the village leaders, and encourage the believers.

In order to get to Katufra it is necessary to take a 80 km boat ride down a tidal river and out in to the Atlantic ocean. The boat ride to the island was uneventful but it took well over 5 hours in the 110° F sun.

We were able to inspect the missionaries houses and clean up some ter-



Hello from the Island of Katufra.

mite damage. We spent some time visiting with the two believers in Katufra, Papa and Sana. And we paid our respects to the village elders.

The return trip from Katufra, was far from uneventful. The boat we traveled in was very small and was packed to the brim with dried fish. I had to sit on top of the fish for some of the voyage. After about an hour into our voyage we were in the open ocean and the wind began to stir up the waves. The water became very rough, and I almost

flew out of the boat a few times. We were eventually transferred to a larger shark fishing boat, and fished for shark for the next few hours, until the ocean calmed down enough for us to return to our original boat and continue on our voyage. After over 8 hours at sea we were finally able to dock in Kamsar and end our Wild Boat Ride.

(For a more detailed account of this story see my update on my website)

Praise the Lord for our safety. Please keep Papa and Sana in your prayers.



Hans and Dan prepare for our return boat ride.

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

Prayer Requests:

- *Pray for the Guinean Believers, who are experiencing persecution.*
- *Pray that God would send more people to help with the Guinean Missionary School. Specifically pray for more teachers next year.*
- *Pray for the people of Guinea.*
- *Pray for the missionaries serving in Guinea.*
- *Pray for my health. That God would keep me healthy.*
- *Pray that I would be an assistance and encouragement to the other missionaries.*

Help from America with our School Work

In January we were blessed to have a team of volunteers come from America to help with the remodel of the school building. We were able to accomplish a lot of work in the short time they were with us in Guinea. Thanks to their efforts, I

have been teaching my Math class in the remodeled school building for the past two months. The new large chalkboard has been a big blessing. My students can now clearly see their lessons. While the team was here they were also able to

help with the construction of the newest duplex. When completed it will help house the school teachers. Thanks to the teams help we are within a week of completing the newest duplex. This is the second duplex we have build since I arrived

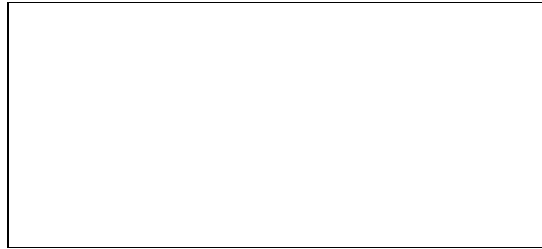
in Guinea in July.

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How do New Tribes Mission's Missionaries Evangelize Tribal People?

Try and imagine how you would try and tell a tribal person about God's plan of salvation. Do they even have a concept of heaven and hell? Do they believe in one god, many gods, or is their concept of god something entirely foreign to our western way of thinking. Do they consider white people, even people, or are they thought to be ghosts or spirits? Do you speak their language? Can you fully share the gospel through a translator, who may or may not have their own agenda? Do you understand their culture? Is a man allowed to talk to a married woman? Is it culturally appropriate to discuss death. Are you supposed to look at someone's eyes when you talk to them, or is this a signal to fight? These and hundreds of other questions must be considered by missionaries who are trying to share the gospel to tribal people.

After years of trial and error NTM has a proven way to share God's plan of salvation with tribal peoples. First surveys are done to determine where the tribal people live, what language do they speak, what do they believe, are they open to missionaries living among them, and many other factors. Once a tribal people group has been selected preferably three to four, fully trained, missionary families move in to a village and begin the long process of learning the language, culture and making

friends with the people. As soon as a missionary enters a village they begin helping the people in anyway they can. This can include village health care, transportation to hospitals, village clinic construction, assistance in getting clean water, helping with food, creating jobs, building schools, teaching literacy, and many other ways.

After a few years, when the missionaries have come to a adequate level of language and culture understanding. The process of preparing the first series of bible lessons, begins. This involves translating portions of the bible, writing up a lesson plan and creating illustrations. The first series of bible lessons start from the creation and continues through to the resurrection of Christ. The tribal people are able to clearly hear in their own language God's plan of salvation through the entire Bible.

After the first series of bible teaching the missionaries continue translating the bible and teaching the next series of bible lessons to the believers. By this time a tribal church has begun. The tribal believers themselves begin sharing their new faith with the other members of the tribe. The missionaries will stay as long as necessary to translate the bible and help support the tribal church. Eventually tribal churches begin to reach out and share

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God's plan of salvation to other tribes.

While this may seem simple, and easy. It often takes many years to complete. It can be as long as 10 years before the gospel is presented in the tribal language. During this time missionaries will witness many people die and slip in to eternity without ever hearing the Gospel. Even during the bible teaching phase it can be disheartening for the missionaries, as Satan will often try to stir up turmoil among the tribal people.

I have the privilege of seeing, first hand, the culmination of years of hard work by countless missionaries in Guinea. God has done a work in peoples life and is continuing to do a work. Please remember to keep the people of Guinea in your prayers.