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I have arrived in Guinea!!!

After much prayer and preparation I have finally arrived in Guinea. God blessed my travels, and I have not had any troubles in my travels. Thank you all for you prayers!!!

I was blessed to attend New Tribes Mission's Pre Field Orientation in Sanford, Florida from June, 28th to July 7th. I learned a lot of important culture adjustment approaches.

I arrived in Conakry, Guinea on July 11th. I spent three days with the missionaries in Conakry.

On July 14th I traveled to New Tribes Mission's Guinean base in the village of Hamdallaye. This is where I will be stationed for the next two years.

I am doing my best to learn the new culture and languages. I say languages not language, because there are dozens of languages spoken in Guinea. My short term goal is to try to learn the greeting for all five of the language groups New Tribes is working with in Guinea. In addition to this I am trying to learn as much French as possible.

Thus far, I have learned only a very small amount of French. I have also been practicing the greetings in Landuma, Susu, and Tanda. Landuma is the language spoken here in Hamdallaye. The Tanda greetings are very complex, and long.

I have been to all of the villages where New



Tribal huts in the village of Ojague.

Tribes has missionaries in Guinea. It has been a very rewarding experience, meeting the missionaries and villagers.

There has been no shortage of projects to keep me busy. I have been able to help repair computers, setup solar power systems, and assist in building projects. I am blessed to be able to support the work God is doing in Guinea.

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

Prayer Requests:

- *Pray for the people of Guinea.*
- *Pray for the missionaries serving in Guinea.*
- *Pray for my health.*
- *Pray that I would be an assistance to the other missionaries.*
- *Pray that I would be an encouragement to the other missionaries.*

A New Testament Church Grows!

The goal of New Tribes Mission is to glorify God by establishing New Testament churches. This goal is being carried out throughout Guinea.

I was able to attend my first Landuma church service on Sunday, July,

24th in the village of Kiyamiya. And a Tanda church service on Sunday, July 31st in the village of Ojague.

I was blessed to hear the Lord being praised in diverse languages through songs written by

village converts.

It is amazing the persecution these believers go through and yet they still hold on to the Gospel.

Please keep these small churches, and believers in your prayers!

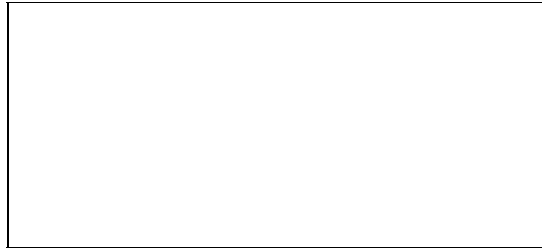
Enjoying a traditional Guinean meal after a Tanda church service.



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Rice fields in the village of Tarencha

What have I been doing?

In this section of my newsletters I am going to try to update you about what I have been doing, or more personal stories.

These first few weeks I have been helping a lot with the various construction projects.

We are building two new duplexes in Hamdallaye. In order to house the new

Everett Halstead looks over the previous days construction on the duplexes.



teachers for the school opening up in 2006. The school will allow the missionaries children to attend school in English. This will relieve the missionaries pressures and difficulties associated with home schooling their children.

I have been working with some of the villagers during the various phases of construction. Please pray for Mohammad, Babe, and Yaya. They are three of the villagers I work with almost daily. I am only able to communicate with them on a very basic level. (mostly pointing and slurred French.) But I am trying to share Christ's love with them in anyway I can.

I have also been helping with construction in the village of Tarencha. Susan Howarth is helping to teach some of the missionary children in the village of Tarencha. It has took a few days to straighten out her house which had not



Pete Doerksen and Everett Halstead install a water tank in Tarencha.

been used in a few years. While in Tarencha I was also able to help setup a solar power system. This will allow the missionaries to have lights and a refrigerator.

When I am not helping out with construction I am repairing computers and electronics.