

## Home Sweet Home!!!

After over 35 hours of traveling, three continents, numerous delays, and an uncounted number of airline meals, I arrived home to my family in California.



**My parents and I at home.**

I have returned home to attend my sister Candie's wedding, on the 10th of September. I will be re-

turning to Guinea on September 18th.

It has been such a big blessing spending time with my family, I have really missed them. It is funny how many things have not changed, and how many things have changed after a year.

One of the things I have enjoyed most about being home is taking long hot showers. In Guinea my showers are mostly cold and I try to take a shower with less than 3 gallons of water.

It is amazing how many of my friends are getting married or are married and pregnant. Congratulations to all of you.

While here in California I am hoping to be able to visit with all of you and to share what God is doing in Guinea. I will be sharing a slide presentation at Calvary Chapel of the High Desert on September 17th at 6:00 p.m. I hope I will be able to see you there.

**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 safe traveling as I travel back to Guinea.*

## School Begins...

On August 7th school began for the students and teachers at Hamdallaye Mission School. This year I am teaching Algebra at Hamdallaye Mission School. I am looking forward to the challenge and opportunity of teaching Algebra. While I am home attending my sister's wedding, one of the High School students who graduated last year, is teaching my Algebra class.

The school has over 30 students and only 5 full time teachers for 8 grades. Even the school principal is teaching 9 classes every

day. Please keep the students and teachers in prayer, as it can be a struggle some days.

On August 5th the Hamdallaye Mission Dorm opened for 15 children. The dorm allows missionaries children to attend the school while the missionaries serve in the various tribal locations. Please keep the dorm kids and the Dorm Parents in prayer.

All things considered the school is going well.

## Not Exactly "Snakes on a Plane"

I understand there is a movie in theaters called "Snakes on a Plane". I am not really sure what to



make of that title. However, in the past few weeks we have been killing snakes at the mission base at an incredible rate. One week we killed six snakes, of various sizes. Most of the snakes are found in the trees, and are shot out.

**The snake in this picture was spotted in a tree. I was able to shoot it out on the first shot. It was a very poisonous snake, and the Guineans were terrified by me picking it up even after it was dead.**

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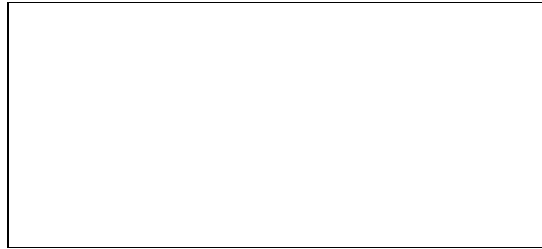
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**My friend Ibrahima.**



**The villagers often come and sell fresh fruit to the missionaries.**

## Time to Eat!!!

Since I have been back I have been asked by quite a few people “What do I eat in Guinea”? Well truthfully I don’t actually eat much Guinea food.

The staple of the Guinean diet is rice and sauce. The villagers try to grow rice in their fields, but they often have to buy rice to supplement what they grow. Two of the favorite sauces eaten by the Guineas are peanut sauce and a sauce made from the red oil prepared from the nuts a Palm tree. The villagers try to add fish, chicken, goat, sheep, or beef to their sauce. However, often the villagers don’t have enough money



**Ginny watches a Guinea lady cook rice**

to add meat to their meals.

I eat rice and sauce an a semi regular basis, however after about three rice

meals in a row, I grow tired rice. Praise the Lord that there are a few stores in Guinea which sell American and European food. However, because the food is imported it can sometimes be expensive. For example a 5lb block of cheese costs \$40.00, name brand cereal costs up to \$8.00 a box, and a Wal-Mart bag of chips costs \$3.85. There are some food items which are almost impossible to find such as milk, lunch meat, and sliced bread.