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## The Building of a Church

In November I had the privilege of helping to build the Boké church. A small group of Christian believers have been meeting for years in Boké at various locations. Finally after years of trying and much persecution from their neighbors they have began the construction of a new church building.

The church in Boké is not an outreach of New Tribes Missions, but rather an outreach from a Guinean denomination. New Tribes Missionaries have been assisting the church in anyway possible for many years.

During this phase of the construction the second story floor was being poured. In order to achieve the strength needed to support the weight, it was essential to



**The Boké Church Under-Construction.**

pour the entire floor that day. So it was my job to bring the missions gas powered cement mixer and to haul water from the river using the tractor and a water tank the mission has. It was a lot of work but we were able to pour the entire floor in one day.

If you look closely in the

picture, on the left had side you can see a mosque being built a few thousand feet away.

Construction on the Boké Church is currently at a stand still do to a lack of funds. Please pray the Boké Church will be a light to the people of Boké, and all of Guinea.

**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 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 Cabinet as he begins Bible School in Conakry.*
- *Pray that God will help me to balance and complete my responsibilities.*

### Praises:

- *Praise the Lord for the resolution to the Strike in Guinea.*
- *Praise the Lord he is healing me from a very bad infection in my thumb.*

## A Connection to the World

I have been telling you for months that we have been trying to install a VSAT, or satellite internet connection at the mission base. We were delayed for over a year waiting for the finances, until God provided them. It took over a month for the equipment to cross the Atlantic ocean and arrive in Guinea. Finally, it took me a few weeks to setup the VSAT dish, solar panels, batteries and various connecting wires.

With this new internet connection we are able to better communicate inside and outside of Guinea, and students at the mission school are able to do research projects using the internet.



**Some of the VSAT power equipment**



**The VSAT dish and the solar panels used to power it.**

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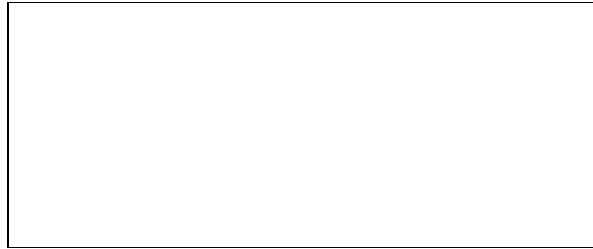
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**It took some work to get the truck I was driving out of this ditch, while working in a tribal village.**



**Brenton and Ryan enjoy their first Guinean meal**



**Brenton, Ryan and I hiking in Doucki**

## What is going on in Guinea???

**Over Christmas and New Years** my brother Brenton and friend Ryan came to Guinea. We were able to travel over 1000 km and see many different areas of Guinea. In addition they were able to assist me in a few project around the mission base. We spent New Years day on Casa Island off the coast of Guinea. It was a very enjoyable time, I really miss hanging out with Brenton.

**My thumb had swollen** up to about three times it normal size. It came to a point that I could not stop the pain no matter how much Vicodin, Ibuprofen, or Aspirin I took. Finally I made it to a hospital in Conakry. At the hospital I was given a shot of Antibiotic, an IV, a

shot of Valium, and three shots of local anesthetics. The doctor then cut three separate cuts and removed a large portion of skin, he also scraped the bone trying to clean the infected flesh out of my thumb. Do to the drugs I was taking, I was unable to think clearly enough to do math for almost a week. Even a month later I still have a large open cut on my thumb, but there is almost no pain. I did not include any pictures in this prayer letter but if you go to:

<http://www.benjaminbaum.com/pictures.aspx?Dir=Mv+Village>

**I have been passing out the Gospel** of John in French, to Guineas who can read French, while I am out doing my various ministries. It can be discouraging not being able to share the Gospel to people due to the language barriers.

**Pete Oliver and I have been** repairing his house in Hamdallaye. The Oliver's are a missionary family who have just finished French and Guinean culture study in Conakry. They will be taking over various support ministries, including some ministries I am trying to perform.