

# The Guinea Gazette

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## From California to Guinea.

I really had a good time while home in California for a month in August, and September. I was able to visit with many of my friends and family. I really enjoyed the month, but it went by too quickly.

I have gotten too used to the hot showers and cold air conditioner in California. It is amazing what we take for granted. My home made solar heated hot water system in Guinea works ok, but the water does not stay warm very long. I am still trying to think of a way to build a cheap air conditioner.

While at home, I had the privilege of sharing the work God is doing in Guinea with my church, Calvary Chapel of the High Desert. It was such a privilege to have this opportunity, in addition to the encouragement they all were to me.

A few days before I returned to Guinea I got sick, and spending two days on an airplane fur-



**My Brother Levi, Sisters Wanda, Lacy and me.**



**My sister Candies' wedding.**

ther exasperated my sickness. I was sick for two weeks after I arrived in Guinea. I am feeling much better now.

It did not take me very long to get back to work once I arrived back in my village. There were numerous pieces of equipment that were in need of repair.

Two missionary families who help with the support work on the missions base will be leaving soon to the U.S., for a few months of home assignment. This will leave large holes in our support team. I have taken a few more responsibilities to help keep things moving.

I am now responsible for buying food for the mission store on the mission base. Once a week I drive to the mining city of

Kamsar, and try to purchase the needed supplies. This can often be difficult because prices change very wildly, and many products come and go. When I return to the mission base store I price all of the items, and put them on the selves. This is not what I thought I would be doing in Guinea. However, the store saves the missionary's a lot of time and is a big blessing. One of my favorite sayings is "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken."



**My sister Karin.**

**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 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 an enjoyable time at home with family and friends.*
  - *Praise the Lord for safety in my travels.*
  - *Praise the Lord he has healed me from a sickness and a very bad spider bite.*

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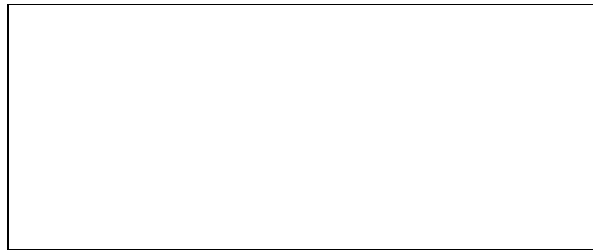
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Chris and Jacquie



Marco and Eli



Seth and Micah

## What is going on???

**A few weeks ago** I had the privilege of traveling to the town of Koundara. We are hoping to begin a new church planting work in the Koundara area. It is a 10 hr drive from our missions base to Koundara. The road is incredibly rough, we averaged only 15 MPH. We only stayed one night in the hotel which costs only \$1.60 a night. I was eaten alive by misquotes while I tried to sleep.

**God has provided** some of the funds needed to install a VSAT satellite internet system for the mission base and school. There are many things that need to be done in preparation for the VSAT including, assembling a power

system with solar panels, batteries, an inverter, and a generator back up. Hopefully, this will be completed in the next few weeks.

**A new well water pump** was donated to a missionary returning to Guinea. We were able to install it on the missions base without too much work. Our old pump was designed to operate on 50Hz but our generator outputted 60 Hz. The new pump operates at 60 Hz, and runs more efficiently.

**It is possible that a work team,** from Calvary Chapel of the High Desert may be coming to Guinea in 2007. They would be assisting with the re-

roofing and repairing of a missionaries house in a village where missionaries are involved in church planting. Please keep this in prayer.

**Sorry no new pictures,** when I returned to California, in August, my camera was stolen out of my bag, which I was forced to check, due to the temporary security restrictions. While at home, I bought a new camera, and took it back to Guinea with me. However, it broke within a month. Hopefully it will be repaired under warranty, but it will take a few months to get it back. So until then I will have no new pictures to share, unless I can borrow one of the other missionaries cameras.