

Hamdallaye Mission School

In September the school year at Hamdallaye Mission School began, just like many other schools. Unlike many other schools, the students of this school are children of missionaries and live in Guinea, West Africa.

While the school does not officially open until next year, grades 2nd to 11th are in session every day.

The mission school is an alternative to home schooling for the missionary children. While some parents prefer home schooling, those parents who dislike home schooling or feel inadequate have an alternative. This allows the missionaries to spend more time and ef-

fort learning the village languages, ministering to the villagers, and translating the bible.

Once the school officially opens next year, there will be over 35 missionary children attending the school. Some of the children who live too far away from the mission base, to be driven in every day, will live in the school dorms, while the school is in session. Please pray that God will provide dorm parents, who watch over the children living in the dorm.

This year I was asked to help with the mission school by teaching a 7th grade math class. While I have never taught in a

school, and my only teaching experience was teaching Sunday school classes. I have taken many advanced math classes in college, but sadly none of my college math classes prepared me for 7th graders! While I only have two students, I have found the experience to be changing and rewarding.

I have also been assisting with the preparations for a school computer lab. We are hoping to have the computer lab ready for the beginning of school next year. We are relying on God to provide the finances needed to properly equip the computer lab and provide an internet connection.

Open your eyes with a Cold Shower!

Guinea and the entire Muslim world's eyes are closed to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In Acts 26:18a Paul was commissioned by Jesus ***"To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God."*** We are also called to preach the Gospel everywhere. As

you have partnered with me in helping to preach the gospel in Guinea, I am also asking you to join with me in opening your eyes every Friday morning with a cold shower. Using this as a vivid reminder to pray for those whose eyes are closed to the Gospel. Cold showers are also a good reminder of how blessed we really

are. Most Guineans will never take a shower in a shower stall or bath tub during their entire life, much less with hot water. You may ask why Fridays? Well Fridays are the Muslim holy day. If you decide to join me in taking a cold shower on Fridays, please email me and let me know.

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

Prayer Requests:

- *Pray for New Tribes Missions in Venezuela. As they are being persecuted.*
- *Pray that God would work out all of the difficulties encountered preparing for opening up the mission school next year.*
- *Pray that God would give me wisdom in dealing with a cultural difference.*
- *Pray for Mohaqmed and the Camara family.*
- *Pray for the people of Guinea.*
- *Pray for the missionaries serving in Guinea.*
- *Pray for my health.*
- *Pray that I would be an assistance and encouragement to the other missionaries.*



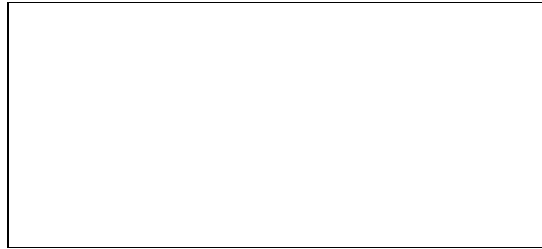
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Number of people committed to pray for those who's eyes are closed to the gospel, with a cold shower every Friday

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Down the road to Kiffinda.

Kiffinda means "Land of Crabs" and there are thousands and thousands of crabs!

I will get some pictures of the crabs next time I go to Kiffinda.

What have I been doing?

In September I was able to help the Nicolson's, a returning missionary family, setup their power system. We had quite an adventure bringing their stuff down from Hamdallaye to Conakry, where they will be living. First the truck that they rented was in poor repair. It was missing the whole right front fender, and there was a large hole in the cab floor which enabled us

Here I am hiding in the back of the cab, With Baumba and the assistant driver.



to breath in diesel exhaust. In addition to that, when ever we went past a check point we had to stay out of sight as not to attract any attention to ourselves.

Once we made it to Conakry it took us over a week to setup the power system. The family has town power most nights, but because they will be working as the New Tribes Mission business and government representative in Guinea, they will need power all day, in order to run computers and lights. I was glad that I was able to help out!



Caleb is working hard putting the inverter on the wall.

Since I don't have a car, I do most of my traveling in Guinea by taxi. Which is an experience in itself, try cramming 7 adults plus loose kids in a compact car. I usually buy two seats, it is worth the extra money not to have to sit on someone else's lap. The next picture is of one of my taxi drivers dinner. He stopped by his house on the way to my destination and dropped it off.

Yummy, hoof it on over, were having hooves for dinner.

