



Spring 2010

TWO PLUS TWO EQUALS FOUR

Dear Prayer Partner,

How excited we were this past January as we welcomed two additions to our family. Amelie Elizabeth (5lbs 5oz) and Annika Sophia (5lbs 13oz) were born on the evening of January 29. In a matter of moments, our family doubled in size! Since that day, our lives have changed in many ways.

Billie experienced a dramatic change, finding herself unable to walk for weeks after the delivery. She required physical therapy to regain her mobility. Of course, another major change was the necessity to care for the needs of our girls around the clock. We feel truly blessed that God has entrusted to us these two beautiful girls. We love them both dearly. Please pray that we will be good parents.

Love in Christ,

David & Billie

AMELIE AND ANNIKA BLESSING

Born January 29, 2010



Guinea Update

We have been encouraged in recent months by the state of affairs in Guinea. Here is a quick recap of significant events:

In December 2008, President Lansana Conte dies prompting a faction of the military to launch a coup and overthrow the government. An officer named Moussa Dadis Camara becomes the de facto leader, initially promising to hold elections by the end of 2009 to restore civilian rule.

Throughout 2009, Camara increasingly shows signs of clinging to power by delaying elections and threatening to run for president himself.

In September 2009, civil leaders and unions stage a protest against the prospect of Camara running for president. Soldiers open fire on the protesters killing over 150 unarmed civilians and wounding more than 1000. The UN later declares this crackdown to be a crime against humanity.



Children are the future of Guinea

In early December 2009, one of Camara's subordinates attempts to assassinate him in retaliation for Camara's trying to pin the blame on him for the September massacre. Camara is shot in the head but not killed. He is medically evacuated to Morocco, later transferring to Burkina Faso to recuperate.

Following the assassination attempt, another general, Sekouba Konate, takes power. Camara agrees to stay out of Guinea until after elections.

Since Konate has taken the reins, the country seems to be progressing steadily toward truly democratic elections in late June. Konate has pledged that no members of the military or the current ruling junta will run in the elections. The interim prime minister has also pledged not to run for election.

All signs point to a first round of elections for president this June which will hopefully result in the first truly democratically elected government in Guinea since independence in 1958.

Please keep the people of Guinea in your prayers. More than anything, Guinea needs the Gospel.

Please pray for:

- ✂ Health for our twin girls
- ✂ Our parenting abilities
- ✂ A peaceful election in Guinea
- ✂ For us to raise enough support to return to Guinea
- ✂ New team members to join us in Guinea sharing the Gospel long-term
- ✂ Opportunities to serve God and share the Gospel right where we are
- ✂ Direction for our return to Guinea

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