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home is Where the heart is

The idea of home can be a little confusing for a missionary. Where is our home, exactly? Is it in Guinea, Africa, where we live and minister most of the time? Or is it in Ohio where our sending church and many friends and family members are? Or is it somewhere else entirely? We have come to the conclusion that home is wherever God has us at the moment. And so for now our home is in northwest Ohio. It is our base of operations for our time of home assignment.

What is home assignment? Home assignment is not a vacation or sabbatical. It is a time to reconnect with our supporters. It is a time to champion the needs of the Fulbe people of Guinea. It is time to recruit new teammates. It is a time to be refreshed and renewed for another phase of ministry in Africa. It is a time to receive additional training. Home assignment is all these things and more.

For us, this home assignment is very special. Our family is doubling in size. Billie is expecting twin girls! Please keep Billie and the babies in prayer. They are due February 14. Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and encouragement.

Love in Christ,

David & Billie

10 Month forecast

- September:
 - 13 Louisville, KY
 - Bardstown, KY
 - 20 Columbus, OH
 - 27 Toledo, OH
- October:
 - 4 Orlando, FL
 - 8 Lakeland, FL
 - 11 North Port, FL
 - 18 Lynchburg, VA
- November:
 - 8 Columbus, OH
 - 15 Danville, IL
 - 22 Toledo, OH
 - 26 Thanksgiving
- December:
 - 25 Christmas
 - 26 David turns 31
 - 27 St. Louis, MO
- January:
 - 4 Cedarville, OH
- February:
 - 14 Twins due
- March:
 - Guinea (David only, 2 weeks)
- April/ May/ June:
 - Possible trips to VA, NC, NJ, CA, CO, and/or Canada
- Early Summer:
 - Return to Guinea for our next term

25,000

Miles we anticipate traveling to share our vision for Guinea while in the U.S. Some states we'll travel through? OH, PA, NJ, NY, MI, AR, IL, IN, FL, GA, TN, MD, CA, NC, VA, KY, TX, AZ, and DE.



Thank you to all who have so faithfully supported us and our ministry. We are very grateful for your prayers and support.



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Churches we have spoken at so far. We have been traveling and speaking at churches since our return to the U.S. In the process, we have managed to publicize the needs of the Fulbe people of Guinea for the Gospel. Praise God for the many hearts mobilized to pray for the lost as a result of our travels.

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Books of the Bible translated into Pular, the language of the Fulbe

3,929,000

Fulbe of Guinea, West Africa who need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Recruiting trips to Florida to cast God's vision for the Fulbe people and to appeal for more workers for His team there. Please pray for Chuck Luke who has decided to join us long term in Labe. Chuck is a nurse and will open wide doors for evangelism. Also pray for wisdom for three single ladies who are praying about joining our team. While we want to have teammates laboring alongside us, we also desire for God to build the team he knows will be most effective at reaching the Fulbe for His glory.



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and counting Guineans dead after protesters took to the streets of Conakry to express their disapproval of the current military regime. During the demonstration, the military opened fire on the crowds. An additional 1200 people are reported injured. The Guinean people have known so much suffering during Guinea's 50 year existence as an independent nation. They need to know the God of all comfort who alone can bring them true peace and consolation.

\$1200



Additional financial support we need to raise per month before we can return to Guinea. Our growing family is leading to higher support needs.

For Prayer:

-  2010 Scripture calendar and translation projects
-  Additional prayer and financial partners
-  Good health for Billie and the twins
-  God to build His team in Labe
-  Continued Pular language learning

For Praise:

-  Safety while we traveled to share our ministry
-  God's provision of a home and a car to drive while on home assignment
-  Opportunities to share about Fulbe ministry

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