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Saying Goodbye. Saying Hello.

"I was watching the girls in the church nursery last night and I had to choke back some tears at the thought of not seeing them for 4 years," our friend said. We feel that way about not seeing you, too. We leave for another term in Africa on Monday, June 20; less than a week away. Our time in the U.S. has been rich. We have been blessed.

As we say goodbye to our dearest American friends and closest supporters this week, we look forward to saying hello to our Fulbe friends and colleagues in Guinea next week. You can imagine the mixture of sorrow and joy that we are feeling at this time.

As we go, we keep our purpose ever before us, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Fulbe people. People like Mr. Bah in the picture to the left need to know the great God we serve.

We are thankful that God has made a way for Billie's friend, Lisa Smith, to travel with us to ease our travels and transition to life in Guinea with two toddlers. Lisa has been one of Billie's closest friends since college. She and her husband, Erik are church planters in Virginia and are parents to four young children. We praise God for His provision for us, and we thank her husband for caring for the children during her three weeks in Africa! We thank you for your prayers, too!

Your Partners in the Gospel,

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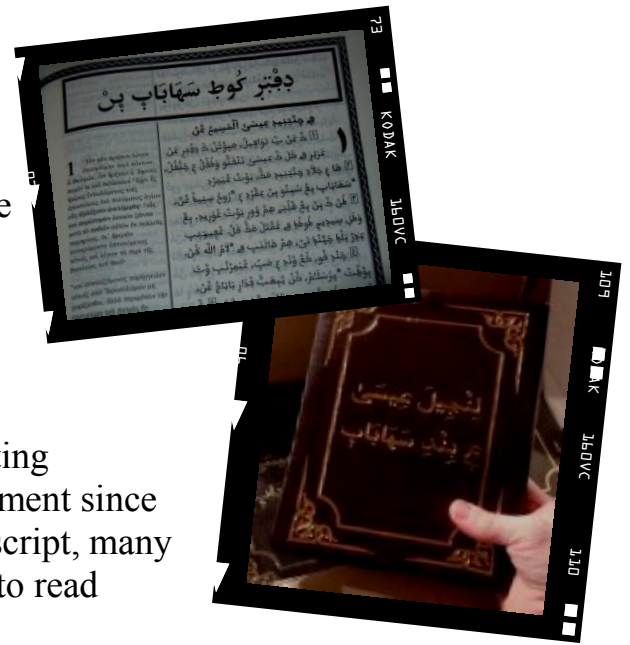


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Good News for the Fulbe

In January, we placed an order for \$1800 worth of Arabic Script Pular New Testaments. Other missionaries also placed orders so that many could be printed at once. Since then, the New Testaments have been printed in South Korea and are currently being shipped to Guinea. These New Testaments will be a valuable tool to share the Gospel.

The Pular language can be written with two different writing systems. We have had the Roman Script Pular New Testament since 2007. Now, with the New Testament available in Arabic script, many people who could not read the Roman script will be able to read God's Word.



The End of the Paved Road

Our African mud brick home waits for us at the end of a long and winding paved road in a small town called Labé. Eight hours separate us from the airport and imported goods such as toilet paper and cheese in the capital city. Goats, cows, snakes, monkeys, and hundreds of people in villages can be seen from our car windows as the miles roll by. Each face we see reminds us why we are there; each face is a person for whom Christ died.

At home in Labé, we visit with our friends and neighbors, shop in the local open-air market, and continually look for opportunities to build relationships and share the Gospel. There are only a few Fulbé believers in Labé so far. We hope that someday, Labe will be home to thousands of believers and hundreds of churches.

Pray Church!

Praise God for providing us great prices on tickets to Guinea.
Pray that we will have safe travels to Guinea on June 20.
Praise God that Lisa is able to travel with us.
Pray for us as we adjust to life in Guinea.
Pray for our protection from illnesses such as malaria and typhoid.
Pray for our language abilities in French and Pular.
Pray for open doors for the Gospel.
Pray for protection from Satan's attacks.

