



David holds our neighbor's youngest baby

Dear faithful friends,

Timing is everything. A baby born to a Fulbe mother in Guinea even one hundred years ago would have grown up with little or no opportunity to hear the Gospel. For the baby sitting on my lap in the picture to the left, the situation is different. He lives across the street from us in Guinea. It is our mission to share the Gospel with him and his family. We pray that he will trust Christ as his Savior. Yes, what a difference timing can make.

For us the time has come to return to Guinea. Our girls are old enough to receive all the necessary vaccinations. We have shipped over essential baby supplies in anticipation of our arrival. The political situation there has stabilized. Within weeks, we will be purchasing plane tickets and visas, packing up our things here, and returning to Guinea.

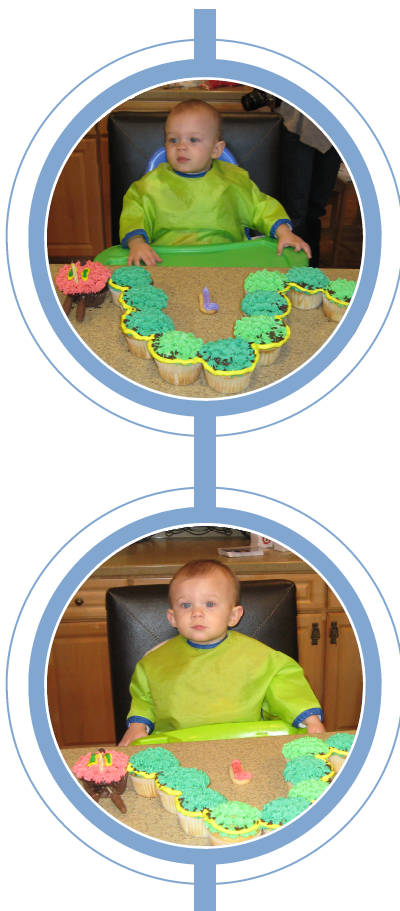
As we return to Guinea, we are single-minded in our focus: share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with as many Fulbe men, women, and children as possible; preach and teach God's Word at every opportunity; lead the lost to Christ and disciple believers. It is our hearts' desire to plant churches among the Fulbe people. Thank you for standing with us in this ministry through your prayers, encouragement, and support.

Your partners in ministry,

David & Billie

Looking to the Future

We stand on the verge of an exciting phase of ministry in Guinea. During our first term, we laid a foundation for fruitful witness through language and culture study. We established a home and developed relationships with people in our town and a few nearby villages. We began to share the Gospel with them through literature, video, and above all, personal evangelism. During our second term in Guinea, we plan to build on the foundation we have laid by sharing the Gospel systematically with friends, neighbors, and acquaintances through chronological Bible storying, Bible study, and personal interaction. Our prayer is that God will open the hearts of the Fulbe people to his truth and that many will trust Christ as Savior. At that point, we will begin to disciple the new believers to be fruitful servants of Christ. We will encourage them to reach out to others with the Gospel. We aim to establish Christ-honoring, Bible-believing local churches.



Pray!

- For God to open the hearts of the Fulbe to the Gospel
- For final preparations for returning to Guinea
- For wisdom in parenting our children overseas
- For the provision of our needed financial support

Praise!

- Amelie and Annika celebrated their first birthday (see pictures to left)
- Peace and stability in Guinea
- A successful trip to Guinea last October

Preparing the Way

As the airplane taxied to a stop at Gbessia International Airport in Conakry, Guinea, I craned my neck to look out the windows. Before the door was even open, I could sense the wave of heat and humidity that would greet me. My cousin, Marc, and I deboarded the plane and worked our way through the maze of immigration, luggage claim, and customs inside the airport. Stepping out of the airport, we pushed our luggage carts and looked for the familiar face of Nathan, WorldVenture missionary and Guinea team leader. When we found him in the crowd, we exchanged greetings and headed to his well-used pickup truck. Our two-week visit to Guinea had begun. I had several purposes in mind. First, I wanted to check on our home in Labé and make preparations for our return to Guinea. Second, I wanted to spend some time with Nathan, getting to know him and showing him our home and place of ministry. Finally, I wanted to reconnect with my Fulbe friends and neighbors. I looked forward to many joyful reunions.



David, Nathan, and Marc



David and Daawuuda

on a dark and rainy evening, we met his wife beside the road and she guided us to the tin-roofed, cinder block house where she and her five girls were staying. There, for the first time I met her twin daughters, Hassanatou and Hussenatou. How special it was to hold these two beautiful babies who are only a month older than our girls. Perhaps our twins and their twins will grow up to be good friends. It is my prayer that just as our girls will be raised to know the Lord, so little Hassanatou and Hussenatou will come to know the Lord through our witness.

After a short stay in Conakry, we headed up country to Labé, our hometown. There we first greeted our guard, Mr. Bah. We congratulated him on the new additions to his family, twin girls. During our stay in Labé, I was able to see several other friends as well. One dear friend I saw was Oumar, our Pular language tutor and a fellow believer in Christ.

I also visited another good friend, Daawuuda, who manages the Total gas station near our house. I discovered that since I last saw him, he had gotten married. He showed me pictures of his wife, and I showed him pictures of our twins. Another friend, Abdul Rahman, shared that his wife had recently given birth. He was eager to tell me about his new daughter. Perhaps the most exciting visit, however, was seeing Mr. Bah's twin daughters. As we arrived back in Conakry



Mr. Bah's wife and twins

Our New Team

In November 2010, we switched to a different missions agency. WorldVenture will give us the support and member care that we desire to thrive on the field in Guinea. We are excited to be a part of this dynamic organization. WorldVenture serves over 1000 missionaries and mission projects in more than 60 countries around the world. It is the vision of WorldVenture to see people of all nations transformed by Jesus Christ through partnership with his church. To find out more about WorldVenture, visit their website at www.worldventure.com.

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