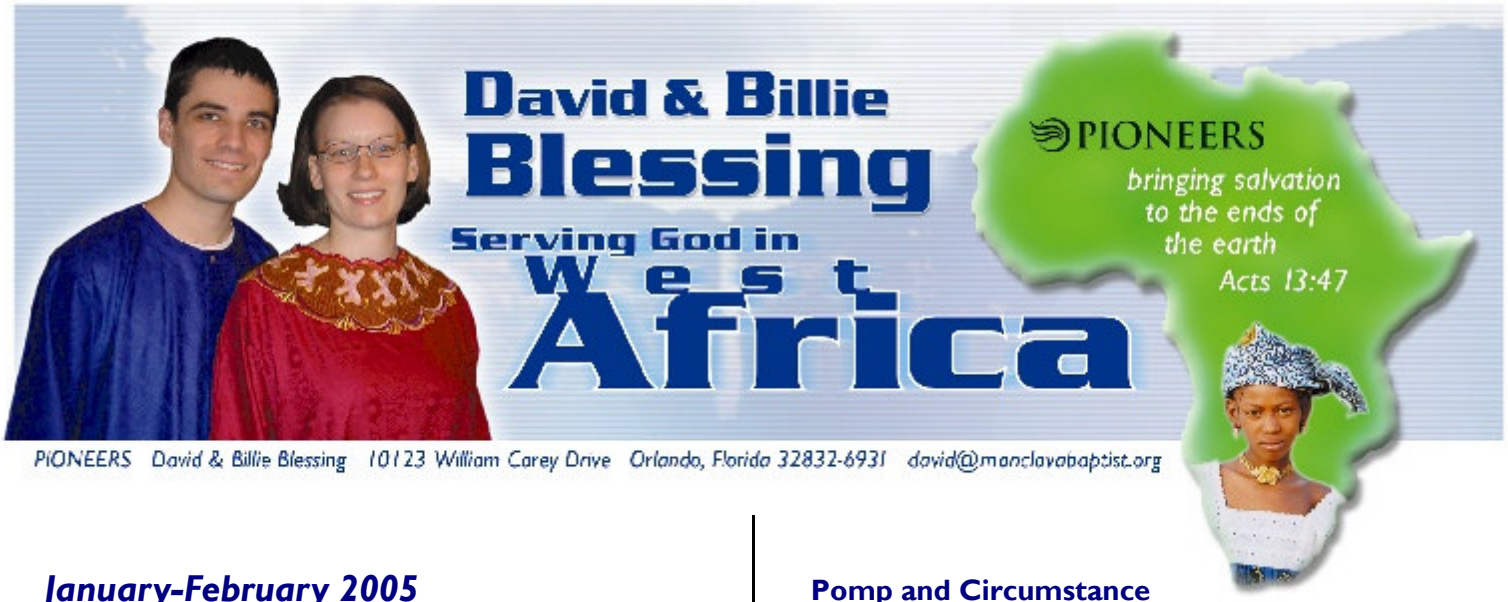

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Dear Family and Friends,

God is doing great things in the world and in our lives. There are more opportunities to take the Gospel around the world today than ever before in history, and we are humbled that God has called us to take part in this great time of harvest. It is our prayer that God will grant us the privilege of sharing the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ with thousands upon thousands who have not yet heard. Please, stand with us as we serve Christ and please keep us in your prayers.

For His Kingdom,

David & Billie

We Need Your Help!

You can be a part of this ministry. Please pray for us. Consider joining our team as a committed intercessor. We are looking for 200 people who will commit to pray for us daily. This ministry also has a financial cost. Take this opportunity to put your money to good use by investing it in God's work. We are personally asking for your support. A response card is included to allow you to indicate what role you'd like to play. Please consider how you can fulfill the Great Commission. Is God calling you to leave the comforts of home to take his gospel around the world? Be open to His leading.

Pomp and Circumstance

What a sweet sound it was as we heard the graduation march last spring! In May 2004, Billie graduated from Liberty University with her bachelor's in missions, and David graduated from Southern Seminary with his Master of Divinity in missions, evangelism, and church growth.

Still Learning, Still Serving

Ministry in Louisville

School may be over but learning never stops. In the fall of 2004, David served in an internship with the North American Mission Board working as a church developer and outreach pastor at Evangelical Church Winning All, an ethnic African church in Louisville, Kentucky. God used the opportunity to teach us many lessons in cross-cultural ministry.

New Horizons

PIONEERS Headquarters

In November, we began the application process to serve as missionaries in West Africa with PIONEERS. This January, we attended the Candidate Orientation Program at PIONEERS headquarters in Orlando, Florida. There, we were appointed to serve as church-planters in West Africa.

It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known . . . Acts 15:20

Partners in Ministry

During the next several months we will work to gather a team of ministry partners to reach the people of West Africa with the love of Christ. We are looking for prayer warriors, cheerful givers, and those with a heart to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. This ministry will not be possible without a committed team. From our home base of Monclova Road Baptist Church, in Northwest Ohio, we will be traveling the country seeking partners in ministry.

Prayer Partners in Louisville, Kentucky

To Africa and the Unreached

Guinean couple with a portion of the Quran

With our team in place, we will be traveling to West Africa to share the Gospel. By God's grace, we will plant churches in the West African nation of Guinea, which is recognized by many as the least evangelized country in sub-Saharan Africa. The country is nearly one hundred percent Muslim. We will be forming relationships, sharing the message of the Bible, and proclaiming the Gospel in a variety of ways. We will train leaders and establish churches. There are many challenges ahead such as adjusting to a new living environment, learning a difficult language, and facing the sure opposition of the devil at every turn. Praise God, for greater is he who is in us than he who is in the world!

Spotlight: Guinea

Population: 9,246,462

Religion: 85% Muslim
10% African Traditional Religion
5% Christian (1% Evangelical)

- Guinea is one of the least evangelized countries in sub-Saharan Africa
- Although there is religious liberty for Christians, in recent years intolerance by Muslims has increased.

Muslims diligently study the Quran but are ignorant of the love of Christ.

The masses of Guinea head to the mosque faithfully every Friday.

Prayer Requests

- God's protection from the schemes of Satan
- Safe travels during the month of March as we journey to Florida and back
- For God to raise up 100 prayer partners by April 30
- That we would have opportunities to share our vision in churches
- God's guidance for us in planning and preparation
- That God would prepare the hearts of people in Guinea for the Gospel
- That God would raise up a team of missionaries to serve in Guinea
- That God would raise up a base of ministry partners in the United States

To learn more about PIONEERS, please visit www.pioneers.org