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Dear Family and Friends,

We just want to praise the Lord for all he has done and continues to do. God truly is good. During these past two months we have traveled many miles sharing our heart for ministry. We have been blessed to see God's people rally around the vision to reach the people of Guinea, West Africa, with the Gospel. We are overwhelmed with gratitude and feel a great sense of anticipation as we wait to see what God will do next. How good it is to serve the Lord!

For His Kingdom,

David & Billie

Join Our Team!

Is God calling you to join our team? We need you! We are looking for prayer warriors to pray daily for the advance of the Gospel in Guinea. If you have a desire to be on our prayer team, please email us at david@monclovabaptist.org. We believe God answers prayer. We are also looking for those with a desire to invest their resources in taking the Gospel to Guinea. You can join our Financial Support Team. Finally, God may be calling you to invest your life on the foreign mission field. We need workers! How shall they hear without a preacher? Your skills can be used for God's glory to bring the lost to faith in Christ!



On the Road



A Real Florida Gator

During the months of February and March, we traveled the road sharing our vision. We journeyed over 4,200 miles through 9 states and shared our ministry over 20 times in various

contexts. We are especially grateful to all those who provided a place for us to stay along the way. We also praise the Lord for a very generous family that allowed us to use their car throughout our trip.

We were blessed to share our ministry with many people. In Georgia, we presented our ministry to the second grade class at Cherokee Christian School.



Mrs. Griffin's 2nd Grade Class

Our New Home



This is NOT our new home . . . yet!

Praise the Lord who answers our prayers before we even ask. A wonderful lady at our church provided a place for us to live during the first three months of this year, but when she

sold her house, we needed a new place to stay. Before we even shared our need, another lady at church invited us to live with her. We give thanks to God for keeping a roof over our heads, and thanks to his servants for their willingness to share their homes.

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but unto thy name give glory . . . Psalm 115:1

What the Future Holds

We are steadily filling our schedule with speaking engagements to share our ministry in various churches around the country. On May 8, David will be ordained to the gospel ministry at Monclova Road Baptist Church (MRBC). At this time, there will also be a formal commissioning service by MRBC to send us to the mission field. We are committed to the necessity of the oversight and involvement of the local church in our ministry. We serve as representatives and servants of Christ and His Church.



Muslims use beads as they pray to a god who cannot hear.



Will this African fisherman become a fisher of men?

Onward to Africa

We have been in regular communication with other missionaries in West Africa to prepare for our arrival there. In Guinea, another missionary couple with PIONEERS awaits our arrival. Eugene and Jeneba Yakohene are missionaries who have left their homeland of Ghana, Africa, to take the Gospel to the unreached of Guinea, Africa. We are looking forward to meeting them face-to-face and serving alongside them. We are encouraged that God seems to be preparing the way for us in Africa.

Profile: Billie Blessing





Billie grew up in Pennsylvania and Virginia. She trusted Christ as her Savior during a Sunday school class at her church in the fifth grade. After high school, Billie enrolled in Liberty University. Billie surrendered to God's call to missions during her sophomore year of college. Since then she has gone on short-term mission trips to Hawaii, Mexico, and Egypt. She has also served in internships in various churches. While in Kentucky, Billie served as a Sunday school teacher, Awana leader, and treasurer in an ethnic African church. She graduated in 2004 with a degree in missions. Billie has a passion to see Muslim women and children come to know Christ as their personal Savior.



Billie, center, holding the baby in red Summer 2002, Cairo, Egypt



Billie teaching Sunday School at our church in Kentucky

-  Born: July 21, 1979 in Hershey, Pennsylvania
-  Saved: at 5th Grade Sunday School
-  Called to Missions: Christmas Break 1998
-  Favorite Food: Chocolate (see birthplace)

Prayer Requests

-  Praise for a new place to live
-  Praise for safe travels during the month of March as we journeyed to Florida and back
-  For God to raise up 200 prayer partners by June 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

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