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Dear Family and Friends,

It has been said, "When man works, man works; when man prays, God works." Your prayers make our ministry possible! We are counting on you.

For His Kingdom,

David & Billie

Sharing Our Vision

God has given us a clear purpose: to share the Gospel with people in Guinea, Africa and plant churches there. God has called us to champion that vision everywhere we go and rally the people of God to respond to the needs of that land. In the past two months, we have had the opportunity to share our vision at several churches in Ohio and Kentucky.



Billie educates some potential missionaries.



A high point was presenting our ministry at our sending church, Monclova Road Baptist. We are blessed to have supportive churches behind us.

Horsemanship 101



Why is Billie riding a horse, you ask? In Guinea, where farm animals are a common sight, it will benefit us greatly to know how to handle them. Now that we live on a farm, we are seizing the

opportunity to learn about many aspects of rural life such as taking care of animals and planting crops.

Ordained to Serve

What exactly is ordination? It is when the leaders of the church formally recognize a person's call to ministry. On May 8, David had the honor of being ordained to the Gospel ministry at Monclova Road Baptist Church. Many of his spiritual mentors questioned him, agreed that he was called to ministry, and voted to ordain him.



Dr. Stephen K. Awoniyi served on the ordination committee.

Two Years and Counting . . .



A picnic for two, one of whom is holding the camera

On May 31, we celebrated our second wedding anniversary by having a picnic at a beautiful park in southern Michigan. The sunny weather and beautiful scenery made for a very romantic day!

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10

Progress Report



40% of monthly support committed



Please pray that God would provide the remaining 60% soon.



Definitions



60% of departure expenses raised

Monthly Support: the amount we need to have committed on a monthly basis before we go to Africa

Total needed: \$3,438 per month

Departure Expenses: fund to cover one-time expenses involved in relocating to Africa and learning languages

Total needed: \$32,262

Prayer Partners: those people committed to regular prayer for this ministry

Total needed: as many as possible

Note: We have been raising support since February 2005.



About 300 prayer partners mobilized

Profile: David Blessing

David was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. His mother led him to Christ as a young boy. During high school, David felt God's call on his life to go to the foreign mission field. David went on to college and seminary in order to prepare to serve God overseas. He has gone on short-term mission trips to Papua New Guinea and Senegal. He has also served in other ministries in various churches. Most recently, David served as the Pastor of Evangelism and Missions at an ethnic African church in Louisville, Kentucky. David has a passion to see churches planted and God glorified among Muslim people who have never heard the Gospel before.



David and some friends
Summer 1997, Papua New Guinea



Giddy up!!
Spring, 2000
Senegal, Africa

Born: December 26, 1978 in Toledo, Ohio

Called to Missions: Winter of 1996

Special Verse: Acts 20:24

Prayer Requests

🌐 Praise for opportunities to speak in several churches

🌐 Praise that God has raised up about 300 prayer partners

🌐 Pray for our language studies

🌐 Pray that we will have opportunities to share our vision in churches

🌐 Pray for God's guidance for us in planning and preparation

🌐 Pray for Eugene and Jeneba Yakohene, **PIONEERS** missionaries in Guinea

🌐 Pray that God would call out a team of missionaries to serve in Guinea

🌐 Pray that God would mobilize a base of ministry partners in the United States

If you feel God leading you to contribute to this ministry, please make checks payable to:

PIONEERS, 10123 William Carey Drive, Orlando, FL 32832.

Include a note designating your gift for the ministry of David & Billie Blessing, Account #010888

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