



Rainy Season 2007

YOU, The Missionary

Dear Fellow Missionary,

That's right, YOU are a missionary. YOU are an ambassador for Christ. And YOU are making a difference right here in Guinea, West Africa! We are blessed and encouraged by all the ways you have given to the missions effort in Guinea. We hope this newsletter will inspire you to find new ways to get involved in missions. May you cast your net far and wide so God may fill it with Guineans for His glory.

Gathering the Harvest with You,

David & Billie



Using Your Gifts & Talents

My husband thinks it's awesome to be able to help you guys with medicine, even just answering questions! *BG, Georgia*

I was wondering if you'd be interested in an idea I have. I want to get my church involved in making handmade teddy bears. I was wondering if something like this might help in your missionary work. I really think that something like this could really help reaching out to children and their families. *MD, Pennsylvania*

My students LOVED having you as our class missionaries. They prayed for you guys every single day!! Giving the parents an opportunity to minister to you at Christmas was a great teaching tool for the kids as well as furthering God's kingdom. *BG, Georgia*



E-mails, Letters, & Gifts

When Billie came to the US and gave a presentation to the women's Sunday school class, she mentioned on her wish list that she would like seasoning packets to take back with her to Africa. I went to Kroger and purchased (seasoning) packets and gave them to her. *DS, Ohio*



Being away from home can be difficult so I try to remember to send them birthday cards as well as other e-cards during different occasions. They need to be lifted up during these special times, too! *HH, Ohio*

I was thinking about sending you a package, is there anything you want/need that the Columbus metropolitan area has to offer? And can you send me your address? *KK, Ohio*



Prayer

It's encouraging to know we are affecting the world together! You are constantly on my mind... and I really mean that! There is not a day that goes by when you are not in my prayers or thoughts. It is truly a blessing to be able to support you the way we do on the other side of the world. *DR, Ohio*

I pray regularly for you two and the folks of Guinea, and our church sends out emails weekly for prayer requests and David and Billie and the area you serve are usually in that request. *WD, Kentucky*

I have been praying for the Blessings since they began their ministry. I have prayed for strength and courage, but also, for doors to be opened for them to proclaim the gospel to the lost people there in Guinea. I pray for protection and a covering over their lives. I pray for peace and an abundance of love to be given to them as they have sacrificed their lives for Him. *HH, Ohio*

We pray for you daily that the Lord will protect you, strengthen you and give you much success in reaching souls for Christ. *DB, Virginia*

For Prayer:

- ✂ More workers for the harvest
- ✂ Pular language study
- ✂ Opportunities to share the Gospel
- ✂ Safe travels as we move to Labe this month

For Praise:

- ✂ Provision of a vehicle
- ✂ Encouraging friends and family
- ✂ Opportunity for Billie to attend a ladies retreat
- ✂ (Mostly) Steady supply of water and electricity

Mobilizing Partners

I have shared your life and story with other people and they too are praying for you. A Christian I work with... meets on Friday nights in a men's prayer meeting and they are praying for you both. *DR, Ohio*

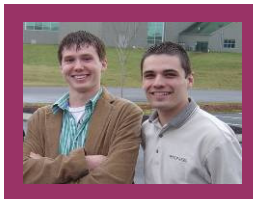
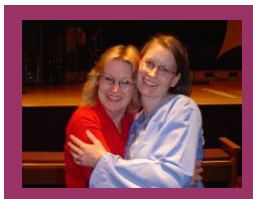
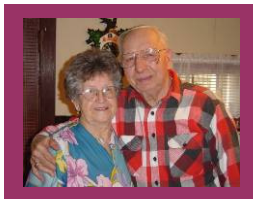
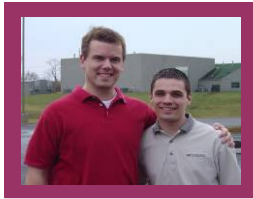
Last semester I was the spiritual life director on my floor at Tennessee Temple University. I was in charge of helping all of the prayer group leaders with lessons and praying with them every week. We prayed for you as a group for 2 weeks and I posted a couple of your letters on my wall along with your picture. God has given me a burden for missions, and it was really good to see others sharing that same burden and love. Though none of those girls had ever met you, they prayed for you and your work in Guinea. *JH, Tennessee*

Putting your needs in our Wed. night mission moment insert lets others know of your needs. *BS, Ohio*

I helped my 5 siblings host a big birthday party for my mother. At the large gathering in a tent in my sister's backyard, I saw a friend, a missionary nurse to the Dagon people in Senegal. She is now home taking care of her mother.

Her mother is 93 years old. She sits in a wheelchair with prayer lists gathered from all kinds of missionaries and churches and prays- 4 hours in the morning, takes lunch, and prays 4 hours in the afternoon. My friend prepares a clipboard every morning with downloaded prayer lists for her mother - and then just leaves her alone to pray.

I was so moved by the mother's ministry and I told her about you and your mission in Guinea. She had me write down everything and you are now in her morning prayer sessions. I'll give her your contact information so she can see your website. *CW, Ohio*



Serve A Week, A Summer, A Lifetime

My last thing to do yet is to get to your field. I believe it is important to go and bring a good report back. Even now Rob and Nate would love to come next year if you have the time. You missionaries are important and we must do our part to encourage, support, and pray. Something as simple as that can be an encouragement to a missionary - that people will take the time to go and help. *BS, Ohio*

Encouragement

When you were here a couple of months ago I was really impressed with your knowledge of the Koran. Understanding the culture and beliefs of the people we love and are concerned with is the start to winning them for Christ, and to have a strong defense is having a winning offense. *DR, Ohio*

I'm so glad to hear your doing well, and I really enjoy receiving your updates every month. You have really been a blessing to me and a challenge in my prayer life and my dedication to God first in my life. Thank you for being great friends in the faith. *JH, Tennessee*

Thank you once again for your update and sharing of your ideas. The calendar idea is great as I have seen it used in at least 2 other countries. It is a great way of getting the Bible into peoples homes. *SS, Ohio*

Financial Support

I have given to the work of God in Guinea by giving above my tithes in offerings at church. My daughter has also given above her tithes during church offerings. *DS, Ohio*

Partners in the Gospel

For we are laborers together with God . . . 1 Corinthians 3:9

As you can see, anyone can be a missionary. In fact, everyone should have a role in bringing the Gospel to the least reached. It doesn't matter if you are old or young, rich or poor, trained or untrained. It doesn't even matter if you've never been out of the country. All that matters is that you are willing to obey God and do what he calls you to do. What is more, missionaries in foreign lands will never be able to accomplish the task alone. It is only as each member of the body of Christ does its part that the unreached will hear the Gospel. I encourage you to find your role in the Great Commission and get to work! *DB, Guinea*

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