



There is intense warfare in Guinea right now. We see the signs as we walk through our city. More and more women are wearing the head-to-toe black burqa, a sign of radical, fundamental Islam. Recently, fellow laborers in nearby regions have informed us of radical Wahabia Muslims shutting down evangelistic teaching points through their influence with local Islamic leaders. Obviously, we are not talking about open, physical warfare, but intense spiritual warfare. This is not the time to slack off in our zeal. Now, join us all the more in intense prayer that God would break the chains of darkness binding this land. Pray that God's Kingdom would come to the nation of Guinea.

From the Front Lines,

David & Billie

Our New Home in Labe

Our relocation to Labe the second week of November marked our third move in 2007, and the 10th since we married nearly five years ago. Labe greeted us with cooler weather, quieter streets, less crowded markets, and beautiful flora. We smile at the sight of quilts piled high on the bed and are glad to say that we have arrived where we intend to settle for quite a while.

Our house includes not only living quarters for us, but also guest housing for small short-term teams and office space. We intend for it to serve as the launch pad for our outreach to the area.

We also negotiated to rent a plot of land behind our house to use for gardening and as a point of interaction with our neighborhood.



Ministry Among The Fulbe

Although our primary ministry at this time consists of learning the language and culture of the Fulbe people, we have found other ways to minister and share the Gospel as well. Late last summer, we participated in a prayer retreat for the Fulbe. In November and December, we created and printed nearly 4000 evangelistic Scripture calendars that missionaries have since been distributing throughout Guinea. Work also continues on our project to translate a book of chronological Bible teaching into Pular. And of course, we are finding many opportunities to make new friends along the way who we plan to share the Gospel with as our language ability improves. David has also shared his technological expertise in the development of an email communication network for missionaries in Guinea.

For Prayer:

- ❄ Pular language learning
- ❄ Relationship building
- ❄ Settling into our new home
- ❄ Georgia's preparations to join us in Guinea

For Praise:

- ❄ Relocating to our target city
- ❄ Trustworthy house guard
- ❄ For God's provision in 2007
- ❄ New and potential team mates

Meet Georgia Grabke

When we were in the U.S. last spring for David's grandmother's funeral, we had the chance to share our ministry in our home church. After one service, a close friend named Georgia Grabke approached Billie and told her that she felt God was giving her a burden to serve him on the mission field.

So after about a year of planning and preparation, we are excited to announce a new addition to the Pioneers Guinea team. On February 26, Georgia will be joining us here. God has greatly burdened her heart over the past few years for the needs of the unreached in West Africa. When she visited us in Senegal over a year ago, she was able to see the needs of this continent for herself.

We are eager to see how God will use her. She comes with the heart of a servant and a willingness to do whatever God leads her to do. We expect her to help us set up our Pioneers office and guest house in Labe, help us host visitors, spend time praying for the people, learn some language, and make friends in order to share the love of Christ with them. Of course, we are waiting to see exactly what doors of service God will open to her. Please add Georgia to your prayer list as she prepares to serve God in Guinea.



God Provides

We had many reasons to thank the Lord in 2007, not the least of which was his provision of a vehicle for ministry in Guinea. We searched long and hard until we found the vehicle that God had for us. By buying a used vehicle in-country, we were able to save much money and free up funds for use in other areas of ministry.

We also praise God for his provision of running water in our home due to the installation of a water tower in our courtyard, limited electricity through a combination of solar power and city power, and an internet connection in our office that allows us to stay in touch with friends and family and handle many important and necessary administrative tasks.



Happy Holidays

Our Thanksgiving was celebrated with some colleagues in a remote village. This year there was much to be grateful for. The imported turkey, solar cooked chicken and hand-drill-mixed mashed potatoes were well worth the 2 hour drive over rough Guinean roads. Check out David's driving skills online at our blog.

Christmas was spent at home in Labe, just the two of us. With moving boxes stacked high and no sign of commercialism, our only touches of home included stovetop stuffing, cranberry sauce, and Southern sweet tea. We also had a chicken, glazed carrots, garlic roasted potatoes, and cappuccino muffins. While the food was great, sharing the Christmas story with our day guard, Mr. B, was the highlight of our holiday season.



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