



**Summer 08**    **Something to Write Home About**

As you read of all God is doing in Guinea, it is our hope that you will be encouraged as you see how God is answering your prayers.

Please continue to pray for us as we endeavor to faithfully serve God in West Africa.

Excited about gathering the Harvest with you,

*Daawunda & Bella*

### The Village Called "Mountain"

Earlier this summer we piled into a truck with another missionary and four interns to begin a bumpy journey to a village called "Mountain." The village is aptly named, as it is perched on the side of a tall mountain. After a 45 minute drive we reached the end of the road, unloaded our truck and prepared to hike the steep trail to our destination. With sun scorching and no wind blowing, we followed the well worn path, heavy laden with bags of food as gifts for our hosts, Pular Scripture, and projection equipment.

Our desire was to show the film called, "Jesus," and to sell Scripture. The villagers were ecstatic to see us, enamored by the white people who spoke Pular, and honored that we *really did* return as we said we would the week before on our survey trip.

Mountain Village poured out their hospitality on us. They honored us as only Guineans can. They brought us oranges to eat, listened as we recounted the story of creation, and gathered to hear guitar music that glorified the Living God.

As the golden sun descended into a jade valley, we set up our projection equipment in the open air. We hung a sheet to serve as a screen. The outdoor theater didn't last long, though, as storm clouds rolled in, overtook the cerulean sky, and African rains began to pour down. Our host moved us indoors to the largest room he could find in the village. It measured about 15 by 20 feet.

After a dinner of rice and meat, sitting on the floor around a common bowl, we waited for everyone to arrive for the film. More than 75 people came to watch. Some had never seen a movie before. Some had never heard the name of Jesus. All were greatly affected by the story of Christ.

The next day we sold all the Scripture we had brought and had to leave some people empty-handed, with the promise to return with more. As we packed our things, the children helped us carry our baggage down the mountain. By God's grace, He has opened a door of ministry for us. We intend to follow up until we see the village called Mountain put their faith in Jesus the Messiah.



### Key Ministry Projects

We are currently creating the 2009 evangelistic Scripture calendars that missionaries will distribute throughout Guinea. The Scriptures have been chosen and a graphic designer in the U.S. is illustrating them.

Work also continues on the translation of a book of chronological Bible teaching into Pular. Please pray for these key ministry projects.

## Three... Two... Three!

As planned, Georgia left to return to the U.S. at the beginning of June. We were sorry to see her go, but hope she will be back early next year for another visit. Georgia's ministry had a great impact. She impressed us with her commitment and perseverance. She faithfully studied the language, helped out wherever she could, and was a real blessing to the team. People here still ask about her and have fond memories of her visit.

After 48 hours of travel, Karilyn landed in Conakry on July 13. She is from PIONEERS' Canadian base and is here for six weeks to learn more about Muslims, discover life and ministry among the Fulbe, and get a closer glimpse of God's heart for the nations.

Karilyn is taking French classes and is working with stroke, carpal tunnel, and arthritis patients in homes and hospitals. She hopes to show the missions community how to make a difference in the quality of life for Guineans with physical therapy needs. Pray that Karilyn will have an eternal impact on the hearts and lives of therapy patients she works with, and that she will see how she fits into God's plan for missions.



### For Prayer:

- 🌀 Calendar and translation projects
- 🌀 Mountain village ministry
- 🌀 Pular language learning
- 🌀 Fulbe partnership meeting

### For Praise:

- 🌀 Georgia's safe return home
- 🌀 Karilyn's safe arrival
- 🌀 God's provision of a vacation for September
- 🌀 Opportunities to share the Gospel with friends



## Name Games: Fulbe Life and Culture

Four common last names exist among the Fulbe of Guinea: Bah, Barry, Diallo and Sow. Each one has a joking relationship with those of another name, the Bahs with the Diallos, and the Barrys with the Sows. We have taken the last name of Bah. When we meet a Diallo, they jokingly accuse us of being thieves. We reply that they are liars. They then counter that we are slaves (and that they themselves are rulers), while we respond, "We know you eat vulture" (something Fulbe do not do). Sometimes other jokes follow, and the stories about each other can be quite comical. The games Fulbe play to poke fun at one another add laughter to life in Guinea.

### Dates to Pray For

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| August 7  | Mountain Village follow up                          |
| August 24 | Karilyn leaves Guinea after her six week internship |

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| September 2-5  | Meeting for missionaries working among the Fulbe in Guinea |
| September 6-28 | Vacation                                                   |

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