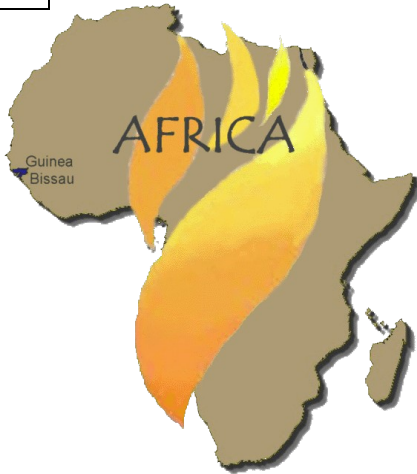


FLAMING NEWS

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Freedom Life African Ministries
Emmanuel



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Greetings in the name of Jesus.

Our missionaries arrived in Guinea Bissau Friday, October 20 and report good travel and arrival with all suitcases in tow. That is always a concern. They have been extremely busy since their return. Before our board meeting on November 13, we received very encouraging mail from them. They had meetings with Tiago and Chenda. The progress chart was reviewed and updated with realistic goals for the end of this year 2006. They have running water! There is a long-range class schedule chart. Good plan!

Before I go too much farther, let me say that every thing did not go perfectly. This is to keep all of us on the alert and know our need to lean on our God – the rock! Before they left Seattle they realized they were missing one set of tickets. Herb's son Jim tried to get to the airport on time but missed them by a few minutes. They were thankful there were other options though it cost money and a long wait to get duplicate tickets. The time for the move from one airport to another in London was cut short by getting to London later than planned. But. . . they made it.

Adjusting to the extremely warm and humid weather was not easy. They were thankful to arrive and spend some time in Bissau in a home having air-conditioning with one of their sons-in-the-Lord.

On Saturday they arrived in Canchungo after a busy day of shopping and riding on roads that were filled with "ponds". The first few days they experienced more thunder, lightening and rain than in other years. Their arrival also meant callers galore. It was great to be so lovingly welcomed, but they found it difficult to settle in quickly. All this excitement and then being sleepy, weary, and tired; so much to do and troubled with jet lag.

One of the men in their neighborhood was killed in a Guinea Bissau "war". This left a neighbor a widow. Since she is not a Christian she may be a disciple in waiting. Pray for a positive relationship between Segunda and the Reynolds.

Sunday the church family welcomed them. They also experienced a heavy storm and had some clean up to do in kitchen and veranda. Bugs are also a bother. As Martha writes, "Ah, yes, this is Africa!"

Monday it was back to work. Tiago arrived late but they were able to hear some of the progress for the Jesus Industrial School. Tiago is also a great source of information about Guinea Bissau itself – the economy, politics, and so forth. He is the man of the hour in relationship with the government because he lives in Bissau, the capital. This often causes problems too because he is not in Canchungo. But we are thankful for the assets he brings to our organization. We might like to have him for headmaster, but he cannot leave his home and family in Bissau. Therefore we need to find someone to fill the position of headmaster.

Before Herb and Martha left we were really concerned about the container getting off on time. One of the members of their/our church had helped with the loading before and had prepared a wonderful plan. The container was to be delivered to a terminal in Lynnwood, but it did not arrive when scheduled. It was delayed until after the man with the plan was away on a holiday. However without fail God has someone to stand in our place. Not one of us is indispensable, I guess! Time was a premium to get the container filled. Items had to come from storage at the Reynolds' home. I wish I had been around to see the precision used in filling the container. There might have been an inch between the small jeep (Now isn't that a

wonderful gift?) and the back closing. Martha says there was a bit of room on the jeep's hood! The last minute the vehicle registration was not on board. This delayed things and also increased the cost. However, the container left the states on November 8, a bit later than we thought. It was scheduled to arrive in Bissau on November 28. We can't imagine all the belongings that found a place in the big box on their way to Canchungo.

A couple evenings before Herb and Martha were to leave, the missions committee from their home church, the FLAME board, and others who wished, gathered for a farewell dinner at the Olive Garden in Lynnwood. It seemed a good time of fellowship and closure to a very busy summer at this home. (Martha says they go from one home to another – lots of work to move twice a year!)

November 6 was a big highlight for them - the first graduation ceremony for the students who completed the pilot class in Auto Mechanics. Ten students gathered with families and friends. Martha gave a speech, as did Pastor Chenda and Daniel Tomaz (the instructor). Two radio reporters were at hand and presented the news on local stations at 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. I wonder what effect this exposure will have for JIS (Jesus Industrial School).

We've talked about mechanics classes, sewing classes, and perhaps carpentry. The dream has expanded. On a proposed long-range class schedule – into 2010 – I see classes, in computer, electrical, and starting a small business. Thank the Lord for this foresight! Pray for students to fill the classes!

You probably cannot imagine – I can't – as to how many employees are needed to get and keep this school going. I mentioned that the board had to review many job descriptions this past spring and summer. Herb, who has a business background, was kept busy grinding them out. Teachers, headmaster, and some others may be a given. How about janitors, guards, keepers of the house – especially when the missionaries are at home here – translators? Then we still have much work to be done.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED:

We are called by God to be channels of His love, messengers of His Word and instruments of the Holy Spirit to bring the people of Africa into the fellowship of Christ and His Church.

- To fill jobs of all kinds with folks who profess Christ in such a way that it can be seen in the way they live.
- To make cement available to complete the building of the wall around the school.

Maybe you feel inclined to send a contribution for cement – anywhere from 40 to 100 dollars?

- That sewing machines will be available. An idea here: perhaps you would like to give enough for one sewing machine: cost is about \$240. I can just see one with your name on it. The student can write you a thank you.
- Pray for our missionaries' health, patience, wisdom, and add what comes to mind!
- Pray for missionaries to be called to to this field of work.
- Pray for the container to arrive in a timely fashion and with all items in tact.
- You have probably noted other prayer needs as you read through this newsletter.

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More information can be gleaned from our website.
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- Herb and Martha Reynolds
- want to wish you a Blessed Christmas! May the Christ child of Christmas with His Father and the Spirit give you a wonderful love filled 2007.