

FLAMING NEWS

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Freedom Life African Ministries
Emmanuel



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Greetings in the name of Jesus.

Herb and Martha are home from Guinea Bissau after a very successful time in Africa. At least it seems that way to me. When they arrived in Guinea Bissau in January very few of the 12 projects left behind were done, but when they headed back to the states in April all was complete except for a bit of electrical work. THANK GOD WITH US AND THEM!

In the last newsletter we were excited because the container had arrived in Bissau ahead of schedule. However, that was not a bed of roses. Problems occurred before the container could be brought to its place in Canchungo. The paperwork was horrendous and passed through so many hands it seemed to take forever. Getting it through customs and the port of Bissau is only the beginning of the battle. Next it needed to be transported to Canchungo. Getting the container off the truck? Well it fell on its side. Thankfully all the materials inside had been packed so well that nothing was damaged. Some sturdy helpers, assigned by Pastor Chenda helped unpack it, brought necessary items to the Headquarters, and placed the rest in the Evangelica Church where it was secured. The school building was not yet finished to the point of having it secure. The church was secured so that no one would be able to see into it. So Herb and Martha made a switch with the church body – they met in the school room intended for the

sewing class – an area larger than the church building. What wonderful cooperation!



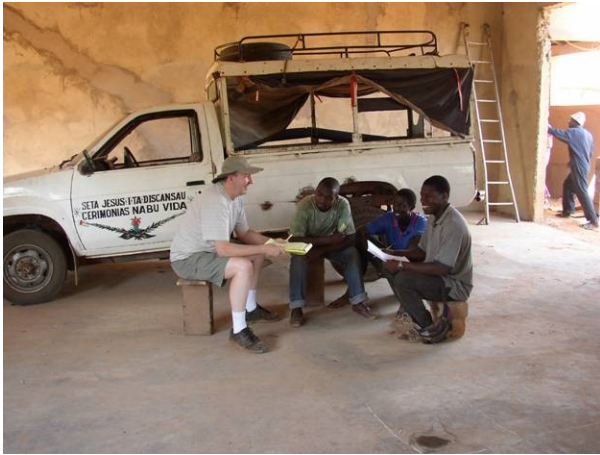
Herb and Martha are committed to reporting on the contents of the container. The paint, equipment for the classes, etc. will benefit our school directly. However, many items were brought to help others.

Hospital beds can give comfort to those who are seriously ill because they now can lie on mattresses instead of plywood.

Garden seeds bring joy and better nutrition. At one time Martha visited a church where the only thing growing in the garden was onions. “Why only onions?” she asked. The answer, “It was the only seed we had.” The folks can hardly wait to plant the carrots and other veggies. But it isn’t only the items from the container that make them happy. It is the school itself.



Most government schools may operate or more than likely will not operate because the money is used elsewhere and probably not for a just cause. So education is not available for many. Pastor Chenda experienced this when he was young – no school at all in his village. Perhaps next time we can send his testimony –it’s great. I haven’t met the man, but I love him for all he has done to help FLAME.



In our last letter we said that Dale Boyce, our master teacher for mechanics, should be home soon. What a great time we had at our board meeting after he returned! He was so excited and got us all excited too. In fact, he has joined the board. Praise God. Not only was he involved in teaching David and Daniel who will be the teachers of mechanics at the Jesus Industrial School, but he enjoyed shopping for food and other needs in Canchungo. He really fit into the culture there. I hear he would like to return. Maybe more of us should take the plunge! Anyone ready to go as master teacher for sewing? Soon we will need a master teacher and tools for construction classes. The classes will be filled because the Guineans are eager for education. We have placed notices in many places. **However, when they come will we have the funds to pay the teachers, the guards, the janitor, and everyone else needed to carry on the education at Jesus Industrial School?** We have a great need for money as well as supplies. Some of the supplies we again hope to send via container/s late this summer. Here is a list of items we need – FOR AUTO MECHANICS:

1. Repair manuals in Portuguese 2. Coveralls, Cintas, overall 3. Loose nuts and bolts 4. Computer for manuals CD/DVD 5. Sockets, larger than 1 inch metric 6. Ear protection 7. Posters of car parts – exploded views 8. Battery charger – not just trickle type 9. Test light – probe type 12 volt 10. Battery cable ends 11. Repair check lists 12. Clip boards 13. Welding machines. AND OTHER:
1.5 blackboards & erasers 2. Overhead projectors & transparencies 3. Fire extinguishers(6) 4. Computers with hard drives loaded – windows and office 5. Mop bucket – mops (industrial size) 6. Janitor brooms 7.

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.

Paint brushes 8. First aid kits (4) for classrooms
9. Free standing flag stands 10. Bulletin boards – large for whole school – 3'x4' cork with stick pins for office.

Some prayer items for you!

- Thanks be to God that the school building is ready for occupancy!
- Pray that the instructors who come forward may live truly Christ like lives as well as have insights into the material they are sharing. Classes begin now!
- Pray for wisdom and efficiency for the FLAME board.
- Pray for the country and leaders of Guinea Bissau. May there be an atmosphere of integrity and honesty and compassion. May the political situation be stable.
- Pray for wisdom for our missionaries as they deal with the African way of life. Give them patience and good health, safety, and a servant heart.
- Pray for students to be eager to learn skills and receive information about Jesus. Pray that Guineans may be able to establish their own industries.
- Pray that funds - \$57,000 for the remainder of the year - may be available to meet our budget.
- Thanks to our God for foiling an attempt to steal equipment. Prayer for protection for our guards.
- Pray wisdom for Tiago and Pastor Chenda as they oversee the school in its beginning operations.

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More information can be gleaned from our website.

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