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Work continues in earnest – both at the Jesus Industrial School (JIS) in Guinea Bissau and in Seattle, Washington. There are several exciting things to report and many on-going needs to pray about.

Plans for providing English classes at JIS are under way. An English friend of Herb and Martha's is in Canchungo and has offered to give some training to the instructor who will be teaching these classes. People in Guinea Bissau and surrounding areas are beginning to realize the value of learning English as an additional language. This skill will allow them to better communicate and function in the world market. Reading English will also allow them to read instruction manuals and textbooks. The costs involved in this type of class are primarily textbooks and/or workbooks. Pray for textbooks.

There continues to be interest shown in the computer classes. The Guinean people realize computers and computer related skills are necessary in order to be active in the world of commerce and communications. Plans are under way to start a class of 8 to 10 students in a temporary classroom. Pray for students.

We praise God that He has provided a qualified instructor for both the English and computer classes.

FLAME currently has 12 desktop computers at JIS. Joel, the headmaster at JIS, has reported there are approximately 60 prospective students for the computer class. FLAME's response to this exciting challenge is limited by the resources needed to equip the classroom. To limit the exposure to dust, we need a ceiling and glass windows. Ceiling fans would help with cooling in the room. The most important factor needed, however, is electricity.

Currently, funds are needed to enable FLAME to purchase a solar power system to be shipped in the next container to Guinea Bissau. A solar power system would address the issue of available electricity. God has provided the solar system – we need the power system to harvest it. FLAME is currently using a diesel generator that

provides 8000 watts. This provides enough electricity for the auto mechanics and sewing classes, but does not meet the additional needs of desktop computers with monitors. One solution to the shortage of electricity problem would be to use laptop computers rather than the desktop versions currently available. One more thing to pray about!!

We were blessed to have Okorie Kalu, the West Africa Regional Director for the Navigators, visit us in May. The FLAME Board met with Okorie and begin the process of developing a partnership to further the work being done in Guinea Bissau. This is an exciting venture which, of course, needs your prayers.

FLAME sponsored a dinner on May 10 at First CRC. Okorie was our guest speaker – what a privilege and treat to listen to his message. We also enjoyed a delicious Guinean style meal of fish, rice and vegetables, as well as coke and pound cake – considered a real treat in Guinea Bissau. Opportunity was given to support the work of FLAME both financially and prayerfully.



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