

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MEANS TO US

Tim & Beth Heiney – Joel, Jonathan, Katie & Andrea

It's great for us to know who is supporting us and to have a relationship with them. We have so enjoyed getting to know the churches and even individual members and supporters and the friendships that we have developed. The Kansas partnership with our whole Guinea field lets congregations know who they are supporting and who they are praying for. And we can be part of a district and its events, allowing us to run across our supporters even more often and in even broader contexts. Kansas has been a great blessing to us and our ministry.



Tim & Heidi Norton – Philip & Leslie

The partnership with the Kansas District for us has meant bedrock support - something that we can always count on. Every month in our newsletters we send out prayer requests. We know that

those are lifted to the throne of grace on a regular basis on our behalf. This consistent reliable support in prayer has blessed us in many ways. So many times we've experienced comfort in difficult situations, we've seen breakthroughs in challenging areas, and we've known that no matter what the emotional, physical and spiritual toll our work takes on us, there are people who are always behind us making it possible for us to be here. We want to express our heartfelt thanks.

Andrea Herman

Knowing the Kansas District has chosen to partner with the work of LCMS World Mission in Guinea is very encouraging. The financial support provided enables us to be here, fulfilling God's call on our lives. However, the relationships that have already begun to develop between myself and my TIM congregations is an added blessing. Knowing that my TIM congregations and their members are praying for me specifically and regularly is tremendously encouraging. One of my TIM congregations has given me the additional encouragement of sending me a calendar, indicating who from their congregation is praying for me each and every day of the year! That kind of involvement and prayer support is so precious to me, living and working so far from family and friends. Thank you all for your prayers and support!



Jack & Cathy Carlos – Raymond & Hannah

It has been a great blessing to our family to have met many of you as we have visited Kansas. It was wonderful to be able to share what God is doing in the mission field of Guinea, West Africa among the Maninka people. We couldn't do the work we have been called to without you. We know that when we go, you go with us! You are a blessing to our family and to the kingdom of God. Thank you for being our partners in mission!



SUPPORTING OUR MISSIONARIES

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GOING TO GUINEA!

In the past, Rev. Tim and Beth Heiney organized and led several trips to Guinea -



theological education, agriculture, education, medical. With all of our Guinea missionaries now located in Siguiri, it's time to begin those trips again.

The first trip is planned for March 2-23, 2010, with District staff members Rev. Rocky Mease, Jim Bradshaw and Debbie Crites, Guinea Task Force members Jane Limback and Nina Borgstadter, and Mission Board member Betty Kruse and her husband David. There are three main goals of this trip.

1) To be a blessing to our missionaries.

- ◆ leading a spiritual retreat for them and learning how we can better care for their spiritual and emotional needs
- ◆ helping to vision the direction for mission work in Guinea and future short-term mission trips.

From Beth Heiney: "There are many factors that make life quite difficult out here. One difficult thing is always worshipping in a language that is not our mother tongue. Because of where we are living, we often feel spiritually fatigued and worn out. We would like to get together as a team and enjoy a time of spiritual rest and refreshment."

2) To be a blessing to the church in Guinea.

- ◆ visiting Siguiri and the forest region to meet local church workers and people.
- ◆ delivering evangelism materials and supplies for use in villages and schools.

3) To be a blessing to the people of Kansas.

- ◆ connecting congregations and individuals here in Kansas with our missionaries and their work in Guinea.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Would you please consider offering your support for this trip to Guinea in March?

◆ **PRAYER** - there is nothing our Guinea trip members and our missionaries covet more than your prayers. Pray for: continued stability in Guinea; safe travel to, from and in Guinea; good health; spiritual growth and renewal; developing relationships with our missionaries, with each other and with people in Guinea. Need more ideas for prayers? Try these!

✝ Use your church newsletter to encourage prayer for our missionaries by including the monthly Guinea Prayers on the Kansas District website, www.kslcms.org, and click on Guinea Partnership

✝ Subscribe to a missionary's mailing list and read the newsletter regularly. Include the missionary's prayer requests in your daily prayers.

✝ Pray mission prayers throughout the week!

Sunday – Pray for the young churches, the national leaders and for all the believers.

Monday – Pray for missionary family members to have good health, safety and close relationships with Jesus and with each other.

Tuesday – Pray that God will give the missionaries everything needed to do their work well.

Wednesday – Pray for peace in Guinea. Pray also for the people in Guinea to hear and believe the Good News of Jesus.

Thursday – Pray that God will give them enough food, rest, fun and protection to keep them healthy.

Friday – Pray for the emotional needs of missionaries - that God would comfort them when they are lonely, sad or discouraged.

Saturday – Pray that God will bless their times of Bible study and prayer. Pray that God will strengthen them against temptation and sin.

✝ Join together with a group of friends and regularly pray that God will raise up national workers and missionaries.

◆ **Financial** - the estimated cost of this trip is \$3,000/person, which includes transportation, travel insurance, visa, lodging and food, etc. Each person has committed to raising his/her own support. Maybe your congregation could designate an offering from a special service such as Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas or New Year's; proceeds from an Advent dinner; Sunday school offerings; or a door offering. Thank you for your support!

For more information about our Guinea missionaries - prayer requests, prayer cards, newsletters, pictures, email and mailing addresses - visit the Kansas District website's Guinea page:

www.kslcms.org/ks_guinea



TOGETHER IN MISSION

Through the Together In Mission (TIM) Program, a congregation "adopts" a missionary, partnering with them and God in the greatest enterprise of all – making disciples of all nations. As a TIM partner, you agree to:

- ◆ Pray regularly for your missionary.
- ◆ Develop a personal relationship with your Missionary through regular communication.
- ◆ Offer hospitality to your missionary and family when on home leave.
- ◆ Financially support your missionary's work in proclaiming the Gospel.

There are currently 62 TIM congregations in Kansas, partnering with missionaries in Guinea, Russia, Taiwan, Latvia and Hong Kong.

