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Dear Friends,

We are so blessed to be able to write and first of all, thank you all for the tremendous support and encouragement the Kansas District has been for the missionaries and the church in Guinea, West Africa. Through this partnership we have been able to continue working in this area of the world so aching for hope. And what greater hope than the hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ!

Recently we have seen God beginning to “move the pieces” again in the ministry in Guinea. As the National Church, based in the Forest Region, begins to function more and more on its own, our focus is beginning to shift toward a work that was started some years ago among the Maninka people of Guinea. Jon and Sharon Oetting, then later Tim and Heidi Norton and now Andrea Herman as well, have worked among this predominantly Muslim people group and we are seeing some exciting results. Recently we made the decision to move to Bamako, in Mali. The reasons began as more administrative but as we began to talk and pray together as a team, we began to see that there were very strong reasons ministry-wise to make the move as well. So God had now moved our entire team into this same region.

And then came more exciting news. We heard that Jack and Cathy Carlos were considering returning to Africa. They had served here before but were forced to leave because of family issues. They are now ready to serve in Africa again, and will be serving along with our team, among the Maninka people. We see this as another way that God is putting people into place so that He can do a mighty work among the Maninka people of Guinea. Of course we can't see into the future, but we can look at how God is moving and be ready to step into doors that He may swing open for us. We believe that's what is happening now.

We want to thank you in advance for being willing to seek God's guidance in how He can best use you in the active support of a missionary family. This is a wonderful chance to jump into an exciting mission opportunity at the ground level and watch God at work.

Blessings as we continue hand in hand in the work that God has called us to until He returns!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Heiney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with large loops and a long tail.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth E. Heiney". The signature is cursive and elegant, with a prominent initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Tim and Beth Heiney
Guinea, West Africa