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# Carlos Family Times

Together In Mission to Guinea, West Africa

## 2008 in Review

Greetings in the Name of Jesus from our family to yours! God guides us through the years, each year has memorable moments, and 2008 was no exception for our family. Here are some highlights:

- Raymond caps off his high school swimming career as section champion in two events
- Hannah is active in drama, the school newspaper, track, choir, and guitar
- Raymond graduates from John F. Kennedy (JFK) High School and is attending Hennepin Tech in the EMT program
- Hannah is a junior at JFK and is a member of the National Honor Society



## Hey, we heard you are going back to Africa!?!

Well, you heard right. We are going back to Africa! In October, Jack and Cathy both accepted calls to serve as missionaries to the Maninka people in Guinea, West Africa. Many of you know that our family served in Africa about ten years ago. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to go back.

However, before we can be deployed, we have a lot of work to do. We need to raise financial and prayer support for our mission, take some classes including CPR/First Aid and Community Health Evangelism, and learn French. There are also many logistical things that need to be taken care of such as finding homes for our dog and cat, selling our home, and making sure that Raymond (he will remain in the US) is settled wherever he decides to continue school.

This all seems a bit overwhelming, but we know that with God's guidance and your prayers and support, everything will work out just fine!

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# The Adventure Begins

We are looking for opportunities to share our story with all of you! We would love to come and speak at your church – to the congregation, Bible study group, LWML group, or at a mission event. We also have materials such as DVDs that we can send you that provide information about Guinea and the work we will be doing there. Please contact us about a speaking engagement or for more information.

## Guinea, West Africa

God willing, our fundraising efforts will go well and Jack, Cathy & Hannah will leave the US in late August of 2009. Jack and Cathy will attend nine month of intense French language study at Centre d'Enseignement du Francais in Albertville, France. Hannah will be a senior at Black Forest Academy, a Christian boarding school in Kandern, Germany. Upon completion of our studies there, we will return to the US for more fundraising, to get Hannah settled into a college, and make final preparations for departure to Guinea, West Africa in the Fall of 2010.

We will be joining the other missionaries on the field in Guinea – Tim & Beth Heiney, Tim, Heidi, Philip, & Leslie Norton, and Andrea Herman. We will be living in Siguiri, along the Niger River in Northern Guinea. Our first order of business on the field will be to learn the Maninka language. We will be using health care education to build bridges with Maninka families in order to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them.

Guinea is located in the 1040 window, where 97% of the world's unreached people are located. The Maninka are a Muslim people group and there are 2 million Maninka in Guinea – less than 1% are Christian. We are honored to answer God's call to go!

### Prayers:

- Opportunities to share our story with others & safe travel as we do so
- Many prayer and financial partners
- Raymond & Hannah as they continue their studies
- Our family as we make arrangements to leave the country (visas, paperwork etc.)
- Stability in Guinea as they seek a new president