

Happy New Year!

Andrea Herman, January 2008

I pray you had a blessed Christmas. Please accept my apologies for taking so long in sending out a newsletter. I kept waiting "just a little longer" to add in new details of the exciting month of December, but it is long overdue, and things keep changing, so I wanted to get this out before it's REALLY old news.

Speaking of news, please keep Guinea in your prayers. There has once again been unrest in the capital, Conakry, and in a few other cities around town, due to a breached agreement between the President, Prime Minister and Labor Unions that ended the last strike (during which we had to leave the country). Siguiri has so far remained quiet. Please pray that continues. The Nortons, my colleagues in Siguiri left for Mali hours before we heard the news of the unrest, so I'll be here solo until Wednesday, though there is one other missionary in town.

There is the potential for another strike, starting as soon as Monday the 7th, or as late as Thursday the 10th. Please join me in praying that the matter can be resolved without another strike. The people of Guinea suffer dreadfully during the strikes. Food becomes difficult or nearly impossible to buy, and often at jacked up prices, if it is available at all. Violence and looting are possible, all which negatively affect the population and the country as a whole.

Your prayers for peace in Guinea, and wisdom for me would be very much appreciated. If you would like some uplifting news, please read the attached newsletter, because 2007 ended very well. Thank you, as always, for your prayers and support.

God's peace,
Andrea

"I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light." John Keith Falconer