

Heiney Letter, Sept. 2005

Dear Friends,

We actually had this letter ready to go some time ago but held it off to await some news that we were hoping we'd be able to report. Some time ago things began to happen in our lives and in our family that seemed to point to the possibility of our returning to Guinea. We prayed a lot about it and wrestled with the decision for some time, but it became more and more obvious that this was indeed the direction in which God was leading. It was a very tough decision for us. We have settled into our lives here more and more, have made good friends, and had never even thought we'd been thinking about this until our boys were both out of high school. But we couldn't ignore the leading we felt was going on, so this is what will be happening:

Joel is in college now. He began his first week on Monday at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. He is living in our house in Big Rapids and working at the Bob Evans in town. Jonathan will be staying in Kansas with good friends from Lord of Life where Tim has been serving for the past two years. He is attending Blue Valley West High School and has joined the football team. The girls will accompany us back to Guinea and are very excited about it.

As for the work, we will be doing something a bit different. Tim has been called to serve the Forest Region, but located in Conakry, the capital city. Since the church has been on its own for some time now we feel it is best that it stay that way with Tim going in to continue teaching and supporting. I (Beth) have applied to work as the volunteer coordinator/administrator, also located in Conakry of course. It will be easier to administer from there where there are more resources.

It's a big change for us, as you can see! We will write more about it in our next letter, but for now, wanted to ask you to pray for our family. We are in Michigan now, so are separated from Jonathan already. This has not been easy, as you can imagine. It has been good for us, however, to be able to be with Joel as he begins this new phase of his life and be a support to him. We will be beginning our preparations soon to go back, probably at the end of November. Please pray for this time and for the ministry we will be involved with again. We'll be sending contact information for all of us as we get settled, etc.

Thanks for your support through all of this. We will keep you posted as things progress. If you are not getting our email prayer letter and would like to receive it, please send us an email at: timandbeth@pars.net and let us know you'd like to be on the list. We look forward to partnering with you all once again from Guinea.

God be with you all,

Tim, Beth, Joel, Jonathan,

Katie, and Andrea Heiney