

Dear Friends,

Heiney Newsletter, September 2006

Tim just recently got back from the Forest Region where he spent two weeks in meeting with the church, doing teaching, and traveling around to visit all the areas in which we are now working. It was a great trip. We just finished writing our regular paper newsletter so I thought I'd drop a note and just give you the basics so you can pray now. The other letter will give more detail but I felt a strong urging to pray even this morning for some of the villages he visited so thought it best to get more people in prayer as well.

His meetings went well, as did the teachings. After a trip to N'Zerekore where he found out that our leaders who have returned to Sierra Leone are doing very well and leading churches now in that country, the team headed to Ouende Kenema. On the way they picked up a man who was struggling on his motorbike and took him to his village. (The roads in that area are almost not even roads anymore. One trip from Macenta to Gueckedou that used to take a couple of hours took Tim 7 hours to make!!) It turned out that after reading some materials this man had received from a Jehovah's Witness (!) he wanted to learn more about who Jesus is. On arriving in the village he took Tim and the leaders all around to meet the people who are *all* anxious to hear more about Jesus!! They gave Tim a chicken which Tim later told the church would go to the first person who got back to that village to do teaching. Back on the road, they picked up two more boys and took them to their village. Now that village also would like to learn more about Jesus!! The demons had to be fainting left and right that day.

They next headed into the Kuranko (ko-'rong-ko) area. If you are not familiar with this part of the work, Kuranko ministry was actually started by some of our Kuranko refugees. The Kurankos, closely related to the Maninka, are also almost entirely Muslim. They have been hungry for the Word, and one of our refugees who we'll call "David", has delayed his return to Sierra Leone purposely to continue working with his people here in Guinea. He shared with Tim that his prayer has been that God would provide a leader to continue the work started with the Kurankos before he leaves back for Sierra Leone. During their visits to several villages many encouraging and exciting things happened. On the way to one arranged visit in the village of "Doukro" (we have changed names because of the nature of this letter), Tim decided to make an unannounced stop at "Daryo", a village that is the home of a man Tim had witnessed to in a taxi one day. The man told Tim that since their talk he had been talking to his friends and they really want someone to come in and begin teaching them about Jesus. So they made an arrangement to visit again the next day on their way out. There was more excitement in the village of Doukro. A late night meeting brought together over 150 people to hear, for the first time, the message of Christ's love for them. They want to hear more. Can you feel Satan's foundations shaking??

The next morning they were back to Daryo. While there they were introduced to a young man who was very enthusiastic about Christianity. He said that he had grown up around Christians and really liked what he'd seen in those people. On meeting it was discovered that this man is the son of a man who taught one of our leaders, Antoine, years ago. Antoine was with Tim that day, so the two were able to talk and share together. He told Antoine, "Teach me what you know and I will be your teacher here among these people." It seemed that God was answering David's prayers for someone to take his place among the Kurankos. God is so good.

But the story wasn't over there! On heading back to Kissidougou the next day the men stopped in another Kuranko village off the road to Faranah. Though we have no contacts in that village, some of the people sent their children to one of our CCCS schools in Kissidougou. CCCS is Christian Children's Concern Society. The Kansas-based organization has been supporting Lutheran schools in Guinea for many years. The people in this village had seen how their children had learned French and Math and finally asked for a school in their village as well, even though they know that our teachers teach Christianity. They have kids from 7 OTHER villages in their school now and said that our leaders are welcome to come and teach in any of those villages whenever they want! My, how the Gospel spreads among ripe soil!! Again, the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. We pray that God continues to raise up leaders here and gives them His

Spirit to learn and grow in Him, and to continue taking the message of Grace through Christ to those who have never heard. Please pray for those villages that I have mentioned. I haven't told you the real names, but you can call them "A", "B", or "C" if you like. God knows each place well. I feel that we need to really cover them over in prayer. One Kuranko village we started working in some time ago now has a mosque, built only after one of their people began teaching Christianity. These people need prayer cover as they may face hardships in the days to come. Pray that the forces of darkness will not be allowed control any longer in those places and that the eyes and ears of the hearts of these people may be open to the message. When you get the paper version of this read it through. It's a great story! If you are not on our list and want to be, please email me.

Family update: We took Katie in to get her cast off after the prescribed 3 weeks. Another x ray was done and another 2 weeks were prescribed. Disaster!!! We headed with our x ray to another hospital in town, the International Medical Center. We had heard there is a doctor there who is very good with bones. We went to this hospital first when we were looking for an x ray but found that the machine was not working. (I later found out that the machine is not broken, there is just not enough current to run it, and the fuel for the generator is too expensive!) Since we had the x ray we wanted to make sure the diagnosis was correct on all accounts and that the foot was healing as it should. We also wanted to change that stinky cast!!!! Rainy season is no time to bottle up anything for 3 weeks. Yes, the doctor confirmed that 2 more weeks would be good. He also wanted to take a look at the foot. Since she'd been without a cast for 2 weeks at the start he wanted to make sure that all was well. The foot looked pretty good...didn't smell so good though! But they washed it up for her and we started fresh. Last Friday we took her in to have it taken off for good. Instructions were to continue on the crutches and put pressure back on a little more each day. Katie thought she'd be doing DDR (her dance pad) that night so was in for a big surprise. The first day was OK. Day two, the bolt on the crutch falls out, the crutch gives way, slams into the EXACT spot where the foot was broken and Katie lands full force on the injured foot. Sometimes you just want to ask, "Lord, how much more??" She was off it for two days. It was turning some different colors here and there and was extremely sore. Last night in church we requested prayer and said we were going to believe for an answer (what a novel idea!) This morning the foot is just about back to normal. No swelling, no color, almost no pain whatsoever. I think the good Lord and Katie have grown very close in the last few weeks!! Thanks for your prayers for her. The boys are doing fine as well. Please continue to keep them in prayer.

Blessings to each of you as you complete the good work that God has for you to do in whatever part of the world you are in, and thank you as always, for your continued and constant prayers!

In the name of the one everyone is so excited to hear about!!

The Heineys
Tim, Beth, Katie, and Andrea from Guinea
Joel and Jonathan from the US

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"People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives ... and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted." -- Nate Saint, missionary martyr

One third of the individuals in the world live within peoples with no church. (For more information, go to www.1040window.org)