

Dear Praying Friends,

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Well I think we have our email programs all working now so that we can send out our letter from here. Thank you all for the encouraging notes. We are fine. Our luggage came in two days after we arrived so we were very thankful for that. We've spent much time getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting new. But the majority of our time has been in searching for a place to live. We seem to be coming down the home stretch, though and hope to have something picked out soon so renovations can begin. Thank you for your prayers in that. Please continue to pray that we are able to find something in a good and safe area and that it will be used to God's glory.

Our family is readjusting. The girls have had a few shocks coming back. Much as we talked about how much different it would be and how it would take some readjusting, the reality is always harder. But I think we're over the worst. Katie now not only will take a local bus but has even suggested it herself. Andrea loves to hit the markets, a lot like her brother Jonathan used to do.

We spent last weekend in Kissidougou for a team meeting with Jon Oetting, Tim Norton and Kristen Schmaltz. During that time we headed out to Telekoro to see the house where we used to live and to greet our friends from the Bible College there. It was so good to see everyone again. The girls found one of their cats and are making plans to relocate it when we finally get our house! The next day we met with leaders of the local church and reconnected. We talked about striving to get the church on its own and what that all entails. After that meeting the girls and I took a taxi back to Conakry (that could be a whole newsletter in itself!!) and Tim decided to stay and greet as much of the Forest church as he could. He found wonderful things happening especially in N'Zerekore where we've had trouble with relationships in the leadership. They are learning to work together and the church is growing. Tim had a hard time getting back to Conakry, missing rides here and there and was two days late. We were very thankful that we had each received a new cell phone at the field meeting and could text message each other, so I knew he was on his way. In the "old days" when he was two days late from somewhere I usually had his funeral planned. Technology is a wonderful thing!

We are looking ahead to a very busy time coming up in the next couple of months. Please pray for:

- ◆ End of December/early January: we will travel to Dakar for a spiritual retreat with our field as well as the Togo field
- ◆ Mid January/mid February: a medical team of 6 people from Kansas will travel to Guinea to visit the work that Dr. Kristen Schmaltz is doing. It's our first volunteer trip being here on the field.
- ◆ Late February/early March: Strategy meetings with our field missionaries and the local church to determine how best to work together to do the work we are called to do. At the end of that meeting I will travel to Togo to work on getting myself set up to do the financial reports for Guinea and Togo.

Please pray for blessings on all these events and for safe travel and good health for all involved. Pray especially for the Guinean church here. They are very excited to learn to stand on their own but need good guidance. Pray that God will give us all we need to accomplish what He has called

us to do. Also, please keep in your daily prayers, our 5 seminary students studying at the school in Togo. It will be an incredible thing for the church to have well trained leaders in place in the near future. On the home front, please pray for our son Joel who will be traveling this next week to Kansas for Christmas break.

We thank you again for all your prayers and support. Blessings on your Christmas celebrations. Praise God that He did send our Savior to us, and may we all work to the end to bring share the Good News to the ends of the earth!

In Jesus,

Tim, Beth, Katie, and Andrea Heiney



**"We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first."  
Oswald J. Smith**

**Did you know? Guinea lies within the 10/40 window. (Not sure what the 10/40 window is? go to [www.1040window.org](http://www.1040window.org))**