

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Andrea Herman, June 2006

For those who have recently joined this list, welcome! For those of you who have been praying for awhile already, thank you!

I apologize that I haven't sent out anything recently. There has been much to pray about, but not much time to share all the requests. The last month has been full of preparations, list making, and trying to see friends before things get too busy.

This Thursday, June 8, I will fly down to Kansas to attend the Kansas District convention in Topeka. The Kansas District has a partnership with Guinea, so they will be having a commissioning service for me at the convention. I fly back on Saturday, and begin LCMS World Mission Missionary Training on Sunday. I will be training with other missionaries for 2 weeks at Concordia University in St. Paul. As soon as I return home after training, I will be inventorying and shipping supplies to a port in Virginia so they can be shipped to Guinea in the coming months. All of that is keeping me pretty busy in June.

My next training starts at the end of July for 2 weeks in Colorado, where I will be studying linguistics. I'll have to give you the rest of my training itinerary later, since the rest has yet to be approved. However, I will be going somewhere (probably Canada) for French studies after my linguistics training. I know many people have been asking when I am actually leaving for Guinea. My answer: I don't know. The timing depends on my French studies, but my departure is still a few months away. I will be happy to share that information when I find out, and I promise I won't leave without mentioning it in a newsletter.

A quick update on my local Maninka friends, I helped them pack up for their move last week. They are moving into a house because they are expecting 10 extended family members to arrive from West Africa any day, and their 2 bedroom apartment would not have enough room for 15 people (their family of 5, plus the extended family).

As I have been preparing to leave these dear friends, a few Christian friends have expressed an interest in initiating a relationship with this family so that they will continue to have a Christian witness among them. These brothers and sisters in Christ are a great blessing to me because I know God is working on the hearts of my Maninka friends and their children. I am thrilled that these brothers and sisters are willing to share their lives and what God is doing in their families with my Maninka friends.

Please join me in thanking God for:

- Everyone on this list and their prayers for the Maninka people and for my ministry among them
- My new ministry partners at Family of Christ (my home congregation)--their support through prayer and supply donations
- Successful back surgery for my Grandma--she's doing GREAT!

Please join me in asking God for:

- His blessing on the big Father's Day get-together with my Maninka friends
- The gift of faith for my Maninka friends--that they would know Him as their Savior
- The Holy Spirit to go before me and prepare the hearts of the women & children in Guinea to hear and embrace God's unchanging word
- His blessing on all my upcoming trainings
- His peace and blessing for my family, that our last few months together would provide fond memories for years to come

Thank you for your prayers,

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