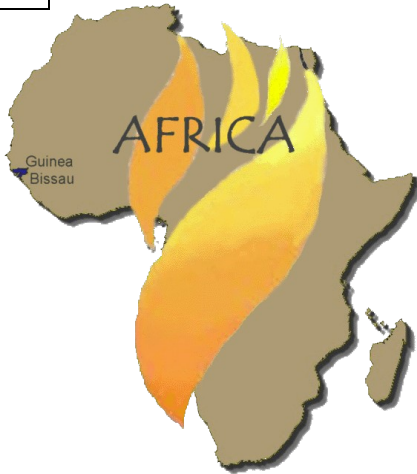


FLAMING NEWS

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Greetings in the name of Jesus.

The summer is almost over; it has been a pleasant and very busy one for everyone involved with FLAME. Our meetings have gotten too long so we now have had 2 a month! Our missionaries, Martha and Herb Reynolds have been extremely busy composing manuscript after manuscript pertaining to policies, organizations, and job descriptions related to the operation of FLAME in Guinea Bissau and Africa! It must have been mind-boggling! Then, article by article, item by item, the board reviewed them – revised them – and finally approved them. Oh, we are not finished yet!

At our meetings we have discussed school “uniforms.” All school attendees in Canchungo and other places in Guinea Bissau have their own article of dress to identify the institution they attend. We have ordered t-shirts for our teachers and students with our school name.

We’ve discussed ways to obtain easier communication between Guinea Bissau and America – not only to look for improvement in the technical aspects but in better understanding between the cultures. It seems difficult for us to receive the information we need from our leaders in Guinea Bissau. This causes a great deal of frustration.

This summer we worked on our publicity by updating our brochure, getting more complete information on our website and redoing our video/DVD presentations.

A big topic at every meeting is talk about money – what has come in – what has gone out – what we need to have to make ends meet – etc. About this time each year we discuss the budget – expenses seem much easier to determine than income. As with any charitable organization, we would love to have more folk sign up with promises for monthly contributions. Don’t read this wrongly, we are most grateful for all of your gifts. We pray that God will touch your hearts with willingness to give abundantly because, as the classes begin, we have many expenses we didn’t have during the building process. We are happy to report that mechanics classes did start this summer!

THE FLAME BOARD



Back Row: Tom Crompton, our expert on Africa, cause he’s been there; Shirley Bosma, our treasurer; Audrey Donnel, tends to mail and deposits; Dale Boyce who keeps us excited because he’s been there.

Front Row: Carol Lewellen, has contacts about many things, does brochures and checks on the web site; Winerva Klungel, secretary; Martha Reynolds our president and missionary; Herb Reynolds, missionary and assistant to our president.

This has been a traumatic summer for our missionaries. Actually God worked out some things in a most wonderful way. Both Herb’s father and step-mother had been ailing for

years. Each time the Reynolds returned to Africa, they have wondered about “What if something happens to Dad or Alice?” God took both of them home this summer. That is very sad for Herb and Martha, for their families, and for several of us who had the senior Reynolds as very good friends. But we see how this is also glorious! We thank God for his control and pray that he will give peace and comfort to the whole Reynolds clan!

For those of us who have not had an African experience, we are happy to have Tom Crompton on our board. Tom spent many years with The Navigators in Ghana, Africa. This summer he returned with his entire family. While there they took part in the Annual Youth Camp and he did lots of sharing. One of the desires he has for FLAME is that our missionaries and those who work with them will be disciples to those around them. He felt that those he had had one on one contact with all the years ago were the strong leaders in Ghana today.

Being on the board is an exhilarating experience. If you feel God is calling you to join us, contact any of the board members. It does take a lot of commitment – even times when we may want to throw in the towel, but then God blesses us with new insights and we praise Him! You can read more about the board on our web site: <http://www.flameministry.org>

Another yearly activity we find ourselves busy with is filling the container. It’s that time again. Earlier this summer you were sent the lists of many needed items and the list of places where you may deliver them. Hopefully you have already responded for the time is running short. The end of September we will be filling the container and sending it early October. This year we are renting rather than buying the container. The two we already own are set up for use on the school property. Herb and Martha plan to leave for Guinea Bissau October 18.

In Guinea Bissau I’m sure one of the first things – after checking with Tiago – will be to buy more sewing machines and begin the sewing class. Our own Martha will be the master sewing teacher. The classes will soon be filled because she has great insight into how this class will enable the people of Guinea Bissau to set up

their own businesses. We pray that many may come to use this opportunity. Soon we will be expanding into other vocations. Isn’t that exciting?

We are happy to report that the school building is complete and is being used. A couple important items were not completed while the missionaries were in the states. The security wall will need to be a priority when they return. One of the problems has been acquiring the cement for the project. Digging the well deeply enough has also been an issue. We will try to get a pump to send in the container, a pump, which would bring up both water and sand so the well could be at the desired depth. Perhaps such a pump would be useful for others in Canchungo!

There is always need for prayer! Perhaps you have already noted some needs, but there are also thanksgivings.

- We are thankful for our faithful prayer warriors.
- We thank God for those who give of time and money!
- Prayer is needed for good communication between those here and those in Guinea Bissau.
- Herb and Martha say they are getting older and they desire fervent prayer for new missionaries to take their places.
- We pray for travel plans and safe travel for Herb and Martha.
- May the container be filled with all the essentials needed and may it arrive on time.
- Pray wisdom for Tiago and Pastor Chenda as they oversee the beginning operations of the school.
- Pray for protection and safety for our guards.
- Pray for our budget to be met in 2006.
- Wisdom for the FLAME board, especially while our missionaries are in Africa.

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We are called by God to be channels of His love, messengers of His Word and instruments of the Holy Spirit to bring the people of Africa into the fellowship of Christ and His Church.