

Copeland Ramblings



Summer 2007

Who We Are...

We are **Norm, Debra & Canaan Copeland**; missionaries with NTM (**New Tribes Mission**). Norm is from Ontario, Canada and Debra is from California. Our son Canaan is sixteen months old.

NTM's mission is steadfast: to reach new tribes and people groups who have never had a single opportunity to hear the Good News. Of the earth's 7,000 ethnic groups, 3,000 are still unreached. NTM's vision is for every tribe to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.



We have recently completed the NTM training and are en-route to **Guinea, West Africa** where the Lord has laid it on our hearts to be support workers for those working in the remote tribal villages. Our job will be to run an NTM guesthouse that will house missionaries as they buy supplies and do paperwork. The guesthouse is a crucial ministry that enables the tribal missionaries to accomplish the task of church planting.

Guinea 2007

This past June we had the opportunity to visit Guinea, West Africa for three weeks. We were very excited to have the chance to experience our future home and country of service.

So why did we go to Guinea? One of our biggest goals while in Guinea was to help and encourage the missionaries there. We the chance to help out fellow missionaries Pete and Faith Olver fix up their new home. We spent a week working on their ceiling allowing them to move in sooner and begin their work as supply buyers.

Our trip also allowed us to get to know Guinea which helps us to much more effectively share with you about Guinea. Instead of sharing stories and pictures from others, we now have our own to share. We experienced the people, sights, sounds and smells of Guinea and God has used this to increase our passion for the spiritually lost people groups of Guinea, West Africa. We are excited to share this passion with you!

One of the most fun aspects of our trip was meeting our future coworkers in the capital city of Conakry. We



spent time getting to know the Duecks and Nicholsons, two families that we will be working closely with in Guinea. We were excited about our time in Conakry because we both felt God's confirmation that this is where He wants us.

We also feel that we will be much more prepared next year when we begin to pack for our move across the ocean.

We arrived in Guinea on June 13th and were immediately stunned by the extreme poverty. Guinea is rated as one of the poorest countries in the world and even with our previous missions trips around the world we had never experienced anything like it.

We had the privilege of visiting every tribal work that NTM Guinea is currently involved in. Our whirlwind tour allowed us to experience the living conditions of NTM's missionaries in Guinea. We also were a part of a tribal church service and were awed as we watched tribal men and women worship God in their own language. Pray for the believers in Guinea who face severe persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Believers are deprived of work, food and shelter. Their spouses and children are even taken away.



Pray also with us for the missionaries in Guinea as they encourage believers and endure the hardships of living in Guinea.

Guinea

...through the lens



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So What's Next?

Next month we start an intensive 10 month French language course. The course is full immersion and located in Quebec City, Canada. Our course will be completed next June and we will then travel to California for a few months to spend some time with family and friends before heading to Guinea full time. Debra is in the process of finishing her Canadian citizenship and we hope to have that completed before leaving. Our goal is to leave for Guinea soon after Christmas 2008.



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