



Norm & Debra Copeland
enroute to Guinea



Looking forward to Guinea

Can you believe it? We have been in California for over 2 months! Time has flown by and we are realizing how close we are getting to our departure for Guinea. We have spent the last two months mainly studying French and doing some preliminary research for our shipment to Guinea. There is SO much to learn, research and purchase. Everything from special Gel batteries, inverters and solar panels to house wares, clothing and office supplies. Very little can be purchased in Guinea so we are gathering together these items as we can.

Our shipments will be broken up into 3 parts. The first small shipment should arrive a few weeks before we do, the second should arrive 6 to 8 weeks after our arrival and the third is later in the first year.



Shipments to Guinea occur once every few months, our next opportunity to ship is mid to late May.

Please pray for God's provision as we plan and prepare for our move to Guinea. Thank you for being a part of reaching the people of Guinea for Christ.

Our Shipments

Many people have asked us about our start up needs and costs. The four columns below represent blocks of supplies we need to start our home and ministry in Guinea. **Prices below are estimates only, we are in the midst of researching and purchasing.**

Purchased by April, May 2009		Purchased by June 2009	
Preliminary†	1st Shipment	2nd Shipment	3rd Shipment
Tickets \$4000-5000 Immunizations \$400 Visas \$400 Cost of Shipping \$2000	Gel Batteries (2) \$900 Generator \$2000-3000 Inverter \$1950 Water Filtration \$380 Water Bed \$400 Clothing Housewares Electrical Hardware \$1450	Gel Batteries (2) \$900 Twin-Tub Washer (cost unknown) DC Freezer \$1131 Stove (cost unknown) DC Fridge \$1131 Clothing Housewares Electrical Hardware \$1700	Solar Panels \$3600 Used Vehicle* \$13000
	Arrives : July 2009‡	Arrives : September 2009‡	Arrives : Mid 2010‡

†Items in the first column are needed to get to Guinea. *The vehicle in the last column will not likely be shipped but rather purchased in Guinea in the same timeframe. ‡Arrival dates are estimates, there is no definite way to determine the arrival date of a shipment to Guinea

A New Canadian in
2009

On March 14th, 2009 Debra will be sworn in as a Canadian Citizen! Five years of hard work will have gone into that moment. Thank you for your prayers over that time!



Timing



The timing of our purchases and shipment are very important. Shipments only leave for Guinea every six to eight weeks. Our shipment is split up because we don't want to spend our first few weeks in Guinea unpacking.

The first shipment will be small, consisting of the bare essentials and will be largely unpacked for us by the time we arrive. This will allow us to spend our first few weeks with Guineans and immersing ourselves in the culture and language.

Because our first shipment leaves mid to late May it is crucial that we purchase items for our first shipment in the coming weeks and also look forward to purchasing items for the second shipment in June.

We know that many of you have been affected by the tough economic times, and we want to say THANK YOU for continuing to support us and our ministry! We are grateful for the privilege of soon serving in Guinea, providing support for missionaries who are translating, church planting, and furthering the gospel in Guinea.

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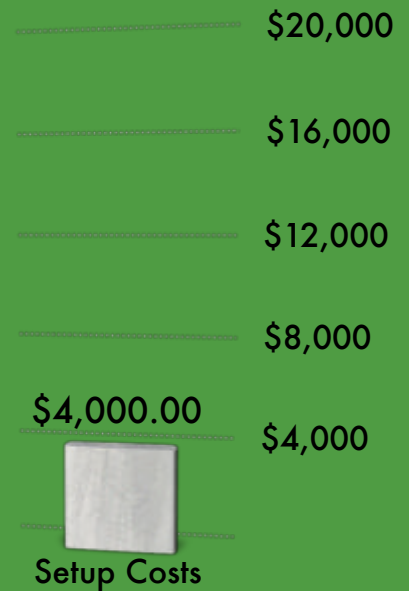
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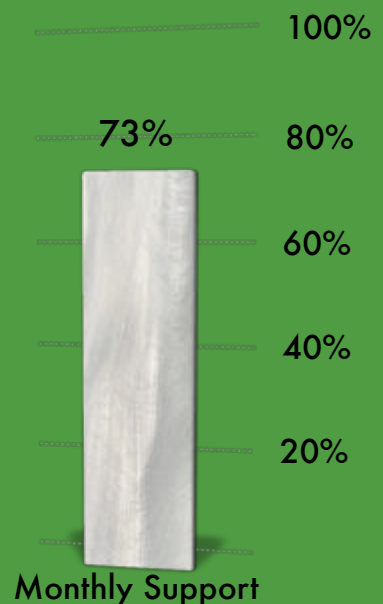
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\$4000 has been raised for the travel costs as well as the first two shipments



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