



# The Carlos Family Times

*"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18*

**Together In Mission to Guinea, West Africa**

**January 2012**

## Guinea - Home, Sweet, Home!

Have you ever returned home after an absence to a group of friends greeting you with big smiles, shouts of greeting, and applause? Well, that was the welcome we had when we arrived at our home in Siguiri a few days ago. It warmed our hearts. It is indeed good to be home.

We had a wonderful time in the United States with friends and family. We were able to share the story of what God is doing in Guinea with many brothers & sisters in Christ and we were encouraged and uplifted by all of you. We are now settled in and prepared to begin our work next week. Looking ahead, this is what our weeks will look like:

- Sunday – worship with Growing in Grace Lutheran Church
- Monday-Thursday – see people at our home who are in need of health care treatment or eyeglasses (we will now be seeing 10 people each day)
- Friday – day of rest
- Saturday – continue and expand our Prayer Day, when people can come just for prayer and fellowship
- Continue our Maninka language learning
- Identify villages where the MOST Ministries eyeglass team that is coming in August can hold clinics
- Plan for a possible short term team to come to hold an English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Camp this Fall

We want to provide more ways to reach out to people when they are waiting in our yard for treatment or on Saturdays when they come for prayer. We will be trying to use Bible stories in the Maninka language on audio tape and some illustrated Bible stories as well. Please pray for us as we begin to introduce these new resources.

## The Aroma of Christ

The following verse has come to mind again and again over the past year:

*"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God, the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life." 2 Corinthians 2:15-16*

Let me tell you, there are a lot of smells in Siguiri. Unfortunately, many of them are not pleasant. But what a joy it is to see people get a whiff of Christ's love! Sometimes you can see that they are wondering, "What was that?" It is like they have smelled something good cooking in the kitchen – like baking bread – they think, "Oh, that sure smells good. I want to know more about that."

It is our prayer that each of our short encounters with our neighbors here in Guinea, would be filled with the aroma of Christ and that they would lead people to want to know more about Jesus and his love.

## MOST Ministries is coming to Guinea

We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting a team from Messiah Lutheran Church in Lakeville, MN in August of 2012. The team will be partnering with MOST Ministries and will be conducting eyeglass clinics in various villages in the Siguiri area. Please pray for the team, and for us, as we all make preparations for what we know will be an exciting time.

## Stay Connected—Support our Work

Thank you for your generous financial support! You are a blessing to us & the kingdom of God!

**We want to share a special need with all of you. Due to Jack's Parkinson's, we need to return to the US two times per year so that he can see his neurologist. We believe this will help us continue our work in Guinea for a longer period of time. However, this is an additional expense and we will need enough funds in our account to cover two trips to the US instead of one. Your gifts are appreciated.**

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## Please pray...

- Thanksgiving for a wonderful time in the US
- Thanksgiving for safe travel back to Guinea
- Thanksgiving for good medical treatment for Jack and for his continued good health
- For Raymond & Hannah as they continue their studies
- For us as we begin our work again in Siguiri, that we may be the 'aroma of Christ' to many
- For the group from Messiah Lutheran Church & MOST Ministries as they begin preparations for their trip to Guinea



Jack & Cathy Carlos are missionaries to the Maninka people of Guinea, West Africa



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