



God is good! We have had several causes for celebration recently. Travis has been working hard with some Guineans to build a thirty-foot water tower on Hope Remembered's land. It was a big undertaking and the next step will be to put the tank on top and fill it with water. The guys had to make their own scaffolding and forms to pour the cement. It's difficult because the wood isn't perfectly straight. They also had to mix all of the sand, cement, and gravel by hand.

The well at the land has already been a big blessing to the community especially now that we're nearing the end of dry season. They have been able to pump water using a generator. During Sarah's parents' visit, Sarah's dad was able to get the solar system to work to pump the water. Now we're just waiting for the contractor to come and bring more solar panels so that the pump will have enough power to pump the water to the top of the tower.



One of the hard things about living here is seeing constant needs and wondering when to help. Sometimes it seems like people expect us to help them all the time and get angry when we don't, even if we have helped them in the past. Recently we have seen a different side to the people and we feel more a part of the community. One of our new neighbors asked Travis for help getting water to build bricks for his house. Travis agreed not expecting anything in return, but the man has given us money for gas for the generator and truck. Another neighbor has sent over food a couple times. Another man painted gourds for Sarah's parents, Samuel, and us in thanks for financial help. While our goal is not appreciation, it has been encouraging.



Samuel is one year old! People here have big parties for kids, especially for their first birthday. Originally we didn't think we would have a big party, but once we started counting the many kids that stop by to play with Samuel and their families the number quickly grew. We decided it would be a good chance to show our appreciation to the community and a fun time for the neighbor kids. We guess there were about 75 people! We had a lot of help.



Guinea-Bissau has begun taking precautions against the Coronavirus. There have only been two confirmed cases so far. They have shut down the airport and borders. Restaurants are closed and here in Quebo the market is only open until 11 AM. That may seem extreme but the hospitals here aren't equipped to handle an outbreak.

There are many people that have other illnesses that have compromised their immune systems and would put them at a higher risk of having severe symptoms.

The president sent out a document asking people to stay at home but it's not possible here. People have to go out to get water from communal wells for bathing, cooking, washing dishes, washing clothes, watering, etc. They also don't have refrigeration so can't stock up on food. They have to go to the market each day. It's cashew season so at least people can eat the fruits and nuts. That also means that people are going out to their cashew orchards to pick up cashews. A lot of them depend on the income from selling the nuts. We are taking precautions but also want to be available to help people. Vegetables and other supplies are getting scarce in the markets and with it being so hot, gardens aren't producing. We are blessed to have a freezer full of food. Please join us in praying that we can be a help while also taking precautions.

We have kept up with news in the US and are praying for you. In some ways the craziness is similar to the life of a missionary: the feeling of isolation, trying to figure out new norms, having to cook every day, trying to find a way to be spiritually nourished when you can't go to church (or at least church in your mother-tongue), and stocking up on supplies because there is no guarantee of getting more. If you get too bored feel free to send us an email and let us know how you're doing.

**Praises:**

- For a good time with Sarah's parents
- For safety while working on the water tower
- For Samuel
- For friends

**Prayer Requests:**

- For continued good health
- For energy and rest
- For continued good relationships with our team
- For patience with Samuel. He can be pretty stubborn.



It's getting really hot here! Samuel and Peter (Tym and Agnes's son) enjoy playing in tubs of water.

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876,000

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