

Growing Family



We have some exciting news to announce! Sarah is pregnant! We found out that she was pregnant on the same day that we found out about the evacuation flight out of Guinea Bissau. That was the tipping point in our decision to come back to the US. Due to Covid travel restrictions we weren't sure when there would be another flight and with the poor health care we did not want to have the baby in Bissau. The little one is due January 10th.

What are we doing while in the US? We will be taking on more of an administrative role with Hope Remembered while we are here. Some of our responsibilities will include handling more of the financial work and keeping up with our teammates' needs, keeping the website up to date, and keeping Hope Remembered partners up to date on current projects that our teammates are working on and how they can support and pray for them. We will also take this time to plan for the future. We hope to start taking small short term mission teams over to Guinea Bissau in the future to get a firsthand look at the work that we and our partners are doing. It is nice being back in the states and having reliable internet and a comfortable work environment to

carry out our new responsibilities.

All of the transitions over the past few years have taken a toll on us. This is a common problem for missionaries. We are planning to attend a 2 week retreat for global workers to debrief and talk through some of the difficulties of being a missionary in October. We didn't get a chance to do that the last time we were in the US but feel that it is needed. Please pray that God would use this time to minister to us and give us rest and some tools to help us in this time of transition.



The rainy season is in full swing in Guinea Bissau and that means it is time to plant. We were thankful to get an update from our teammates and see that they are still using some of the Farming God's Way techniques that we used last year. Since we cleared the field last year and dug all of the holes, this year's planting was a lot easier. They were able to use the same holes we dug last year and just had to add a little bit of compost to each hole before planting. They were also able to use the seed that we saved from last year to plant this year's crop. They were also able to install the electric fence that we had sent over in a container earlier this year. It runs off of a solar panel and battery and will help a great deal in keeping other people's animals out of the fields. This will mean a lot less stress for everyone and actually help us not to have problems with our neighbors since it is always a struggle to know what to do when animals get in and eat your crops. Please pray that our partners would have another good harvest this year.



We were excited to be able to spend time with both sides of the family. Samuel enjoyed getting to know his extended family better.



Sarah's parents are biking across the country so Travis was able to plant a garden at their place. We are enjoying the fresh vegetables.

Praises:

- Sarah and the baby are both healthy
- Samuel seems to have transitioned well to life in the US
- We had the opportunity to visit our families
- Samuel is finally sleeping through the night
- Our Brazilian teammates were able to evacuate to Brazil to prepare to give birth to their second child
- People are putting into practice the Farming God's Way techniques we have been teaching the past couple of years

Prayer Requests:

- For God's protection over our teammates who are still in Guinea Bissau
- God would slow the spread of Covid in Guinea Bissau
- Protection over our home in Guinea Bissau while we are away
- For Travis's sleep. He has struggled with a sleep disorder for years and it makes many daily tasks more difficult than they should be
- For wisdom and energy in parenting
- For a good harvest this year



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