



## New Direction



Since deciding to stay in the US for a while, we have been praying about where we can best serve God while stateside. Our trip to Clarkston, GA was refreshing and exciting. It was really nice to be back in an international community and around other missionaries with similar experiences to ours. It was exciting to see the community garden that Travis started in 2014 still going strong. His idea was for the refugees to run it and they've done a good job! Sarah was also glad to hear that one of the teachers has continued to base the orality training week on the training she gave when he was a student. He also tries to incorporate storying into all the training.

While there we met with the founder and other leaders of Global Frontier Missions (GFM) which is where Travis did his missionary training. They were very encouraging in looking for opportunities for us to be involved. They are hoping to add some sustainable agriculture and community development training to their curriculum and asked Travis if he would be interested in partnering with them to help get this program started. After praying about it for a while, we feel like God is calling us to move to Clarkston to help GFM in the development of this program. Travis will be splitting his time between administrative work for Hope Remembered and leading the new ag program at GFM. We are still committed to the work in Guinea Bissau but will not be living there full time. We still plan on taking trips over there to help support our teammates and partners and also hope to lead short term teams in the future to help with different projects and trainings. In the future we hope to create opportunities for students and interns from GFM to take trips to Guinea Bissau to get exposure to overseas missions work and also potentially recruit workers to serve alongside our partners in Guinea Bissau. This has been a very hard decision for us to make as we feel like we are letting our teammates and partners down, but we feel like for the health of our family both physically and spiritually this is the best fit for us in this season.

It was refreshing to be around people who have had a similar experience to ours of going to the mission field and then feeling God's calling to be stateside for a while. There are many emotions involved in deciding to follow His lead to stay in the US: sadness from missing life and friends in Guinea-Bissau, guilt over leaving our friends, excitement over using our skills in the US to help other missionaries and foreigners, joy in being closer to family, anxiety in hoping and trusting that God will provide... Needless to say, it has been a hard decision, but we truly believe that God is calling us to stay in the US for a while and that for now He wants us to use the abilities He's given us to help at the missionary training school.



One of Travis' responsibilities with Hope Remembered is keeping in touch with our missionaries and partners in Guinea Bissau and working with Hope Remembered leadership to get them the resources that they need to do the work that God has called them to do. We were recently able to send \$9000 to a local pastor named Jeremias whom we have partnered with for many years to buy a piece of land in Bissau to expand his small Christian school. They currently meet in his house but there are many students who want to attend and there isn't enough space. Once he buys this piece of land he is planning to build a school, a space to provide vocational training to students, and some housing for short term mission teams. He is working on a design and an estimate for the construction costs and we hope to be able to help him raise the funds that he needs to complete the construction of his project. Our hope is that in the future we will be able to take short term teams over to work with him and our other partners.



Our teammates Tym and Agnes recently returned to Guinea Bissau. They were in Brazil for a few months to give birth to their daughter and update people on the work in Guinea Bissau. It is a huge blessing to Freddy and Raquel to have them back and helping out at the project. The rainy season started last month so Tym has been working with the boys to prepare fields for planting and working on other various projects. We were recently able to send them some funds to fix their solar system and buy new batteries. Tym has also been helping weld a tower for the solar panels at Freddy and Raquel's house.



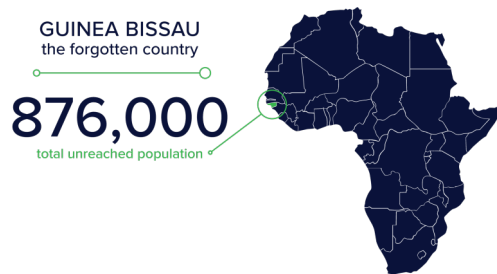
Above left: Travis speaking at the church we attended when we lived in Clarkston, GA. They met outside because of Covid. Right: Travis and Samuel in the community garden. The refugees build fences with what they have. It is similar to how they would build fences in their home countries.

## Praises:

- For safe travels to Clarkston
- For our friends' safe return to Quebo, Guinea-Bissau from Brazil
- For guidance in making a decision
- For some good family times in the past few weeks

## Prayer Requests:

- For our friends and colleagues in Guinea-Bissau
- For peace as we work towards this new transition
- For affordable housing in or near Clarkston, GA



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