

Sowing Seeds



We have been busy the past couple months! I (Sarah) was able to help teach for a couple weeks at the missionary training school. The first week was language learning week. It was a new module for the school where students learn about and practice techniques for learning a new language. Throughout the week the students were split into groups using the Growing Participant Approach (GPA) to learn Nepali, Swahili, and Dari (an Afghani language). I was working with the Swahili group and it was exciting to see how fast we were all able to pick up some basics! See a picture of our group below. The students I was working with were able to use what they'd learned while doing ministry with some Swahili speakers. The families were very excited to hear them speaking their language. Learning a language can be ministry in itself.

A couple weeks later I was back in the classroom teaching orality week. The students learned the importance of sharing God's word through oral Bible stories. So many people in the world learn best through hearing stories as opposed to reading. The students had the opportunity to learn some stories about David, choose a group of Bible stories relevant to a particular culture, and craft a story to share in front of a group. It's always refreshing to hear God's word told through stories in chronological order. I got to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection (see below). After everyone finished telling their stories we did a devotional where we talked about what the stories revealed about God, mankind, and what lessons we could apply to our lives. One person was struck by how God uses people who might seem insignificant. For example we heard the stories of Rahab, Mephibosheth, and Naaman. Sometimes I feel that my role as wife and mother is insignificant but it was a reminder to be faithful in whatever I do. I have also been able to practice telling Bible stories with a group on a regular basis.



I (Travis) have been busy managing the community garden and working to build relationships with the gardeners and their families. I was thankful to host a couple of short term teams from Alabama and appreciate all of their help cleaning, building gates, building fences, and spreading wood chips on the paths throughout the garden. We were also able to upgrade the rain water catchment system and install more spigots around the garden so that the gardeners have easier access to water. The gardeners have really appreciated all of the upgrades to the infrastructure of the garden. Most of the gardeners are refugees from Nepal. They come from an agricultural society so it is a huge blessing to them to have a space to grow food for their families to eat and to sell to local markets for much needed extra income. Working alongside the gardeners has also created opportunities for us to build relationships with them and their families. We have been invited to dinner at a couple of their homes and look forward to building deeper relationships with them.



I (Travis) have also been working with a couple of the students from the missionary training school to teach them the basics of [Farming God's Way](#) and other skills that they could use to serve overseas like drip irrigation, composting, soil amendments, and hopefully before the end of the semester we will have time to go over solar power and solar pumps. It is great to be able to use some of the things that we learned and used in Guinea Bissau to train others to serve in these remote areas of the world. The students I am training have a heart for Africa so we are trying to help them connect with other ministries in West Africa where they could potentially serve and receive more on the field training. Our hope is to one day add an agriculture module to the missionary training school so that students interested in that field could get hands on experience during their time in Clarkston.

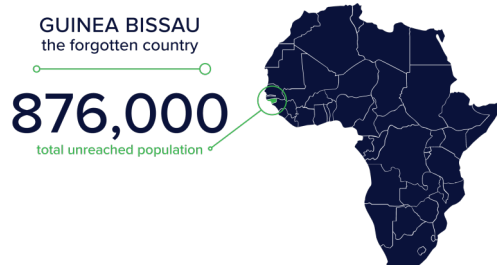


Praises:

- For plenty of ministry opportunities
- For the chance for both of us to use skills God has given us
- For fun times with neighbor kids
- That we were able to raise enough money for 60 of the 100 desks needed for the schools in Guinea-Bissau

Prayer Requests:

- For Travis as he once again starts the process of finding a doctor to help with his sleep issues
- For Travis and Sarah as we continue to figure out how to balance family life and ministry
- For our relationships with our team and neighbors
- For our colleagues back in Guinea-Bissau the kids



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