



A lot has happened since our last update. James William Lacy was born on January 31st and has been growing a lot. Samuel and Elizabeth love making him smile. Travis was on paternity leave for a while after James was born which was a huge help as we adjusted to life as a family of five. Sarah and the kids just finished Bible study before the summer break. Samuel loved his class where he learned Bible stories, songs, and did crafts. He continues to ask deep questions about Jesus. Elizabeth's class was too young for all the activities, but she loves hearing Bible stories and songs about Jesus at home. We are thankful that we found a Christian preschool co-op for Elizabeth and Samuel to attend this fall.

I (Sarah) was able to help teach orality week this semester. I didn't teach as many hours this time but still enjoyed the chance to be in the classroom. A couple of the students seemed really interested in using storying in ministry and plan on sharing Bible stories with women in the community. At the end of the week we hosted staff, students, and friends as the students shared Bible stories they had developed over the week. As always, it was a great time hearing God's word in story format and discussing what God taught us through His word.



Since James was born, we have had a lot of visitors, mostly family. Currently our Brazilian teammates from Guinea-Bissau are staying with us! It is their first time in the US and we have been enjoying hosting them. It is really nice seeing each other in person, speaking Portuguese Kriol, and talking about the work in Quebo. Even with a language barrier, the kids have been loving playing together. One of their goals in being here is to raise some more monthly support. We are thankful that they have been able to raise a little bit, but they still need more support to reach their goal. They will be here until May 7th and then head to Brazil to give birth to their third child before returning to Guinea-Bissau in December.



One of my (Travis's) goals to complete before James was born was the renovation of a small house that GFM owns that is located right in front of our community garden. Last year we found out that there was a dangerous level of mold in the house and the GFM staff members living there had to move out. The leadership at GFM decided we should renovate the house and turn it into a community center to serve as a meeting space to host different programs with the goal of serving the refugees that live nearby while creating opportunities to build relationships and have Gospel conversations. We completed the renovation a few days before James was born. We did a lot of the work ourselves and I managed the work that we contracted out. We now have English classes meeting there as well as a trauma recovery group for women. We also hold our disciple making team meetings there and have some office space for admin work and to manage the garden.



Hope Remembered was thankful to be able to send a significant amount of money to our partner Jeremias who continues work on the building for the Christian school that he started in Bissau. He completed the wall around the property and is nearing completion of his house which will be located on the school's property. Once that is complete, they will begin work on the classrooms. His goal is to build 6 classrooms before the next school year begins in September. The school will have space for 300 students that will receive an education, a meal each day, and have the chance to learn about Jesus. We are hoping to help him raise about \$20,000 more dollars so he can complete the construction of the school. I (Travis) hope to go to Guinea-Bissau later this year or early next year to visit him and our other partners and see the progress firsthand. If you would like to know more about this project or are interested in donating towards it let us know.



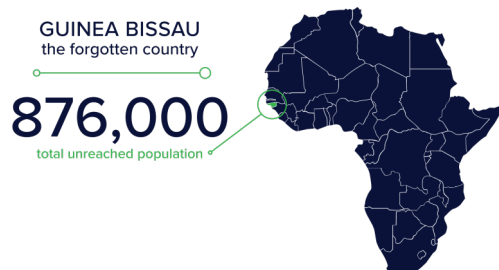
One of the things that we miss about life in Guinea Bissau is having land and animals around our house. We are thankful that the Lord provided a house for us to rent that is kind of secluded so that we can have animals. In addition to our 30 chickens, we now have bunnies whose numbers have been growing and some of our refugee friends are anxious to buy them for meat. We have also sold a few as pets. We started off with three and now have over twenty.

Praises:

- For a smooth delivery and that James is healthy
- For time to explore north Georgia and enjoy God's beautiful creation
- For the chance to have Tym, Agnes, Peter, and Anna (our Brazilian teammates from Guinea-Bissau) stay with us for about a month

Prayer Requests:

- For patience and energy as we adjust to being a family of five
- For Travis as he continues to search for answers to his fatigue
- That our teammates would be able to raise the support that they need
- That God would provide all of the finances needed to complete the construction of the school



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