



“Do not be afraid! I have good news for you, a message that will fill everyone with joy.” – Luke 2:10

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2010 in the Rearview by Jason

As the year draws to a close, we're thinking back over 2010. It's been a year full of excitement, exhaustion, new experiences, learning, and changes. We're thankful for all that God's carried us through, and wanted to share our gratitude with you during this holiday season. We're especially thankful for your prayers and support in the following areas:



- * **Construction** – The construction projects were involved as we were figuring out a new construction method as we built, but despite the heavy rains everything was able to be buttoned up without any damage from the water. We look forward to returning in February to finish these buildings and start other projects. Thank you for your prayers and financial support that allowed these projects to go forward!
- * **Ajuda Bajuda** – The women's small business training program is complete. After lots of training and hard work, the women are now starting their businesses with the nest eggs earned through the program. Thank you for your prayers, ring purchases, and excitement about this project!
- * **Savannah** – Thank you so much for your prayers for traveling and warm welcome as we arrived home to have our first daughter. Everyone is healthy, and we're so glad to be home with friends and family for this time.
- * **Financial support** – We know that the support that you've given to allow us to work in Bissau this year has been given sacrificially. We appreciate every \$10 check that was sent in, and would like to thank everyone who was a part of what God did in Bissau through every gift that made the work we've been called to do this year possible.



There are many other areas and events where we know you've been praying and God has had his hand on us. Things like teacher training seminars, accounting work, computer classes and equipment maintenance, etc, where we know things would not be working well if they were not being covered in prayer. Thank you again for your interest and your help!

Giving Opportunity by Jason

Last month's newsletter had a bunch of details about the exciting solar energy project that will be installed at the youth center in 2011. The center is going to be hugely blessed by this opportunity, which will help us free up a huge chunk of operating capital to ensure the center's financial future. The project has been largely funded by a generous gift from the estate of a woman who worked in the center on a short-term trip. However, the project is about \$10,000 short of being able to purchase a system with the capacity that the center needs. If anyone is looking for a way to help during the holidays, contributing for a solar panel, or part of a panel, which are about \$500 each, would be a great way!

Funding Update by Jason

Thank you so much for praying for our support raising. Since last month, we've had two new monthly supporters join our team. It's exciting to see God's provision. Please keep praying that He will call those He has so that we can reach 100% of the monthly support that we need before we return to Bissau in February.



On our way in to file for Savannah's passport. It's funny to fill in someone's height as two feet tall



Looking quite monster-ish in her monster towel after bath time



One month old and totally adorable

Jason & Emily

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