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Guinea-Bissau Needs YOU *by Emily*



If you came over you could work with this guy

"Wait a minute!" you say, "I'm not a pastor or a professional evangelist or a church planter. I'm clearly not missionary material." Well, neither are we!!! The mission field needs all kinds of people and at the Youth Center we've got a million ways that a short-term person could make a HUGE difference. Youth for Christ's purpose in building this Youth Center was to partner with the church to train up a generation of young people who are men and women of

integrity, trained in professional skills, to be the future leaders in business and government.

Guinea-Bissau is one of the five poorest countries in the world, and in large part that's because of the extensive corruption in the government. In order to change that, we need to use creative ways to reach people with the gospel. Right now the Youth Center makes an impact on the lives of over 800 students each day and we've got lists of other projects we'd like to start to reach even more. If that sounds like something that you could get on board with, we'd love to have you.

Here are a few short descriptions of some of the ways that you could make a difference in Guinea-Bissau. Whether you're a 20-year-old college student or an 80-year-old retiree, if you feel a little tug when you read about any of these exciting opportunities send us an email and let's talk about it!!!

Computer Classes: If you know your way around Microsoft Office enough to write a letter or put a few simple formulas into a spreadsheet we'd love to have you come out for one to six months to help continue developing our computer curriculum. You could even teach some classes!



Computer class

Construction:

If you think that a hydraulic ram smashing dirt into blocks is cool, we'd love to have you come out for a few months to use our block making machine to work together with a local church to build a simple church building for a congregation that doesn't have one.



Building with compressed earth block - pretty sweet huh?

Machine Shop:

If you like to work with your hands and you know how to design, weld, or paint, we'd love to put you to work in our machine shop. Jason has dreamed up tons of projects that would help farmers and national missionaries, but he just doesn't have time to get to them all! You could come out for a week or a year and be a huge help.



Repairing our diesel generator

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We would also love to have someone who...

- wants to teach English classes to kids,
- wants to train Sunday School teachers,
- wants to put on a clinic about basic wound care or other simple health stuff,
- knows how to work on diesel engines,
- wants to work with our evangelistic sports program.

Accounting: If you're a college student who could spare a summer or a semester and you've had some business or accounting classes we're looking for you! We'd love to have someone come over for three to six months to work with our accountant in Quickbooks to figure out some of our more complicated transactions and help to produce timely reports to allow the Youth Center to make more informed financial decisions.

English Writing Teacher: If you speak English and you like to write we'd love to have you come over for one to six months to teach a writing class. We've got tons of students who would love more practice writing letters, essays, summaries, poems, songs, basically anything you can think of. I already have tons of ideas for the curriculum, but don't have enough time to teach it myself.

Solar Power *by Jason*

This month we've made steady progress on the big solar panel mounts. We've sorted out some equipment problems that were giving us trouble, and are now on the way. We have 2 1/2 of the five mounts done, and hope to have the others ready so we can paint them all in the next couple of weeks. If we can march forward without too many unforeseen delays, we are still on target to be able to get our first panels up, mounted, and wired next month. Please continue to pray for our safety!



PULL!



Unloading steel from the truck - a manly activity if there ever was one.



Jason and Nilton pulling the giant steel solar panel support over the top of the controller room



Measuring and welding one of the five solar panel supports

Women's Group *by Emily*

One fun thing about Guinean women is that they don't do things halfway. When they sing they clap and dance; when they pray they whisper and shout; and when they get together to praise the Lord it's always a good time of fellowship and worship. Going to women's group at church has given me a really cool insight into the lives of Guinean women. It's just a few hours every Tuesday night, and I look forward to it all week.



Some of the women singing after women's group this past Tuesday

The women I meet with have an amazing faith that comes from depending completely on God in times of great need. Most of them have lost children, they have all lived through war, most of them have faced times of hunger and sickness. They have all learned the power of prayer through personal experiences where God met them in their times of profound need in miraculous ways. When I spend time with them I am humbled by their faith and I know more than ever that my God is living and active. I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to meet and share with them weekly once again!

Calling All Christmas Cards *by Emily*

If you send out a Christmas card, we'd love to get one, especially if you send a letter or a family picture with it! We love to know what's going on with your family and see how grown-up everyone is getting 😊 You can mail the card to us in Africa, or you can send it to YFC and they will put it in one of the envelopes that they send to us every two weeks.



Savannah getting a lesson in how to braid weave Guinea-Bissau style. Everyone always asks me when I am going to start braiding her hair

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