

Buba - We have a good perspective on the work in Buba. The government of Guinea-Bissau projects to build the country's main port there, and from there construct a railway line connecting Buba to Mali (one of the neighboring countries). This will open an important route of commerce. There is a prospect of growth for the city of Buba and the entire region of Tombali. There is an opportunity to establish a focal point for local work in the community of Buba which may also be a basis for reaching far-flung places in southern Guinea-Bissau. Prior to and independent of government projects, we have been laying our foundation in the town of Buba. We already have a group meeting in a new church planting project. We will soon acquire land for the construction of the church in Buba.



Commissioning of Pr. Luis in Buba

Ntuss - In the village of Ntuss, Carlitos has been working hard. Although he lives in the capital of Bissau and has his work activities there, he still travels regularly to Ntuss for evangelism and the carrying out of the services in that congregation. Closely involved with this work, Carlitos is working now to move to the village in order to devote more time to the ministry in Ntuss. Although he lives far away and without much time to devote to work, the congregation of Ntuss was the one that had the greatest number of people baptized last year. Our national convention will be in Ntuss the first weekend of April. We hope that this is going to be an encouragement to the brethren of this congregation, even being an opportunity to impact this community by the preaching of the Word, as has happened previously in other places.

Plack II/Airport - These two sites (one church and one point of preaching) were under the direction of a worker, Caetano Kaham. At one time these two places were not far from each other. Considering the fact that the neighborhood of the airport already has evangelical churches, we decided to join the two congregations for reasons of strategy and effectiveness. We formed only one congregation so that our worker could be more effective, focusing his work in one congregation, which is located in a neighborhood completely devoid of the gospel. The group that was meeting at the airport agreed to gather at the Plack II.

Djendem - The operation of the church in Djendem continues hindered and indefinite because of opposition from local sorcerers who exercise influence in the traditional system of government in the region. The brothers of Cacheu's church speak about Djendem with so much love. When they started the church, it was with sacrifice. (They rowed up the river four hours before we had our motorized canoe.) There is a great testimony of people being converted at that place. Seeing the passion that they have for that missionary initiative, we agreed that they continue negotiating with the local government, so that the church has the authorization to operate.



Baptism along the Cacheu River

Divine provision - In fact, God's provision came through God's people. In the week of my trip, I still needed U\$8000 (U.S. dollars). On the last day this figure was exceeded with a total of U\$8240 being in the project's account. This money came from different places and people with one same heart and vision: The Kingdom of God. We praise God for the progress accomplished.

We praise God for the people involved with this project, who have sacrificially invested in the expansion of the Kingdom of God in Guinea-Bissau. We are thankful not only for the financial support, but also for the prayers made in our favor ... they were heard in heaven!

Rendering of Accounts

- **Project Guinea 2011** - We finally managed to buy the land in the city of Bissau. The land acquired is big enough to build all the physical structure of the project. For an additional U\$3000, we have the opportunity to increase the area of land from 7,000 square meters to 8750 square meters. The former owner has given us a period of one year for the payment of the increased part. We accepted the proposal, which was really timely. In addition to the payment of this portion, our next step is to start building the mission.
- **Bebe and Mariama** - We also were able to cover the travel expenses for Bebe and Mariama, so they can go to Brazil to study and have some health treatment as mentioned before. I warmly thank the Christian Church's ministerial Council in Brazil (Pr. Victor Hugo) and the New Gameleira Christian Church, BH (Pr. Wendel and Joao Victor), who contributed significantly to the journey of these brothers.
- **Exact Provision** - The \$240 that I thought was excess actually was God's exact provision. Have you heard of this? Unsurprisingly, God knows much better than we do the needs of his work. Isn't it true? He really knew. What I thought was a surplus at the beginning was the provision to meet exactly the amount needed for roofing two congregations (Ntuss and Plack II) that were meeting in very precarious conditions, always finding it difficult during the rainy season. So we used the U\$240.00 to buy zinc and nails to make the covers for both congregations.
- **Family's trip** - I was heartbroken because I was going to travel, leaving behind Andreia and the children. Andreia did not complain. On the contrary, she encouraged me in my plans to visit Guinea-Bissau. We praise God for our family as they decided to help us, so that Andreia and the children could have this time in Brazil. The expense of their trip was not included in the budget and resources that have been raised for the mission. This was a gift from our family.