

◊ The “Scoop” on the Scotts ◊

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Africa Internet Project Update

This project involves developing solutions to deliver faster and more reliable Internet access to our field offices in Africa. After some delays earlier in the year, our work over the summer has increased on this project. Two of my staff went to Guinea-Bissau in July and two went to the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo this month. Two more will be going back to Guinea-Bissau in October/November.

I am working on coordinating upgrades for eight different sites right now, each at a different phase and with varying needs. For most of the sites I am choosing and ordering the equipment that will be installed. In some cases I set it up in my office so that when it is delivered to the field location it can just be powered on without needing any additional configuration. The upgrades that we are helping to install will enable our missionaries on the field to work more efficiently and to better utilize the technology tools that those of us in the USA already use and take for granted!

Hank & the team work on fiber-optic cables that will be used in Africa.



For example our site in Lendem, Guinea-Bissau has no public power. How do you do work which requires computers when there is no power! They have a large generator but the fuel costs over \$20 per gallon, making it very expensive to run the generator. They have a well and a water storage tank, but they need power to run the well pump. The Lendem site is centrally located where there are a number of translation projects under way, mostly by national translation organizations that we are partnering with. The plan is to use Lendem in the future as a training site where national people can come to receive translation and literacy training, and then return to their normal work locations to carry out translation for their people. The Lendem site is a small campus with a number of buildings – basic dorms for lodging, and classrooms for training, but without adequate power it is impractical to use these facilities!

The nearest city with other facilities is Bissau, the country’s capital, and it is a two hour drive over poor roads. Even then, Bissau does not have good power and only slow and unreliable Internet access. My team has upgraded the power system at Lendem with new underground wiring, and we are preparing to install solar power systems for the well pump and the office equipment along with satellite Internet access and a network with more low-power computers.

Once this work is complete, Lendem will become a functional training center. Translation work in that part of Guinea-Bissau will be able to take a leap forward.

Close-up of delicate fiber-optic network cables

Family News

This summer has been busy for us at home as well as in the office. Amanda's mission trip to Guinea-Bissau took place and was a challenging but rewarding experience for her. See our web site, www.wysite.org/sites/the_scotts for more news about her trip and links to the group's photos.

Nick completed a week of leadership training at the Citadel military school as part of Jr. ROTC. Then he spent two weeks visiting his friends in Orlando. Krista and I traveled to Orlando for one week to visit our friends and supporters there and former coworkers at the Wycliffe office. We then brought Nick back home with us and he spent a week in the Brigade Air training camp, learning more about aviation and actually flying airplanes.



Amanda kills "supper"

In between these events we hosted a number of youth parties at our home with indoor & outdoor games, bonfires, movies, lots of food, and even some thought provoking devotionals for the teens. Krista is worn out from all of the activity this summer brought, and as of August 25 the kids have begun school again. Nick is going into 10th grade and Amanda is a senior. Believe me, we are looking forward to a steady routine in our household again!



Nick, second from left in middle row, with Brigade Air students and instructors.

Well, that is the news from the Scotts for now. Please pray that we would be able to raise additional financial support. Due to the economy and other factors our support has drifted over the last year and we are averaging about \$1,000 short each month. We are working to raise additional funds while trying to stretch what we do receive and avoid building up significant debt. Yet we know that the Lord has proven Himself faithful time and time again, and we trust Him to meet our needs. Also we are so thankful for the many faithful prayer and financial partners who make it possible for us to serve in this ministry!

In HIS Service,

Hank and Krista

Praises & Prayer Requests

- We thank the Lord for sending a number of new people to work in IT at JAARS! Be praying that Hank will have adequate time as a manager to enable each person so they can be fully effective.
- Both Nick and Amanda had great summer experiences! Praise the Lord with us for the opportunities they were able to take part in and learn from. Pray that they would have a good start this school year.
- Please continue to remember Krista in prayer. She had a couple of months with good energy but lately she has been feeling tired again dealing with chronic fatigue. The frequency and intensity of her migraines is not much better than in the past but the medicine she is on helps to treat them and sometimes abort them before pain gets too bad.
- As mentioned above, please pray that the Lord would provide the additional funds we need for our ongoing living expenses.

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