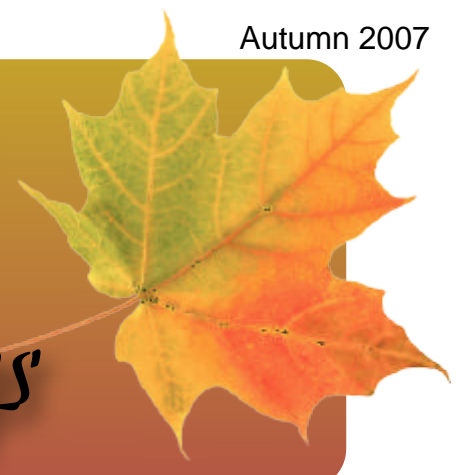




Copeland Ramblings



*"For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people.
He is the man Christ Jesus." Timothy 2:5*

Who & Why?

We are **Norm, Debra & Canaan Copeland**; missionaries with NTM (**New Tribes Mission**). Norm is from Ontario, Canada and Debra is from California. Our son Canaan is almost twenty months old.

NTM's mission is steadfast: to reach new tribes and people groups who have never had a single opportunity to hear the Good News. Of the earth's 7,000 ethnic groups, 3,000 are still unreached. NTM's vision is for every tribe to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.

We have completed the NTM training and are en-route to **Guinea, a French speaking country in West Africa** where the Lord has laid it on our hearts to be support workers for those working in the remote tribal villages. Our job will be to run an

NTM guesthouse that will house missionaries as they buy supplies and do paperwork. The guesthouse is a crucial ministry that enables the tribal missionaries to accomplish the task of church planting.



...and when?

We will complete our French course in June 2008. Afterwards we hope to go to California for a few months to visit friends and family and wait for Debra's Canadian citizenship to process. We will also be packing for our move to Guinea. There will be a lot of work to do because we will have to ship most of our belongings to Guinea. Missionaries to Guinea must pack a lot before leaving because there isn't much available there, imagine packing for four years! Our estimated departure for Guinea is sometime around the end of next year.

Recent Happenings

The past two months of our lives have been full of surprise and change. At the end of last August we moved from our home in Ontario to Québec City. We came here knowing not a soul nor the language and trusting the Lord to bring people into our lives.

Since then Norm has completed half a semester of French language study and Debra began her French tutoring a few weeks ago.

We have been attending a French church which has given us a very warm welcome. Everyone is excited to have us there and watch as our ability to communicate grows each week.

Canaan is doing well and is enjoying his day care that

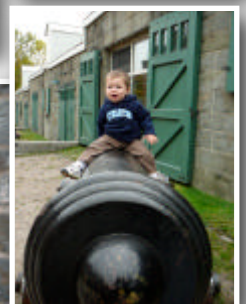
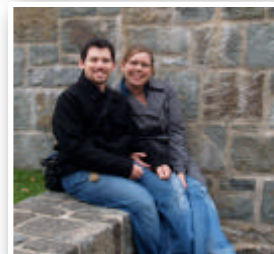
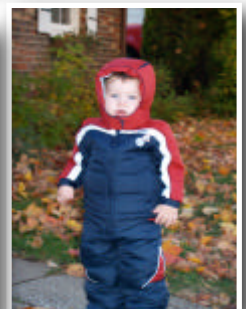


he attends three times a week during Debra's tutoring sessions. There are plenty of new friends and trucks to play with at his day care which keep him busy all day long.

Though it is still lonely at times we are excited to be here learning French as we follow the Lord on our way to Guinea.

Coming Up: We will be visiting California this Christmas, we look forward to seeing those of you down there!

Snapshots...



Bonjour!

Almost two months ago we moved to Québec City to begin learning French. Norm has daily classes at the University of Laval and Debra meets three times a week with a tutor. We have even joined a french Bible study group as a way to get to know people in our church as well as gain more French exposure. We've had to get over the prospect of embarrassing ourselves as every time we go out it is a definite possibility! We have a lot to learn by next year and some days it seems like an impossibility, but we know the that Lord has led us here and he will allow us to accomplish what he wants us to get done. Please pray for us as we continue our language study.



Know your French?

Well, even if you don't, try your hand at matching the French words on the left with the symbols on the right:

- a) pain
- b) feuilles
- c) voiture
- d) ordinateur
- e) araignée
- f) gâteau



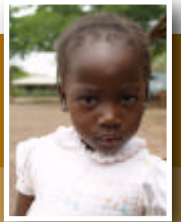
Answers: a=3,b=1,c=6,d=2,e=4,f=5

Prayer Requests



- For encouragement as we continue to study French
- Health for all of us, especially Canaan as he begins in a daycare
- Increased financial support, our recommended level is \$5000/month
- That we will be able to develop lasting relationships here in Québec
- That Norm will have an impact on the lives of his classmates at the University of Laval

Pray for Guinea



On our recent trip to Guinea we experienced first hand many of the needs in that country. Each missionary in Guinea is burdened with the work of many and there are still many tribes yet to hear of the news of Jesus Christ. Here are some new prayer requests right from the field:

- Teachers are *desperately* needed at the missionary kids school. Teachers can go full time or as associates for 1-4 years. Interested? Visit: www.ntm.org/go
- The guest house in Hamdallaye needs new batteries. The batteries they have now are worn out and so the missionaries are constantly losing power. Eight batteries are needed at \$360 each.
- Sandi Nicholson will be running the Conakry guesthouse until we arrive. Please pray for her as she transitions into this ministry. She is currently setting up a small guesthouse until a more permanent location is found.
- The guesthouse in Conakry (where we will be working) is in need of new bedding and towels. Contact us if you are interested in getting involved.
- Pray for the women of the Landuma tribe. Since the beginning of the Landuma church, rarely have women attended church meetings because of social and family pressures. A few weeks ago a Ladies retreat was held where four women professed their faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray that these women will grow in their new faith.
- Unity among the tribal teams.
- For health in the missionary children dorms. This year it seems that someone is sick almost every week.

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