

# the Copeland Ramblings



## Training

On June 2nd we will finally graduate from the New Tribes Missionary Training Centre. It has been a long road but we don't regret a minute of it. The further we go the more we see the importance of our training and how it will benefit our work overseas. This year has focused almost entirely on culture and language. We have had classes on everything from Health and Wellness in a developing country to a fascinating class on Bible Translation. In two weeks it is Canaan's first birthday! It has been an amazing year, so much fun to watch him grow and develop. I'm sure the rest of the semester will go as fast as the last one, we look forward to seeing where God takes us and also to sharing the journey with you.



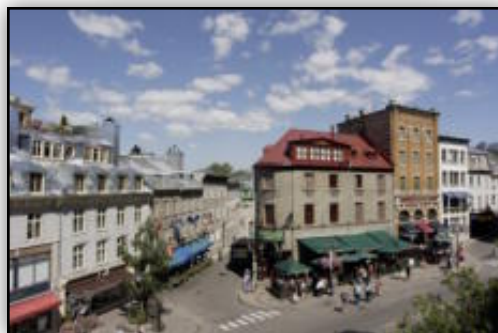
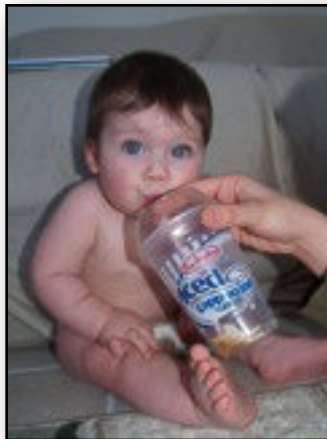
## Prayer Requests

- Peace in Guinea
- Concentration and diligence as we finish our training with NTMC
- Quick completion of paper work for our trip to Guinea
- Funds for our trip to Guinea and monthly support for Quebec
- Canaan as he grows and develops into a little boy!

## Quebec...



This semester we will be applying to take a course called 'French as a Second Language'. The trade language of Guinea is French and so it is very important that we have a good handle on French before we begin to work there. Most countries that NTM works with have language programs set up in the destination country. Guinea is different in this regard. Though an on site French program has been tried it was found too difficult and expensive to maintain. The level of French found in Guinea is also at a much lower level and it is much more advantageous to learn a high level and then adapt rather than the other way around. Though NTM Guinea does not have its own French language program they do recommend a course in Paris, France or Quebec City, Canada. Obviously we chose Quebec, located in our own country. We soon realized that this is definitely a blessing. Though Debra is a perma-



nent resident we still desire to apply for her Canadian citizenship. The requirement for citizenship is that she stays in Canada for three years. If we do our French study in Quebec that will give us just enough time! The course is full time and very intensive, designed to give us a good grounding in French in about a year. During Spring break which is coming up next week we are planning on taking a trip to Quebec City to look for an apartment. We have a great lead on a house but we do not yet know if it is the place for us. The cost of living in Quebec is quite a bit higher than here, in fact the necessary support level is not much different than what we need to live in Guinea. The actual amount needed is about \$4000 per month. We currently receive around \$1500 per month. Please pray that God will provide the necessary funds as we go ahead by faith with the applications and necessary planning. For more information visit:

[copelandramblings.com/quebec/](http://copelandramblings.com/quebec/)



## Trip to Guinea

This coming June we are planning on taking a trip to Guinea, West Africa. We have often heard of missionaries who visit the field before moving there permanently and how beneficial this sort of trip really is. Not only will this allow us to get to know the field and our coworkers but it will allow us to much more effectively communicate to you! Instead of sharing the stories and pictures of others we will be able share our own experiences and insights into the country of Guinea and our future ministry there.



Many of you have likely heard of the recent unrest in Guinea and are probably wondering, "why on earth would you go to Guinea now?" That is a good question that we'd love to answer. This past January the unions of Guinea began a nation wide strike demanding major political change. The biggest of these demands was that President Conte would appoint a new Prime Minister that would have power to make important economical reforms without being hindered. The strike lasted several weeks and finally stopped when President Conte agreed to appoint a new Prime Minister. He ended up appointing one that the unions felt was too close to Conte and so the strikes erupted once again. This time President Conte imposed martial law and a strict curfew. A week later he again agreed to a new Prime Minister this time choosing someone from a list written by the unions. Life has settled down in Guinea and we have heard from our leadership in Guinea that we can continue with our travel plans. These types of struggles which many African countries face are unpredictable, that is why we are thankful that we go forth under God's leading and protection. Please pray for us as we plan, prepare and raise funds for this trip. To see how you can get involved please visit:

[copelandramblings.com/guineatrip/](http://copelandramblings.com/guineatrip/)

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