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# Better than a plastic Ferrari in your Apple Jacks! by Jason

Remember when you were a kid and you used to fish marvelous prizes out of the cereal box? Well I hope you got just as excited this month when you opened your letter and found your fantastic prize (haha). I designed these bumper stickers and we had them printed up because we believe in the power of prayer and believe that any silly thing we can do to help you remember to pray for us and what God is doing in West Africa is well worth it (even if you do laugh at me for how silly the bumper sticker is). The Bible says that faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains. We're hoping to see cultural and religious mountains moved in Guinea-Bissau so we need people to pray and stand in faith with us.

## If you're not into bumper stickers on your car, check out the back of this page for some other creative ideas for using yours! Any way that we can get you to remember us in prayer, we'll take it!

#### Pink, With a Big Bow by Emily

When I think about Easter I have so many cool memories. When I was a little girl I used to get a brand new dress each year made by my mom. We would go to the fabric store and pick out the material and the pattern really it was every little girl's dream, a dress custom designed especially for me! For years I always picked out a pattern with a full skirt (for twirling, of course) and a big bow around the waist (Princess!). I also loved seeing the church decorated and celebrating as we sung all my favorite songs about Jesus rising from the dead.



front row: Missy, Sam, Manda, lap: Eli

This Easter I didn't have a pink dress with a twirling skirt but I did love going to church with the Atkins clan and singing with my whole heart, "O,

the wonderful cross, bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live!" Truly live that's what Easter is all about; Christ lives and only He gives us true, meaningful life! (Amen, somebody? hehe)

### **On the Road Again** by Emily

One of my best friends emailed me a few weeks ago and the title of the email was, "Where are you Carmen Sandiego?" We have been traveling a lot this year, partially for training, but mostly speaking in lots of different places about what's God's has been up to in Guinea-Bissau. One of the best parts about fundraising is having the opportunity to share the passion that God has put on our hearts and see people get excited about things that are happening half-way around the world!



This past month our travels took us to upstate New York where we spoke at a missions conference at Davis College. While we were there we had the opportunity to speak at several different churches and small groups about what God's been up to in Guinea-Bissau. (The best part was that we got to stay with my Grandma and Grandpa, which is always fun!) We had a great time and we loved meeting lots of new people and catching up with some good friends.

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# **Question:** What amazingly cool things could I do with this awesome bumper sticker? Answer: I'm so glad you asked! I might have a few ideas for you...













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