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Unpacking the Container *by Emily*

God heard your prayers for our container and I am happy to report that arrived in port safely, the taxes that they charged were fair, it was released from port in about a month (amazingly fast for Guinea-Bissau), it was unloaded in about four hours without any injuries, and everything inside it looks great!

The main reason we sent this container over was to bring all of the equipment for the solar system that is going to provide power for the entire Youth Center. We also sent over equipment for the classes and the office at the Youth Center, new machines for the shop, and several other missionaries sent things for their families and their ministries. Thank you to everyone who gave generously to make this container a possibility!



The truck bringing the big blue shipping container was not exactly a beauty, but it got the job done!



Unloading the new drill press Jason found on Craig's List



Pastor Ze Augusto (the director of YFC Guinea-Bissau) supervises the unloading of this stack of solar panels.



Sosa and Fernando prove there's more than one way to carry a solar panel



Using the new chain fall to unload the 800 pound welder.



The four giant chalkboards we found at Goodwill arrived without a scratch.



A few of the guys who helped unload enjoying a well earned lunch. They were so hungry they didn't even wait for me to hand out spoons.

Like Christmas in May *by Emily*

Even though we got the container unloaded a few weeks ago we're still working on getting everything from it set up. Each new thing that we get going is a blessing to the Youth Center and it's a really exciting time to be here.



Using the small welder Jason got on Craig's List to secure of the supports for the solar system onto the front of Guest House



Installing the new printers in the office. In just the past month the Center has already printed 19,000 copies and saved right around \$800 (compared to printing the student materials at the photo-copy shop which is what they were doing).



In typical African fashion, nothing is wasted. Jason is using the plywood from the crates he built in the container to make workbenches and shelving for the shop.

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Support *by Emily*

Thank you so much to everyone who has been praying about our finances. So many of you have given generously this past month and we have been blessed by your sacrifice. We've received several special one-time donations and we had three new families start supporting us monthly. YFC friends of ours who were raising support to go to Africa decided that God was calling them in a different direction in the States, and they just asked YFC to move \$4,000 of the money in their account to ours! All of this means that we have enough cushion in our account to cover our monthly deficit for six months or so while we continue to pray for more monthly supporters so that we can be fully funded. In the middle of celebrating God's provision this month we found out that a church that has been supporting us is moving their support money to a family in the congregation that is heading to the mission field - two steps forward, one step back. ☺

If you feel God leading you to join our monthly support team we still need you. ☺ You can send a check in with the form on the bottom of this letter, or you can give online. If you go to our website there's a link to YFC's secure giving site at the bottom of our homepage: www.JasonAndEmilyAtkins.com.

Going to the Chapel, In the Village ☺ *by Emily*

If you've ever heard Jason talk about our computer school you've probably heard him talk about his right hand man, Sisco. Ever since the first computer class, Jason and Sisco have worked together on designing curriculum, teaching, building the network, computer maintenance, and all of the other little things that go along with a computer school. Each time we've been in the States Jason's spent hours each week on Skype with Sisco keeping everything running smoothly.



At the reception



The wedding party praying God's blessing over Sisco and Nela as they start their life together



Savannah and I in our African dresses outside the church at Sisco's wedding in the village of Ingoro

This past week Sisco got married, so we took a family trip two hours north to the village that his wife is from to be part of their big day. Some parts of the wedding were just like a wedding in the States - the white dress, repeating vows, the big cake. Other parts were distinctly African - groups of women dancing with rattles on their ankles, a reception at each parent's house after the wedding before the main reception, a giant sound system blaring music with a mosh pit of people dancing when the bride and groom arrived at her parents' house, people blowing whistles while the bride and groom danced at the reception. Several parts of the wedding also reflected their dedication to the Lord - getting married in a church, the wedding party praying over the couple during the ceremony, and blessings offered by the guests at the reception. It was fun seeing how an event we know is translated into another culture, and seeing one of our friends finally (after seven years of dating) get married!



Savannah is loving her new seat. We do give her food to eat too, not just keys ☺



Seven months old and having a great time playing with some of her new toys that came in the container.

Jason + Emily