



The Atkins Family

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Serving in Guinea-Bissau,
West Africa

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A second fundraising miracle makes a big dent in phase two of the project!

Fundraising Miracle *by Jason*

Last month we were marveling at the way God worked through Healdsburg Community Church to provide the \$40,000 for the first phase of the building project (to buy and ship the off-grid solar power system). This month, amazingly, we have a second miracle to report! A family who has been involved in our ministry for many years has pledged up to \$36,250 of matching funds to help us reach the next milestone!

This second phase of the project is \$72,500, a 50% down payment on the land, house, and bungalows of the new base. The match doubles every donation given toward this goal. While the goal is an ambitious one, the match means that every step taken forward puts us two steps closer to the goal!

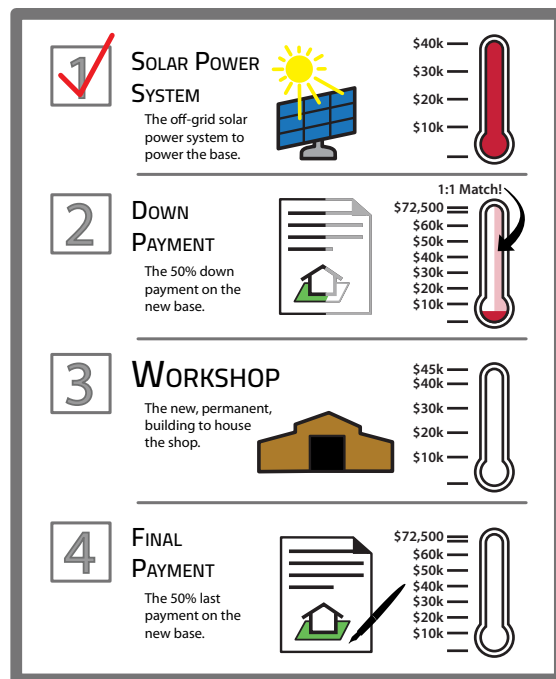
The third and fourth phases of the project will build the new workshop on the land (\$45,000) and finish paying for the land (the second \$72,500).

We have been humbled by the way God has worked through His church to meet needs from the beginning of our time in Guinea-Bissau 13 years ago, and continue to be blown away at the flood of support and encouragement we've received as we embark on this project to give us a permanent base from which to operate and grow the impact we can have helping to build God's Kingdom in Guinea-Bissau! Please join us in celebrating and continuing to pray for those God will call to jump on board.

Speaking *by Emily*

I love to stand in front of a room of people, with my Bible open, teaching God's word. Hours of study and prayer go into each sermon, and those are sweet times for me as well. Over the past several years God has opened door after door for me to teach in Guinea-Bissau, and over the past two months I have had opportunities to testify to God's faithfulness and share His truth here in the U.S.—from California to

Massachusetts, from a church conference to an AWANA chapel, in a MOPs group, in several ladies' Bible study groups, and, together with Jason, at a home group and six congregations. It has been so fun! My prayer is that God will use every word to encourage and build His church all across the U.S.



A new partnership *by Jason*

West African Vocational Schools (the organization we've been working with for the past five years) is refocusing its efforts on a large, new campus in the capital of Bissau; however, God has called us to continue investing in our beloved village of Canchungo. After months of prayer, we have made the difficult decisions to switch to a different sending organization whose vision is more in line with the way God has called us to work. We wish WAVS well in the direction God has called them.

We look forward to working with our new sending organization, Hope Remembered, which has a vision of development projects working hand-in-hand with discipleship as a way of showing God's love to Guinea-Bissau, a ministry model which more closely mirrors the way God has called us to work since arriving in Guinea-Bissau in 2006. Hope Remembered is also partnered with several other missionary couples in Guinea-Bissau, most who we've known for more than 10 years.

Though there will be some logistical changes, our work will continue very much as before—discipling, community outreach, using the shop to support projects like the drinking water filter factory, and training metalworkers (though now a more comprehensive education of fewer ironworkers at a time, in the form of shop interns).

This change could lead to several questions, which we've tried to answer on the right, but if you have any other questions through the transition, we welcome them. Please contact Emily at EmilyMarieAtkins@gmail.com or (501) 291-1514.

We have been incredibly blessed over the years by the faithfulness of the people God has called alongside us to support this work through prayer, interest, and giving. We pray that we can continue to count on this faithfulness as we make the transition to Hope Remembered.

Jason has continued collecting supplies and equipment from various auctions for the shop to send over in the container.



Q) Will I keep getting newsletters?

A) Yep! We'll keep sending newsletters the same way you currently receive them, whether electronically or in the mail.

Q) Does the move to Hope Remembered change the way your ministry is funded?

A) No, we'll continue to depend on the money sent by faithful individuals, families, and churches to keep making our work possible.

Q) Where do I send donations?

A) Donations can still be given online through the giving link at the bottom of our homepage, at www.JasonAndEmilyAtkins.com/give – please designate "Staff Support – Jason and Emily Atkins" in the dropdown. If you prefer to mail a check with "Atkins Family" on the memo line, the address for that will now be: Hope Remembered / P.O. Box 5 / Fosters, AL 35463

Q) Will my automatic monthly donation carry over to Hope Remembered?

A) No. Hope Remembered can set up automatic monthly EFT or credit card donations just like WAVS, but can't legally do that for you. To set up a monthly donation with Hope Remembered, visit www.JasonAndEmilyAtkins.com/give. That page will give you the option of either a one-time donation, or to set up an automatic monthly donation in the way that you choose. You will also need to cancel the monthly donation with WAVS by contacting Rebecca at info@wavschoools.org or (559) 825-1771.

Q) How will your ministry change through the transition?

A) The kinds of work we do will change very little, but we'll be able to focus more wholly on the work God has called us to, with fewer distractions. The one significant change will be that we'll no longer be operating in a vocational welding program with students. However, we still believe deeply in vocational training in the village, and will continue to be a part of it, though it will probably be through training a smaller group of metalworking interns more thoroughly, rather than a larger batch of students for a shorter time. The practical hands-on focus of the welding program we helped develop at the vocational school is one of our favorite aspects of that program, and having interns for a longer time will let us go even deeper with hands-on training while also getting more work done for the projects we're there to help.



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Please make checks payable to:
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with "Atkins" in the memo.