

The Atkins Family Jason, Emily, Savannah, Nathaniel, and Miriam

Serving in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa With only a month before the beginning of the rainy season, we're working hard to finish projects at the site!

Workshor Housing

New Base Fundraising Progress

Family house,

bungalow.

guesthouse, and

\$72,500 -

\$40k

\$30k

\$63,652!

Water Tower 2.0 by Jason

Last month I talked about getting started on the water tower at the new WAVS campus in the capital. Generator problems cut that trip short, and though we're still waiting on the part to fix my shop's generator/welder, WAVS was, fortunately, able to get their city power connection hooked up in the meantime. So we were

able to head back in to finish the work on the tower, ahead of their first classes starting in the campus's first building.

We had a great team of guys who put in a 70-hour week, and in the end our hard work paid off! We finished fabricating the legs, got them set by the crane and levelled, fabricated the and made cross-bracing all onsite. This water tower isn't my first, but is the heaviest I've done so



far. It's also the first whose construction required the assistance of a crane. It was very satisfying seeing my design come together right in front of our eyes as we built it, piece by piece.

Earlier this year, back in my shop, I'd cut the gussets that we then welded onto the legs of the tower to give the cross-bracing somewhere to bolt.

One star piece of equipment in the process was the manual punch we used to make the 1/2" holes in 1/4" thick angle iron for the cross-bracing (120 holes!) If you've ever drilled holes like that with a hand drill, you'll know why we appreciated this! (Hint: It takes a lot of pressure!)



Juice Tycoon by Jason

Savannah, whose entrepreneurial spirit runs deep, has recently gathered a few friends to create the west-African version of a lemonade stand the last several weekends. She and her friends have been making juice from the "apples" of the



Ami, Suni, Savannah, and Nathaniel pose with the juice popsicles they made and sold in the neighborhood.

cashew trees on our land and then selling the juice in the neighborhood. They've made a couple of bucks (literally, like \$2 each) and been having a great time hanging

The cashew fruit is squishy and has a sweet juice in its flesh, which is almost like a sponge. They've been collecting the fruit, washing it, squeezing it, and then, as is the custom here, putting the juice into little individual baggies that the customers bite the corner off of to drink it. The juice is sweet but has a little bit of bite in the back of your throat similar to cranberry juice.



The cashew apple (the red part the nut hangs from) is like a juicy sponge.

Back At YFC by Emily

This past month I went back to our old stomping grounds-the Youth for Christ Youth Center in the capital, where we lived and worked during our first 8 years in Guinea-Bissau-to conduct a training workshop with their English teachers.

During our time at the Youth Center, from 2006 to 2014, I primarily worked with their English department-teaching, writing curriculum, and training national English teachers. The Youth Center grew by leaps and bounds the whole time we were there and has continued to grow ever since. They currently have 30 English teachers working on two different campuses, and they

invited me to do some training with that group.

The YFC English teachers working hard during the training.

I prepared my lesson plans and practice packets for the teachers, traveled to the capital, and we spent 5 hours working together to improve not only their ability to correct student writing, but also improve their own writing skills. It was a great workshop, and I absolutely loved being able to continue to invest in a school that had such a huge impact on my life and ministry and is having an impact on so many young people in Guinea-Bissau every day.



We had a great time together!



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