

We Have A Floor! (cont'd) by Jason

(...) Usually this kind of work would be formed using wood, but the wood we have available is either expensive or fragile. The interlocking panels we made out of steel should long outlast the construction of the base.

We have great hope for the guest housing at the base. This bungalow is the first of several spaces that we hope will provide a quiet, calm place for tired Christian workers in Guinea-Bissau to be able to rest and listen to God. Will you please continue to pray with us as we're building this space that God will continue to protect the quiet beauty of this place and be preparing the people He has to stay there? We would also love to have any of you over for a visit, it's a gorgeous spot!



Pouring the floor of the very first residence on the base!



The guys vibrating the concrete to remove air bubbles.



This (minus the pile of blocks) will be the view of the river that our guests wake up seeing out the front door. Isn't it beautiful?



Desks, Desks, and More Desks! by Jason

Amid the hustle and bustle of finishing the things that needed to be done in order for us to leave Guinea-Bissau, our partners in the southern part of the country needed more desks for their grade school. Fortunately, although I didn't have time to do much with them personally, we now have a good drawing, jigs, and a smooth process for producing the desks. So, in a big victory for the shop's ability to get important work done even without me, a small group of welding program grads and former teachers tackled the task of making 38 more 2-person desks with minimal help from me. They did an awesome job, and the desk frames are now painted and ready to go to southern Guinea-Bissau where they'll have their wooden seat, back, and tabletop surfaces installed. We had hoped to be able to handle the wooden components in Canchungo as well, but our hardwood supply is much spottier, where the wood is plentiful and relatively cheap in the southern and eastern parts of the country.



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