

GUINEA WEST AFRICA



Rev. Gnininte and Pastor David



Marie, Pastor David, and Grace

NO TURNING BACK NO MATTER THE COST BY REV. DARLINGTON GNININTE

Pastor David is the Senior Pastor of Guinea OFWB Mission Church. He is married to Marie Camara, with a lovely daughter Grace. Currently there are two stations in Guinea. Pastor David is often sent by Rev. Gnininte to visit the other church which is in the South East of Guinea. It is pastored by Moise Koivogui. Pastor David was converted at a tender age. Before then, he was born a Muslim in a Muslim family with his father being an Imam, the equivalent of a pastor in the Christian religion. It was compulsory that every child, especially the male, to follow after the father's steps. He came to know the true Jesus when one of his friends gave him Christian brochures to read. He had heard and read about Jesus. But what he read was derogatory. This time he read the true story about Jesus and how He came and died, that all might be saved through Him. And He (Jesus) said, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me"** (John 14:6). These words convinced Pastor David to believe in Jesus as His personal Savior.

When His sister caught him reading this leaflet, she shouted in tears that our brother is reading the forbidden book. He was whipped severely leaving bruises all on his body. He was jailed for weeks. But yet he would not stop praying to Jesus. It was in this instance that the whole family had a meeting. In this meeting they decided to kill him, because he had brought shame on the family. He was tied like a sheep to be slaughtered. It was God who moved one of his uncles who freed him and told him to escape as fast as he could, for his life was to be taken the next morning at dawn. He escaped the village at 3:00 am and walked in the bush for more than 6 hours to flee for his life. After this long walk, thirsty and hungry, he met a pastor who was from Togo, a country next to Guinea. It was this man who took him in and offered him safe haven. Later, he was introduced to some missionaries from Canada who trained him. He then worked with a mission as a church planter. It was hard for people to believe that he was a pastor since his name was Diarra, which is a West African Malinke name. These are people who are 100 per cent Muslim and never convert. Later the Christians he was working with became envious and did not treat him as a brother. He left through the power of God to visit Liberia in search of someone who could give him comfort, brotherly love, and care, as well as spiritual nourishment.

In 2008 he met me in Liberia and I commissioned him to go back to Guinea and start a fellowship. Months later I visited him in Conakry, Guinea. The OFWB Mission Church was launched with 50 members. The name in French is **Eglise Baptiste Libre Originelle (EBLO)- which is OFWB in French.** Since 2008, the work has been growing with the blessing of the Lord. I have had the privilege to baptize more than 15 new converts. There are now 78 members in Conakry Church. During my last visit in March, the Muslims in the area were planning to remove the church from the community. Just a few days ago Pastor David called me to inform me about the trials and temptations they were facing from the Muslims in Guinea. They are still focused on Jesus. They are not even afraid of death. I remembered when I was there, we were praying with one eye closed and one eye opened. **This is the way the worship of God is done there, in fear but yet in faith.** Pastor David is very energetic and zealous for the work of God. He said, "I don't care the cost, but I must do God's work even in the midst of trials."



UPDATE: In my last newsletter, I told you how the brethren in Guinea had come under attack by the Muslim community. I received communication from Pastor David that the church has been evicted from their rented building. They are trying to secure a place of worship, but many are refusing to rent to them for church use, since Guinea is 99% Muslim. Please pray that they will be able to rent a place that will serve as a house for the pastor and also a church.

The brethren in Guinea are very grateful for the assistance to their pastors. May the Lord richly bless you all.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" March 16:15.

"Only as the church fulfills her missionary obligation does she justify her existence." — Unknown

On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your church on its missions emphasis, interest, and support?



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Vanessa will have surgery on October 7. Please be much in prayer for her.