



Guinea

ENVISION HANDBOOK



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Introduction

ABOUT THE SITE

Conakry is located on a peninsula in Guinea, West Africa. Packed with two million people, most live in extreme poverty. Such poverty, along with disease and the influence of traditional religions, provides many challenges for Alliance workers in sharing the love of Jesus. Teams and interns can come join us in partnering with believers for gospel-centered community development.

MEET THE TEAM



Joel and Amanda Griffin have been married for over 15 years and have two beautiful teenage daughters, Madalynn and Sophia. They were born and raised in Northwest Georgia where they were involved with their home church, CrossPoint City in Cartersville, GA, for over 14 years. God called them as a family to serve internationally in January of 2016, and they served in Burkina Faso for two years and were appointed as long-term international workers through Envision. The door may have closed to Burkina, but it is open to Guinea. They look forward to a fruitful partnership with the Guinea national church and other missionaries.



Joanna Gregg was born in Colorado, left when she was three years old, and has been moving around ever since. After graduating from university, she moved to the Atlanta area and joined West Ridge Church of Dallas, GA. Joanna went on three short-term missions trips with West Ridge through Envision and the C&MA to Burkina Faso starting in 2008. In January 2011, Joanna moved to Burkina Faso for a one-year internship with Envision and returned in July 2012 for a residency with Envision. It was during her residency that Joanna went through the appointment process with the Alliance and remained in Burkina until the end of 2019 when the team made the decision to leave due to security. Through this process, Joanna felt God leading her to relocate to Guinea with Envision where she is looking forward to continuing similar work helping local believers share the message of Christ with those who don't know Him.



General Information

TEAM COSTS

A ministry fee is required for all teams. The cost will depend on which ministries your team participates in while in-country. These fees need to be sent to the Envision Office three months before your trip so that we can prepare.

INTERN COSTS

The general cost is \$1,650 per month; this includes the on-ground fees and the National Office Ministry Investment fee while in the country. The in-country expenses cover meals, lodging, laundry, limited Wi-Fi, and in-city transportation. Airfare is excluded.

In addition to the monthly cost, there will be a one-time fee for international travel insurance for your internship—price varies. The intern coordinator will provide the amount details.

HOUSING & FOOD

The guesthouse has hot and cold water, kitchen facilities, filtered water, screened and glass windows, fans, linens and towels, laundry service, and 220v electricity with European style plugs. A/C units are available for an additional charge. There are breakfast items in the guesthouse, but you can also bring instant oatmeal, granola bars, etc., to supplement. The guesthouse has local coffee and tea bags, but you are welcome to bring your own.



If you travel outside of Conakry, accommodations might be outdoors with cots, sleeping bags, and “natural” bathrooms. Please bring your own toilet paper and flip flops for bucket baths.

Meals are provided, but please bring snacks. If you have allergies, make sure we are aware. We cannot cater for dietary preferences or allergies. You will need to bring your own food if you cannot eat what is served. **We ask that no one with severe peanut allergies comes to Guinea.** Peanuts are used in many dishes, and due to limited medical care, this is not advised.

AIRPORT & ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Please schedule your flight to arrive in Conakry (airport code CKY). When you land, you will need to present your passport, health card, boarding pass, checked baggage receipt, and Guinea phone number to fill out a disembarkation card. Make sure that you have all of the documents listed above easily accessible.

Do not give your passport to anyone unless it is a uniformed officer. **Do not** pay anyone. **Do not** take pictures of airports, government buildings, or officials while in Guinea. As a matter of courtesy, try to remember to use your right hand when handing anything (i.e. passport, documents, luggage keys, money, etc.) as the left hand is considered unclean.

VISAS

Visas are required to enter Guinea. One of our Envision Guinea team members will reach out to help you with the process.

MONEY

Please bring spending money for souvenirs, gifts, and snacks. Bring denominations of **\$50/\$100 (newer bills)**, and we will help exchange these. If you serve for 10 days in January–May, there is opportunity to go to Kassa Island and out to dinner at a nice restaurant. It costs \$60/person.

COMMUNICATIONS

You will be able to let your families know that you have arrived safely as soon as possible. We provide limited Internet. If you exceed the limit, you may purchase more Internet credit for \$90. Let your family know that if they do not hear from you right away, they should not worry.

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HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

The Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) has requirements for travel in Africa:

Recommended:

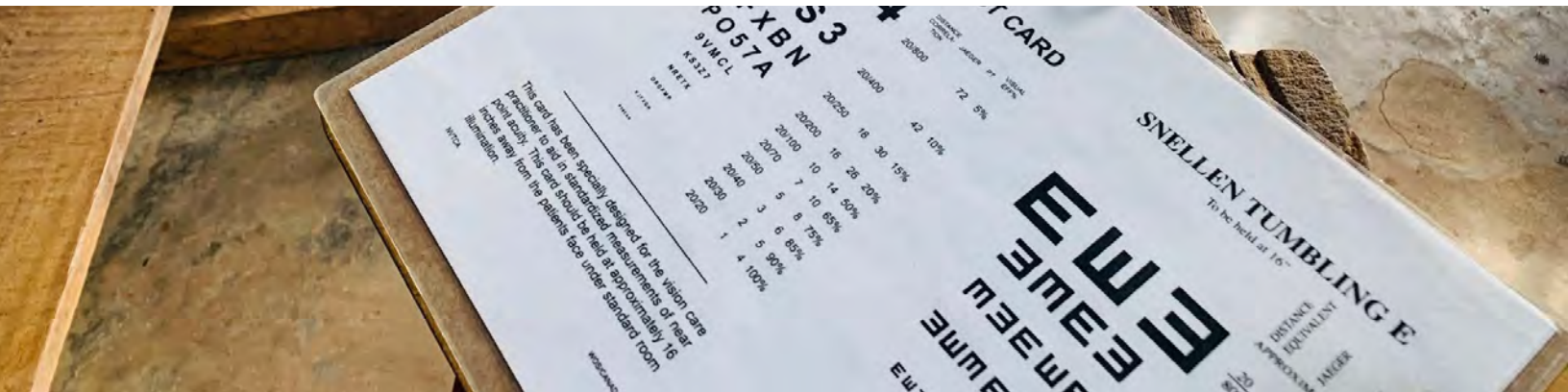
- Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B
- Typhoid
- Tetanus
- Polio booster injection (if you have had less than five lifetime doses)
- Meningitis vaccine

Required:

- Yellow fever
- COVID-19 vaccine (bring vaccination card)

Malaria Prophylaxis

It is strongly advised to take a malaria prophylaxis while in Guinea. This is a medicine, not a vaccine. Depending on the type, you will begin taking the medication before your trip and continue for 7-30 days after returning home. The CDC recommendation for malaria prevention is malarone (atovaquone proguanil) or doxycycline. Please ask your doctor to determine the best option for you.



Packing List

- Clothes (see below)
- Shoes
- Flip flops (shower shoes)
- Modest swim suit (one piece/tankini, no low cut tops)
- Beach towel
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Lotion
- Chapstick
- Eye drops
- Malaria meds
- Prescription meds
- Preferred meds for pain, allergy, digestion, and/or nausea
- Hat
- Flashlight, extra batteries
- Snacks
- Camera
- Insulated water bottle
- Bible, journal, pen
- Spending money in USD

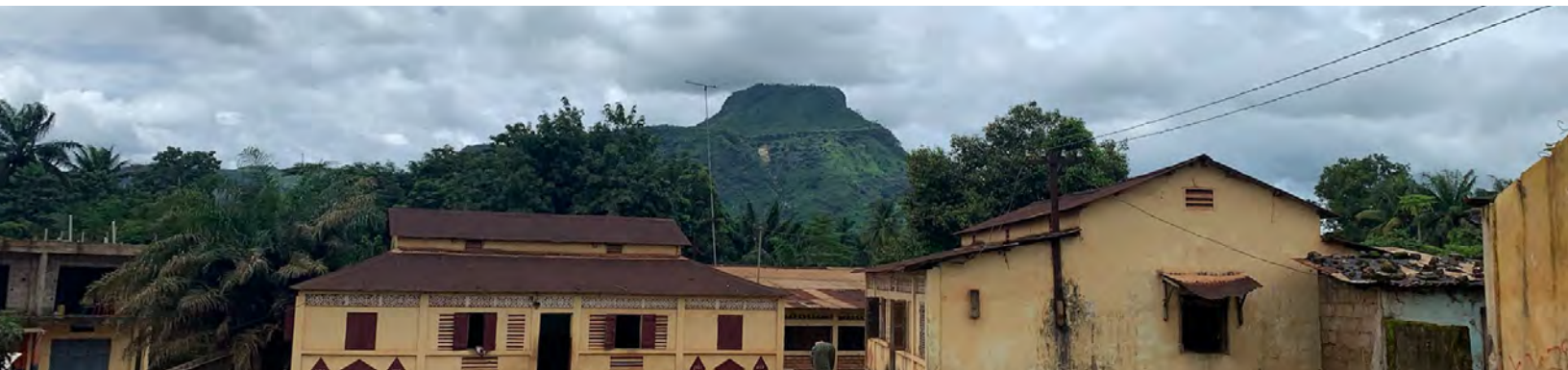
SUGGESTED DRESS CODE

Despite the heat, the Guinean culture is very modest in regards to clothing. We request that you respect local sensitivities and dress conservatively. Loose fitting, lightweight, cotton clothing will be the most comfortable. For those that are a little cold-natured, a light jacket may be nice in the evenings or on the airplane.

Women need to wear ankle-length skirts for ministry and will want to bring at least two non-sleeveless shirts/dresses for when it is not appropriate to wear sleeveless tops. You may also want to bring loose-fitting pants or capri pants for non-ministry related activities as well as knee-length shorts to wear in the guest house or under skirts for work projects. Sleeveless shirts are acceptable for some ministry-related activities, but no spaghetti straps or shirts that show your midriff.

Men should wear casual dress pants and a collared/polo shirt for church. Pants and short-sleeve shirts are acceptable for all ministry locations. You may want to bring knee-length shorts to wear around the guesthouse.

*Please note, leggings can ONLY be worn with knee length skirts/dresses—even in the airport.





Ministry

Envision Guinea partners with local churches, organizations, and other believers to help them identify and enhance their strengths and resources, encouraging them to utilize these strengths and resources to share the gospel, disciple believers, and help their community. We do this by providing some resources, projects, training, and opportunities for gospel access through our work with teams and interns.

Schedule

TEAMS

Expect to be flexible. Your schedule will be sent to your team leader as soon as your team ministries have been decided.

INTERNS

Expect to be flexible. Your schedule will be determined by the ministries you are asked to be involved with and will sometimes involve working alongside teams that visit throughout your internship. You can expect to build relationships with locals, teach English, work with a local youth center, attend church weekly, practice rhythms of Sabbath rest and other spiritual disciplines, and be involved in weekly discipleship time with an Envision staff member.



Cultural Sensitivity

LOCATION AND GEOGRAPHY

Guinea is located on the west coast of Africa and is bordered by Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. Its area is 94,930 square miles (245,857 square kilometers). There are four geographic zones: lower region, middle region, upper region, and Guinea highlands. Lower Guinea receives heavy rains, and Conakry is one of the wettest cities in the world. Guinea's average temperature is in the 80s, and the average rainfall each year between June and September is five meters.

- Population: 12 million, with 1.9 million living in the capital (Conakry)
- Country Size: Slightly smaller than Oregon
- Religions: Majority religion 88%; Animist/other about 7%; Christian 5%, only 1–2% being evangelical Christians
- Currency: Guinean franc (\$1 USD = 9,800 GNF)
- Ethnic Groups: Fulani 33.9%, Malinke 31.1%, Soussou 19.1%, Guerze 6%, Kissi 4.7%, Toma 2.6%, Other 2.7%

Dear Friends & Family!

December 5, 2019

Earlier this year I was honored to be part of a short-term mission trip to Taipei, Taiwan. Once more I can serve Him alongside other missionaries from my church! On March 16, 2020 I will be returning to Taipei! I am so excited to reconnect with people I met earlier this year. What a blessing! I can't wait to hear how God has made a difference in their lives over the past months.



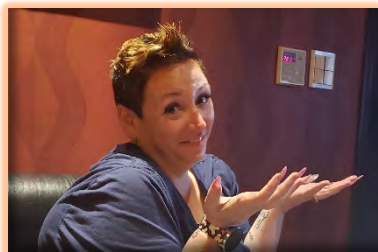
God has done so much in my life over the past 2 years. My relationship with the Lord continues to grow. I want everyone to feel His love. One of the best ways that will happen is for me to share my story.

In Taiwan our church is partnered with The Aroma Coffee House. Church Aroma continues to reach young people in Taipei by hosting outreach events including baking or art classes, teaching English, & coffee talks are some of the activities they have organized. Our hope will be to help the Aroma staff become leaders and connect with people. Relationships are the key to life. "We love because he first loved us." John 4:19



I can't express how grateful I am to have such amazing friends and family that support my passion for missions. I would love for you to partner with me in prayer and/or financial support. Please let me know by using the return envelope for any financial gift God is leading you to give. I have included a tax-deductible form to include with your gift. You can also use the following link https://myrc.link/Give_Taiwan_Team.

Please pray for the following:



- ♥ Safety in the long flight and adjustment to the time change (approx. 14 hours)
- ♥ The difficulties of sharing Gods word where is he is not well known.
- ♥ That the Holy Spirit keeps our team moving forward and reaching lost people.
- ♥ Our team stays healthy physically and mentally before, during, and after our trip.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I'd love to share with you my love for missions!

Blessings!

Amy Fajardo

Dear Family and Friends,



Geri & Me

I am happy to tell you that in March I will be returning to Burkina Faso, Africa for a second well drilling mission trip – and in this case, a second trip in two months! As many of you know, I returned from my first well drilling trip to Burkina, through my church, Riverside, the end of January. As we were leaving Burkina, I was made aware that three of the team of four men that were scheduled to go in March from a church in Atlanta had to drop out, and I felt the prompting of God to pretty much “turn around” and go back... ***“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If you speak, you should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If you serve, you should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”*** 1 Peter 4:10

As part of a well drilling team, our goal while in Burkina Faso is to drill and find water in as many villages as we can to provide fresh, clean, drinkable water to people who have few resources, and who currently travel many miles to source water. In some cases, with Burkina Faso being a landlocked country, it is a place of extreme poverty. Bringing a critical life resource of water into people’s lives brings absolute joy, both for the African people as well as the team.

The first trip was amazing with many fun and exciting experiences! By the grace of God the outcome of our well drilling was very good, with 5 wells that we were able to get a hand in -- repairing a well that had not been working for 4 years, completing a few that had been started by a prior team, and drilling brand new wells and having success by hitting water. I am excited to see what wonderful successes God has planned for the March trip!



Me and the team from Riverside

As I prepare for this second trip, I ask for your prayers for safety and God to work in and through me. I also humbly ask you to consider supporting me financially, if you are able. I need to raise approximately \$2,700 by March 1st. All donations are tax-deductible and directions for financial contributions can be found in the enclosures. If you would commit to praying, or if you can support me in a financial way, or both, I would be very grateful.

Thank you for partnering with me as I again prepare for this adventure in Burkina Faso, Africa.

Blessings,

Rod Kampa

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Enclosures: Tax Deductible Form and Return Envelope

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