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*King Emmanuel,
guinean painter*



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Dear friendly readers,

We very much want to let you know we are leaving in October for a 2-year volunteer mission in Guinea's capital city, Conakry. After 8 happy years in Amsterdam and the birth of Elise, we are joining a Fidesco mission at the **Saint Gabriel's dispensary** in the city's Matoto's neighborhood.

Referred to as "Pays des rivières" by Aimé Olivier de Sanderval, Guinea has a varied ecosystem: mountains, forests and savannas. Its diversity of religions, ethnic groups and languages (24) partly explains its rich culture. However, the country suffers from political instability and endemic poverty; 43.7% of the population lives below the poverty line. Access to drinking water, health, electricity and education are major challenges.



In 1987, Fidesco created Saint Gabriel's medical center in Conakry. In 2002, it was enlarged to include a maternity ward. Now with 100,000 consultations and 1,600 deliveries a year, Saint Gabriel offers quality care to the most disadvantaged. Numerous volunteers work as doctors and managers, supporting and training the staff.

Frédéric, as managing director, will handle finances, and lead the teams. Brune will focus on the nutrition program as well as on medical staff training. We will be joining two other volunteer families, Marine & François and Benoit, Agnès and their three kids. Our Elise will quickly learn her first 'sousou' words with them.



Four years ago, in our wedding prayer, we pledged to contribute to a fairer world. These past years, in Amsterdam, we have focused on ourselves, our jobs and family, allowing very little room for others. By volunteering, we hope to serve, act and live daily with those most in need.



So we set off with FIDESCO, which sent us on a two-year mission after a year's training. Founded in 1980, Fidesco sends trained and competent volunteers to developing countries: more than 200 volunteers now work in 28 countries around the

world. They work alongside the local population, sharing their expertise in education, agronomy, medicine, mechanics, teaching, management, etc. Volunteers receive an allowance that allows them to live in conditions similar to those of the local population. **Modest but fair conditions.**

Fidesco covers the costs of our missions: pre-departure training, plane tickets, insurance, administrative follow-up, local subsistence allowance, etc. Part of this budget is funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but the rest (75%) depends on donations.

Without you, Fidesco cannot send volunteers. Without you, Fidesco cannot respond to the appeals of local churches and their bishops who ask for our help. That's why we are asking you to join us in this adventure!

How can you do this? By sponsoring this two-year mission.

It's very simple: support Fidesco with a monthly direct debit of €15 (or the equivalent in a one-off donation) and you will receive our mission reports every three months. So you can live the adventure with us!

You can also support us more simply by making a donation of the amount of your choice. There is no such thing as a small donation and your help is invaluable!

We are also counting on your prayers and kind support to accompany us on this adventure. I hope you will join us in our mission.

Brune, Frédéric & Elise



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