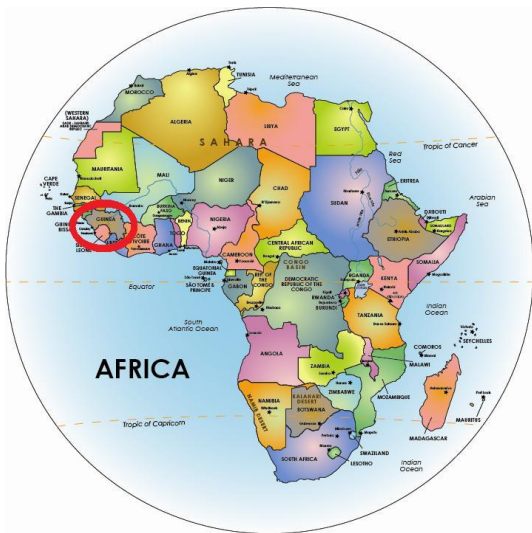


God's Grace to Guinea, West Africa!



June 3 an urgent request was received by Charita through the World of Connections website (worldofconnections.org). "Please help send assistance as it is desperately needed." The request came from Conakry, Guinea. Photos and narratives described an incredible humanitarian catastrophe taking place in this nation on Africa's west cost. Through further investigation and discussion we decided that we had to try to respond to this urgent plea.

The plea described the emergency as: *"A huge increase in the population of orphans, refugees, and poor masses that are forgotten. There are not enough food or dwellings, shoes or clothing or other essential necessities for basic living."*

The communication described Guinea as one of the poorest countries in the world with a population undergoing a lot of political turmoil. Most of the population lives in extreme poverty.

"Due to the refugee crisis from turmoil and disease the population, including the capital Conakry, has overgrown beyond reasonable conditions. This situation is causing serious problems: the infrastructure is missing; roads are dilapidated; public transportation is in a dire state. Sanitary and social infrastructures are poor or non-existent. Education for underprivileged is absent.

"The Ebola epidemic has swept the country and moved it into chaos, left us with no city in the country that was not affected. Governmental financial support is at its lowest, causing insecurity and leaving the population in a dangerous health situation.

"All this triggered a huge increase in the population of orphans, refugees, and poor masses that are forgotten. There is not enough food or dwellings, shoes or clothing or other essential necessities for basic living.

"We are looking to supply clothes and shoes for our children. According to our distribution plan, this project will clothe parentless children and about 4,000 refugee families.



“With the help of donors we will be able to dress people and, thus, give them a chance to improve their life conditions. We wish for help so we can see people in our community with shoes and clothes, and help for our orphans so they will feel they are a part of life and are not abandoned.”



The targeted areas for our assistance will include these cities and their territories: Conakry, Kindia, Boke, Mamou, and Kankan. Most reading this have never heard of these places and are unaware of the pleas from the population.

The plans for distribution are in place. Targeted locations are further divided into chiefdoms with a comprehensive list of beneficiaries. The beneficiaries receiving the materials have signed up and are waiting for humanitarian aid to arrive. All is ready and waiting for the containers to arrive.



**The need is great. The situation is catastrophic.
The plight of the population is touching.**

We needed a container of clothing but all our usual sources were either out or in the process of shipping containers—Neelyville, MO was loading Kherson, Ukraine; Searcy, AR was loading for the Republic of Georgia; and Columbus, MS was in Haiti. I contacted Gene at Orphan Grain Train (Jonesville, IN) and he had clothing for only half a container. Charita found clothing in other locations but to get it to Jonesville, IN to complete their load would be too expensive.

Then Charita heard from Pylesville, MD. An organization named Fawn Grove Compassion Center was willing to donate clothing. At first the amount was not a full container but then the organization received a surprise shipment of clothing and personal hygiene “care kits” and “school pal packs” of school supplies that would complete the container!



The load was scheduled and our first container to Guinea, Africa was in transit!

We loaded 1,375 pieces with a fair market value of \$242,022.60 and weighing 28,191 pounds!

The cargo container is estimated to arrive at the destination in Guinea on 03 August 2018!

As we were working to secure the commodities to send the first container we were able to secure sufficient commodities to send a second container! The second container will load out of Jonesville, IN. Gene sent this information about the load inventory: *“Orphan Grain Train would be able to load 16 skids of summer clothes which would be 778 banana boxes; 150 banana boxes of various items including shoes, quilts and blankets, some purses, some linens; 80-90 boxes of summer shoes from another agency in Indianapolis; quite possibly up to 4 skids of packaged meals from Love the Hungry; and fill up the container with 1,100 new shoes from John K’s source”* (who is John Montgomery with Children’s Lifeline).

An amazing response to a catastrophic situation!

“I delivered the poor who cried for help, And the orphan who had no helper” (Job 29:12).

