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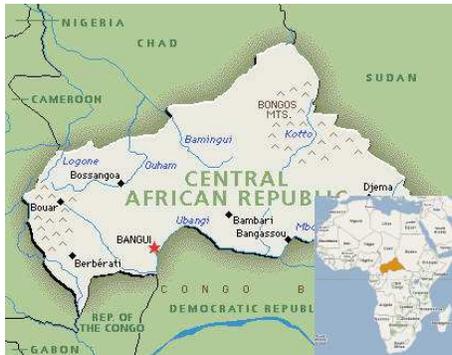
Bangui or Bust!

Dear Friends & Family,

On May 16th of this year, 2009, I achieved my Bachelor of Science in Information Systems from Point Loma Nazarene University. While considering the many opportunities awaiting me after my graduation, I felt a calling to serve on the mission field. Memories of my recent trip last summer to Liberia, including assisting one of the national pastors with his computer, gave me the realization of the impact communication technology can play in ministry, and how the development of this technology is crucial to meet the needs of this resource-rich continent.



I have been endorsed by WorldVenture to go and serve at the Bangui Evangelical School of Theology (B.E.S.T) in Bangui, Central African Republic. There I will be setting up, and maintaining a computer network, and be serving in any other manner related to telecommunications. B.E.S.T is a seminary in French speaking Africa, where pastors and their families come and receive training in several different theological and life skill areas. My work will potentially be a tremendous asset to the seminary and its students, and will help equip the men and women serving and training at B.E.S.T. God willing, I will be heading over there this October, 2009, and will be staying for about a year



The Central African Republic is located right in the middle of Africa. There are rebels that operate in the remote northern and western regions of the country, but the capital city, Bangui, where I will be serving, is safe. I definitely will need lots of prayer (including assuring that the capital stays safe.) However, I am very excited to be able to go and serve in a place where I will hopefully be able to contribute to the ministry of B.E.S.T.

As you can imagine, this kind of venture takes an incredible amount of prayer support. However, I rely on financial support as well. I hope that you will prayerfully consider becoming a ministry partner with me. If you feel called to partner financially with me, you may send donations in the form of checks payable to WorldVenture. Write my last name and account number on an attached note – not on the check memo line. (i.e. Baldwin / #6154-981). Please use the enclosed commitment form and blue envelope if you would like to donate by check. You can also make donations or commitments online at www.WorldVenture.com.

If you would like to keep up with what I am doing while on the field, you will be able to visit my website: <http://car.ejay563.com>. I will be keeping a blog, and a photo gallery so that you can stay current on the developments that take place. I am very excited to embark on this opportunity, but there is much to do in a very short time. Thank you in advance for considering partnering with me, whether that be in prayer, and/or financially. I look forward to seeing God's hand at work in the coming months, and during my time on the field.

In Him,

Erik Baldwin

"God does not call the equipped, He equips those He called."