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BY REBECCA COLEMAN

Two years ago, I felt God tugging at my heart; I knew I needed to leave the hustle and bustle of college life, if only for a short while, and take time off to give of myself to others. I decided to serve as a student missionary; through lots of prayer, I accepted a call to be an English teacher in Guinea, West Africa.



Rebecca Coleman

From the beginning of my student mission experience up until the very end, I had prayer partners. Friends and family uplifted me in their daily prayers as I fundraised, prepared to leave, and traveled.

Whatever doubts I may have had, about my decision to serve overseas, were quickly dispelled when I arrived. After my first few days in Guinea, I realized I was right where God wanted me to be.

Working in a Muslim country was not the easiest; I dealt with culture shock and homesickness. However, through it all, I could see God working through me to reach the children I was teaching.

Every step of the way, I felt the prayers of my partners back home. When I left Guinea a year later, my life had completely changed. Not only did I have an impact on my students' lives, but they had a lasting impact on mine. I am so thankful for the time that I spent there and the way God used me to spread his love.

Every year, Andrews University sends out student missionaries all over the world. They each face joys and happiness, but also times that can be difficult and faith-shaking. One way you can help see them through their journey is to pray for them. God's plans for us are far beyond what we can imagine, and maybe yours is to partner with those who are spreading God's love overseas.

More information about current student missionaries and their locations can be obtained by contacting Student Missions in the Andrews University Campus Ministries Offices. Call 269-471-3211 or email cm@andrews.edu.

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