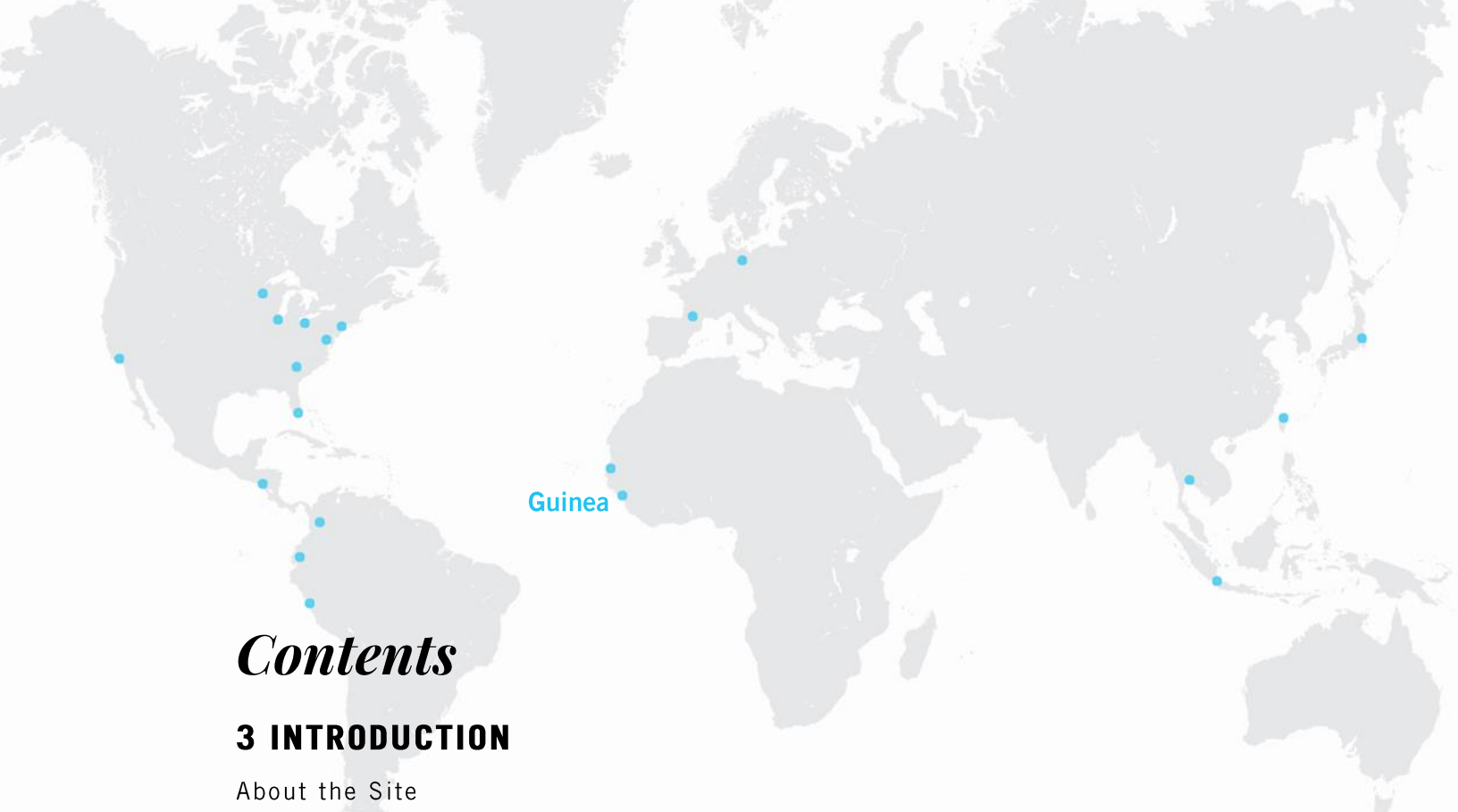




# *Guinea*

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 & Amanda  
Griffin**

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**

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 mission 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 believers share the message of Christ with those who don't know Him.



## *General Information*

### **TEAM COSTS**

The general cost is \$800 per individual on the ground in the country for up to 10 days. The in-country expenses cover meals, lodging, laundry, limited Wi-Fi, and in-city transportation. For trips beyond 10 days, it is an additional \$50/day per person. Airfare is excluded.

A ministry fee of \$2,500 is required for all teams. This fee covers all ministry project expenses. 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.

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, visa papers, and Guinea phone number. 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.

## VISA

Visas are required to enter Guinea. One of our Envision Guinea team members will reach out to help you with the process. **If you don't have a current visa, you will have to get one at the airport.** An Envision team member will walk you through the process.

## MONEY

Please bring spending money for sodas, AC hours, souvenirs, gifts, and snacks. Bring denominations of **\$50/\$100 (newer bills)**, and we will help exchange these.

## COMMUNICATIONS

You will be able to let your families know that you have arrived safely as soon as possible. Internet is provided, but please remember that this is a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country, and internet is not always reliable. Let your family know that if they do not hear from you right away, they should not worry. No news is good news.

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## HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

The Centers for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://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
- COVID-19 vaccine (bring vaccination card)/possible PCR results

### Required:

- Yellow fever

### 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
- Comfortable walking 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, papaya enzyme supplements
- Hat
- Snacks
- Camera
- Insulated water bottle
- Bible, journal, pen
- Spending money in USD
- Scrubs, if you have them (we have limited sizes)

## **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 who 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-sleeved 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*

### **TEAM**

Expect to be flexible. The ministries you will be serving with include:

- Eye clinic in partnership with a local church
- Child rescue center
- English Center
- Fula Church and school

Other Activities include:

- A day dedicated to rhythms of sabbath and discipleship
- Orientation
- Souvenir market

### **INTERN**

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%



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