



Cameroon Report

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Accept warm greetings from Cameroon, but cool ones from Nso', where it is not topping 80 degrees any day this time of year! The rains have not been heavy, but they have been steady, so places stay slick, cloudy, humid, and cool. I am sure you envy me an annual temperature range from 44 to 90.

We thank you for your prayers, and the Lord who has worked through some of you. Our financial situation here is worse than ever, with the dollar still going down. Yet some of you have supplied some of the needs we were having, and we are in manageable shape until we come to report later this Summer, 2 Corinthians 8:13-15. Our tickets have been issued, to arrive in Memphis July 30th.

My co-workers, my fellow evangelists, have been very active in following up on the dry season preaching they did in four places. In addition to the baptism I had reported at Saan, Tsiffo Pierre baptized a woman at Bamkika'ay, where a congregation already exists. On May 27th I was with him and Brother Didymus at Baase to baptize Brendaline Shulika. Her husband intends to be baptized later, when he hands over his position as treasurer in the Presbyterians. She was a Presbyterian lay-preacher, but learned that she was teaching error and was in error to be preaching in worship as a woman! She is leading others to Christ already. Gladys Bongaman was also baptized on June 8th. The first two Sundays we worshiped there we had 18 in attendance. Please pray for many others down there, including those promising to be baptized on the 17th. Also, Jeremiah, Jean-Pierre, and Zacharia continue to do personal work follow-up with other contacts. Please pray for all these souls.

Even though the roads are getting horrible, my Saturday Leadership Training Classes continue until July 19th. I leave before 6:00 a.m. and get back after 2:00 p.m., with over five hours of driving. We pick up students from Ba'nsan, Kifem, Waylay, Ndzennso', and from town, and meet others from Ngendzen, Saan, and Ndzevru'. We will have covered 45 lessons on "The Church in the Bible" and

"Problems in the Church." About 5 of our regular people are unbaptized contacts. We talk to them a lot about their salvation, but we know the Lord at Judgment will consider them thoroughly taught.

We were really happy to have had a group of visitors for eight days in May. Kathy and Willie Robinson had been in Cameroon (he is a doctor) from 1970 to 1972. They suffered through the problem of Church registration and they stuck it out, which meant a lot to the process with the government. We were happy they came back with one of their sons, Jim, and with a son-in-law, Michael Strickland. Michael also put one of my pidgin English jokes on You tube. Charles Thigpen also came in with them, and went to Kumba the second day, but then he returned to Douala to find out about their 8 lost bags. He finally got those 5 days after they arrived, so he never did make it up to Nso'. We really enjoyed their being here, and we got to show them a lot of our work, plus letting them visit Kumba, where the Robinsons had worked. The four who made it up here also spoke in our Women's and Men's Courses, which were limiting only to Bui Division. We had 101 and 104 respectively, which make them the largest courses ever held in the North West province.

We are right now in the middle of the Advanced Courses. We have six students and have two more arriving this week, and one more the next. Some are students and some are teachers, so they find it tough to get here by June 1st. They are studying Advanced Bible Verses, The Scheme of Redemption, and The Book of James. I am teaching Greek Word Studies and Composition & Writing Skills. The studies are very intense and they have four Summers before they graduate with a Third-Year Diploma. Please keep us all in your prayers, as all of us, students and staff, thank the Lord for you daily.

In His Service,

Paul

JOTS from JANET

Dear family and friends,

I ended my last newsletter with the news that I ended up not going to the women's course in Bamenda because the women I was waiting on from the outlying villages did not show up to ride with me. I did not say, but a whole busload of women from here had already left to go on the journey of about 62 miles. I was really sorry not to have gone since the next one in August will be while I am in the States. We had our own women's course in May as we had some American visitors. Dr. Willie and Kathy Robinson, former missionaries in the early seventys came for a visit to see how the work is going since they left. They came with their son and son-in-law. Also, Charles Thigpen came, who was a missionary with us when we were in Kumba in 1972. Paul and I took two cars down to the coast to pick them up at the airport, a nine hour drive from home. Then we took them to around the southwest province to show them the area that they knew when they were here. They were up at our place a total of four and half days. I also had Kathy be a guest speaker for my Prayer Class which I started at a congregation across town, (different than the one I had in my neighborhood in December.) I told them about my Sunday School lesson preparations as we traveled and they saw my eye work first hand on Thursday afternoon. As Paul also has said in his newsletter, there was a men's course also, while Kathy visited me at my house. She is only the third woman to visit ME, exclusively, in my thirty two years of being in Cameroon. (Others of course have been here on a campaign). So I very much needed the company and loving support which this woman, who had also spent two years in Cameroon, gave me. I wish more people would come and see us and the work we are trying to do here! But for those of you who can't, we do appreciate your concern, love, prayers and financial support!

I failed to mention our new addition to the family in the last newsletter. In December we got a Labrador puppy. Her name is Chero-Kee.:-) She is a handful! She needs a lot of attention, like a little child! But she has been pretty destructive also and have torn up quiet a number of flower pots and country brooms, and anything she can get a hold of. Hopefully, this will too pass, like a baby's teething period. But she has been a good comfort to me and makes me laugh with all other antics. She also helps me get a bit of exercise as we play soccer together up and down the driveway.

Plans for the next two months are to print out a lot of Sunday School pictures before I go on leave so that the inkjet cartridges don't expire uselessly. I need to hang again the Bible lesson pictures in the newly plastered and painted Sunday School room and make a new bulletin board frame.

In Christian love,

