



Cameroon Report

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been toooo long since I have written to say “Thank You” for all your prayers and support! I am doing fine (except for finances, like all of you) and the work is going well. My health is very good, and I am blessed with those who work with me. The churches in the Ouest (West) Region are getting stronger and more evangelism is being done. The Lord is keeping us safe, and able to do His work.

After our great evangelistic campaign in Foubot, we continued with Bible School almost to the end of March. Just before the end of that term, we went to Bafang for a bilingual conference/campaign. Many congregations from the Region were represented, and we had 3 baptisms. Not long after that, we finished Finals and I visited Bamenda. A week later I went to the States for two months.

Unfortunately, my stay in the U.S. was not as successful. Due to lack of funds, I was not yet able to ship a container of Bibles and books. Also, we did not have enough money for plane tickets for Janet and Inkkee (our watchdog). To use another airline to air freight her would cost an extra \$5,000! So we pray United Airlines will resume carrying pets. (And we still do not have money for tickets or shipping.) However, it was great to see some of our family, and to visit Beech Hill and other congregations.

On a personal note, after being in the hospital for pneumonia, I joined a monthly group about hypertension and diabetes. We had 25 in February (it's first anniversary). By July, the number was down to 12. The nurse in charge of diabetics gave me names and numbers for about 55. I have been sending reminder text messages, the day before the meetings. Our last meeting, we had 42 people attend, including three other Christians! One of them was having hypertension without knowing!!!

We had five very talented and motivated students in July and August for the Advanced Courses here, and Dschang had six in their French section. As during our regular school, Brothers Simon Kiru and Emmanuel Fai exchanged their teaching weeks. In this case, they stayed four weeks, instead of two or three. (Two Francophone teachers do the same.) It was one of the best batches ever! Again, I visited Bamenda two days, staying only in the government hotel guarded by the army. Regular Bible School started again in early September, and we have just finished the 3rd term, with four students. Tomorrow we will begin the first two weeks of the 4th term, before holiday break. The term ends March 15th.

We continue to rotate Sundays to every congregation in the Ouest Region. We visit the English-speaking congregations just outside this region (Didipe, Mile 12 Santa), but not as easily or often. Dry season helps with the roads, but some are still drying out. I rejoice that my translator recently asked me to baptize her, before the stream dries up! We were also blessed to have a good regional lectureship at Tonga in October, with only a little rain. We returned yesterday from the National Annual Gospel Lectureship, hosted by Bonaberi, near Douala. An amazing amount of congregations were represented, which shows a relief of the pressure on travel from Covid and the Ambazonian armed conflict.

Of course, we are trying our best, and we are “managing” our shortages, as we say here. We sold two pickups, at last, and put the best engine into one of the remaining two. On my wish list is to buy a \$950 motorcycle for the use of my assistant, Joshua Banye, who does the work of a teacher and an evangelist, as well as being our School Secretary. He had to sell his when he had to move here. However, we still have lots of financial strains, due to the lack of income in America. Our budgets have been cut to the bone, and we have even borrowed money to stay afloat, so we earnestly ask for your prayers.

In two weeks, we will be on school break. I plan to fly to the States on December 14th, for four weeks. I must ship a 20-foot container, and I must bring back Janet and Inkkee in January. So, please, keep praying for the means to do this. We look forward to seeing you face-to-face when things are back to “normal”! Thank you for all you do for the Lord's work in Cameroon.

In HIS service,

Paul

IOTS from JANET

Dear Family and Friends,

We are happy to finally be able to put out a newsletter to let you know what's been going on concerning the Cameroon work, Paul, and myself. We pray that all of you have been well and have been able to avoid Covid and the flu. If any of you have lost family members or friends, we are truly sorry. Please accept our condolences. I had a very light case of Covid in early June, Paul hasn't had it, and my mom had a light case of the flu this summer. We have not lost any family members and for that we are very thankful. My sister and I are trying our hardest to keep our mom safe in our houses, because she had a heart valve transplant last year and the doctor told her that if she got the virus, she would surely die. Hence, we all still wear masks when we go out and she only goes to doctors' offices. Speaking of my 90 year old mother, she is doing very well. She gets an "A-OK" report from her heart doctor and other doctors. Her main problem is keeping her medicines regulated to keep her blood sugar and blood pressure under control. We are blessed to have her still with us. However, when I go to Cameroon, my sister will have full responsibility for her. So I am trying my best to help out while I can.

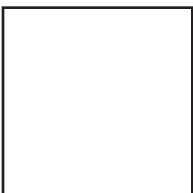
Paul mentioned in his report on the other side how we have a dog, Inkkee, who is a female black Lab, which we bought 3 years ago, fully expecting to go back with her as a watchdog to Cameroon a couple of months from then. Since we could not go, because of Covid, and recently because of finances, I have had the sole responsibility in taking care of this 88-Pounder here in Memphis. She is not a "house" dog, but she has her own room (foyer) to sleep in. Otherwise, she goes outside, weather permitting. So she is part of the family now and cannot be left behind. I am sure some of you understand that. In the town of Mbouda (111,000) there are only 4 "white" people, so we visibly stick out. This means we must have extra security, since we may be targeted for home invasion robbery.

When Paul left for Cameroon in June this year, I had the responsibility in trying to work out some banking problems with our international wires because of a bank switch over. It took me close to 2 months before they went without a hitch, but I had to switch banks first! Now, I am working on raising money and finding a container and a company that will ship Bibles, books, eyeglasses and personal items to set up housekeeping in our new location. We still pray for an end to the war so we can return to our house of forty two years in Nso'.

Thanks to all of you who support us with finances and prayers. Please continue to pray for all our endeavors, and for a profitable New Year. Happy Holidays to one and all!!

In Christian love,

Janet



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