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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have just come back from the Annual National Bible Lectureship, this time hosted by the congregation at Banga Bakundu, in the South West Region. Forty-nine of us went from Bui Division, including all our Staff and students from the Bible School. It is a 10 to 11 hour trip, but my small car had a couple of breakdowns, including a blown radiator, so it took much longer! That is not far from Kumba, where I lived for 7 years (dating back to 1967), an area in the rain forest. How I ever lived in that hot, humid area is a mystery now! Much better here, where the temperature range is 45 to 85.

Since our former co-worker, Tsiffo Pierre, is living there, and was the Program Director, we supported the "Lectureship" as much as possible. We took Bibles, hymnbooks, tracts, mattresses, loud speakers, 2 pick-ups, a generator, etc. to help with the logistics. Most of the Christians from here were in the 3 vans we hired, so their trip was from 6:00 a.m. Thursday to mid-night Sunday, a long 4 days. The attendance Sunday morning was 348, from 393 registered. The food support from people and congregations was about \$1,800, with Sunday giving about \$800, and 114 congregations were represented. There were at least 2 restorations, and 9 baptisms in this evangelistic campaign.

Soon we will be going for a North West Quarterly Lectureship, as it is called, which maybe happens once a year. This time it will be hosted by the old Sonac Street congregation in the regional headquarters, Bamenda, where my folks, Windle and Barbara Kee, used to live. (By the way, they are both fine; Dad's still preaching and teaching all the time, and Mom does women's classes and sells Avon!) We will be a big part of that program, and the director is from this area in Nso'.

From mid-June to mid-August we had a very good class for our yearly Advanced Courses. These are offered to educated people who have 2 years of college prep-school (like junior college), or who have graduated from a Bible School. This last Summer the schedule included 1st Corinthians, Advanced Expository Preaching, Advanced Bible Verses, and Romans/Galatians. I taught Beginning Hebrew. Three of our students finished their 4th quarter of the Advanced (you can enter any year, and even come back later), so they will graduate on March 15th, with the students of the Regular School. We are always glad to have women students, as well, since we want more sisters to have an excellent knowledge of the Scriptures. They have much to do to teach other women, and our children for the future.

In July, Janet got news that her younger sister, Margie, was finally on her last go-rounds. She had an eye removed because of cancer 9 years ago, and they predicted it would come back in 5 years in the liver. It came back earlier, in her lungs, and wasn't seen, but that did not make a difference in the end. She lasted a long time, without pain, and Janet got to spend the last month with her and their mom. She was buried in September and Janet spent a lot of time helping her mother, Evelyn Winter, especially with her health and living situation. Momma is doing well, and Janet has come back, so we are glad that she got to spend the time in the States she needed. I kinda missed her though.

When Kumbo Christian Bible School, Nso' (regular school) resumed on August 31st, we had a total of 14 students, including 2 women and 2 part-time students. After the first term, we are now down to 9 full-time students, 3 of whom are Francophones from the North of the country. We recently started the second term, and all of these students are going to stick! However, it is not easy. This is actually the Sixth Quarter in our curriculum. Students can enter at any term, but this one has some difficult subjects, like Thompson Chain-Reference Bible, Church History, Book of John, Minor Prophets, 1st &

**2nd Thessalonians, and Bible Verses. I am teaching Work of the Church Leader, Church Music & Chorus, Mission of the Church, Technical Ideas, and Personal Evangelism. We all have a full plate!**

**What makes it even more challenging this time of year is our dry season evangelism program. Sixteen of us are organized into four TEAMS. The first four days of November we went out to 8 villages to share one Bible to each house, and give invitations to the open-air Bible classes. These Public Bible Lectures are the reason I am in Cameroon! We contact so many people and give an opportunity to so many souls to study the Gospel and obey God's plan for them to get to heaven. We have given out almost 35,000 Bibles in this way alone, all paid for by YOU! We have done this public preaching in over 258 different villages or quarters in Bui Division, among the Nso', Oku, and Noni peoples. About 50 congregations have been started, with about 50 baptisms in this way a year - over the last 32 years.**

**Our TEAMS leave right after Chapel on Fridays, at 11:00 a.m. The shortest trip now is 1 hour 15 minutes on terrible roads, with 4-wheel-drive pick-ups. We preach at 4:00 p.m. on each of the 3 days of the weekend, doing personal work, classes, studies, etc. Saturday mornings. On Sunday mornings the TEAM members pair up to visit different congregations, then preaching in the afternoon. So on a given weekend, we preach twice in one quarter and once in another. VERY early on Mondays we head back to resume Bible School, with the 8:00 hour being a study hall. I get back and have to unload and bathe and be in class by 9:00 a.m. Busy weeks, day in and day out. "Vehicles in motion charge their batteries."**

**Our best news is about our Bible School building, and about the Annual Scholarship Lectureship at K.C.B.S., Nso'. In January 2014 we had a corner of the concrete deckings we had built to collapse, because those who were to make cement blocks overloaded the front corner room. They put, in an area 14 by 14 feet, 40,000 pounds of fresh sand, and added the old left-overs on the ground the next morning! So we are now over half-way back to rebuilding and reinforcing those decks, with the downstairs rooms completed. In March we hope to finish the next floor, opening our big hall to seat over 800. There will eventually be a balcony for 200 more, with offices, classrooms, storage, etc. on the three levels.**

**The 4th Monday of May each year was supposedly our designated time for the Scholarship Lectureship, half-way between Annual National ones. This year we had to cancel by January, because of lack of funds. We had budgeted \$25,000 for the initial costs and \$12,000 a year for the running of this "Meat-Eating" set of studies. Around the middle of March, the Lord answered our prayers and a great congregation stepped up with the initial costs, so we resume this next year. We have started buying equipment and supplies for next May, and a possible campaign. We still seriously need to find another \$1,000 a month to keep it going, but we are so encouraged by their sharing with us in this special effort. So keep praying for everything we are doing, and be ready to visit us May 23rd, 2016!**

**In His service,**

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