



Cameroon Report

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been so great to be back in Cameroon, where I belong! Thanks to all of you who have taken part in this work so generously, especially our new supporters. We are amazed, humbled, and encouraged by what God's people can and are doing to spread the Kingdom in Cameroon.

Just as soon as we got back to Nso', we started the ball rolling on a couple of matters. First, we put three of our old vehicles up for sale. We had them off of insurance and repaired some, trying to sell them. Two are still with us, but we sold one and added that money to a gift from last year. This enabled us to buy a used 4-wheel drive pick-up that just came in from Belgium. So now we have five evangelists going out on Sundays, with three 4-wheel drive vehicles and one 2-wheel drive pick-up. That means not everybody can have a car and not everyone can go to the bush on a bad road! Yet we have a good line on a 4-wheel drive sedan, but we need to sell the other two cars to get that money.

Second, we followed our Monday meeting with a journey of seven of us (in the Chevrolet) to Mbo'nso', over two hours away. It was a ten-hour trip, in all, to survey and count the houses in nine different quarters of that farming area. We are going to have two rented Bible Study Centers down there, where our four teams can go for two and a half days a week and preach 8 times. On Fridays, I will go back with another group for the night, to preach at the ninth place. Another evangelist, our Bible School principal, Jeremiah Akamah, will be preaching three afternoons a week, going out with another evangelist but returning home in the evenings. This Monday I sent four "technicians" down again, to negotiate about renting the two Centers for the first four months. Then we will add security, repairs, and some wiring, so that we can use our generators there. Please pray for the Mbo'nso' preparations.

Third, we started the next Sunday with the Advanced Courses. I was teaching The Mission of the Church and Doctrinal Errors. Both are heavy, tough courses, for our upper-level students. We had four in those courses this year. They also studied Advanced Bible Verses. Advanced

Church Music, and A Survey of Paul's Letters, from a course I took in grad school! With this plan, one must learn study materials given last year, and spend the first two days writing the first five tests. This is followed by four weeks of class and a week of mid-term break. The students come back to write five mid-term exams. We continue with 4 more weeks of class and then they leave. We send a big packet home with them and they study for 16 days to get ready for the finals written at home, which are one-a-day for five days, at least 3 hours long. So we have them here for 9 weeks, but the time they spend is over three months.

During our mid-term break, as Janet has written, she and I went to the South West, Douala, and Yaounde. When in Limbe in the South West, we ate supper with Sister Tamu Blakeney, a single woman missionary, living and working there with several women and works. We also visited Ekona Mbengue, a congregation that had 65 in attendance that Sunday. They will host the Annual National Lectureship in late November. We will assist them as much as we can, but they are well organized and ready to go.

Right now we are in the first week of the regular Bible School, first term of the year, fifth quarter of the studies. We allow students to enter at any of the six quarters of the curriculum, if they can do the work. So five new students are trying to "jump on" as this wagon is passing! We have seven returning students, so the English section is looking good, while we wait for the Francophones to arrive.

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement. If you want to get the weekly up-dates, you can write me at wpaulkee@aol.com and I will include you. Also, our website has been revised, so check it out, especially about the campaigns next year. We would love for you to come and work in Cameroon!

In His Service,

Paul

JOTS from JANET

Dear Christian Friends,

Ashyaa for you people in the States! All "Summer" we have enjoyed the nice temperature here in Nso', Cameroon. Middle to high fifties in the evening, with a high of upper seventies are our average temperatures. Can you believe sleeping under a blanket, comforter AND quilt in Africa?? At least, Paul does. He burns me out at times! All of his walking and no carbs!! I wrote this to remind people that we have a wonderful climate here in the highlands of Cameroon. As we traveled around in the States, it seemed that a whole lot of people did not know of our living conditions. But, yes, we do get HOT at times; like when we go down to the coastal city and the inland capital. It is probably as hot there as it gets in Memphis, TN, along with the humidity making it that much worse.

We did get a taste of your Summer by going on a trip to the Southwest. We were gone about nine days, during the mid-term break of the Advanced Courses of the Bible School. Our primary purpose was to go to the capital, Yaounde, and find a clothes dryer, and worship with a new congregation. Last year we had talked to the owner of one store selling those type of things and told him we would be back this year to buy one. I even telephoned him before our trip and told him the size we wanted. He said, "Come, come, I have 4 stores and will have what you want." SO, we made a nine-hour trip there, only to find out that he did NOT have what we wanted. We went to about six other stores around the town and could not find one either. So we came back home without one. I've sent him a text message twice, asking him to please order a 10 kilo dryer in his next shipment. I have not heard a word from him. I should have been wary of his answer to begin with. We have learned over the years to say, "C'est L'Afrique!" So now we have been without a clothes dryer for four years, which wouldn't be so bad if the clothes would get dry in the sun. But during rainy season you don't see the sun even half the time.

After getting some of the house taken back over from all the mice that camped out here while we were gone, I started the eyeglass work in August. For the whole month I did 36 patients, with the help of a worker I have been training. So far, only one patient has filled and brought back the lessons which I always band out. I am hoping to see many more as time goes on. That lady had a lot of questions written on the papers, which I take time and answer myself, by looking up the scriptures and writing them down for her. Last week, I also helped one older brother from a far away village, Mbo'kam, to have an eye operation. He is doing well and will be back in two weeks for a checkup, when, at that time I will also try to fit him with eyeglasses. Many people are reached through this work. Thanks to all those who donate the glasses. Please pray that the seed will bring forth harvest.

In Christian love,

Janet M Kee