



CRAIG & MAUREEN MOODY - Missionaries in Cameroon

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Dear Family and Friends,

“That ridge, that’s the summit.” A few minutes later, “No, that ridge, that’s the summit.” 30 minutes later, “that ridge. It must be the summit. But no, the final push to the summit seemed endless. It was a series of rising and falling hopes, with discouragement in every additional ridge that revealed itself above the

blanket of harmattan. However, all the kids perserved and reached the 13,435ft summit; including 4 of our hostel kids pictured above.

The running club of Rain Forest International School (RFIS) made the accent to the summit of Mt Cameroon last week. In a last minute development, we were called on to drive half the group to the foot of the mountain in Buea, SW Region. The students worked so hard; training since August with the goal to successfully summit Mt Cameroon. We were so excited they all made it and enjoyed hearing the stories of their 2 day trek.



Since we last wrote we have had basketball and soccer tournaments, Christmas parties, and continued to guide our kids in school work and devotional times. We also gathered in Bamenda with NAB and other partner missionaries for 4 days of sessions, fun and fellowship. We were thrilled to host a team from RockPointe church in Calgary, AB. They provided a super children’s program so all

the parents could attend the adult speaker sessions. The team experienced their own series of rising and falling hopes as they battled with booking errors, cancelled flights, altered routing, destroyed luggage and even had to leave one team member behind on one leg of the journey! We were so thankful that despite arriving later than planned they were still a blessing to the missionary family here. They also went on to have a huge impact in a number of schools including the School for the Deaf out at Mbingo. Their gift of sign language dictionaries has opened a whole new world for the Class 6 students there.

**PRAISES**

- We were able to have our kids, Michelle and Bennett in Cameroon for a couple of weeks as they were a part of the RockPointe team.
- All of the RFIS running club members successfully submitted Mt Cameroon.
- We are so thankful for our partners who continue to encourage us through prayer, finances and emails.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pray that we would find financial partners that would bring our support to 100%
- Pray that the volunteer who is planning to come in April to do various repairs and get our water system working will arrive as scheduled and be able to accomplish a lot!
- Pray that God would give us wisdom in how to best support the teens in our care here in the hostel.



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We are now in dry season and the daily highs are in the 30's C or 90's F. At night, it is still in the 80's so we don't worry about getting cold around here!

The harmattan is thick now so our visibility is limited. Where we would look out and see hills and buildings and trees we now just see gray. Harmattan looks a lot like fog. It is wind that blows in dust from the Sahara desert.

We are experiencing a lot of dust on everything! The plants and trees along the roadsides are covered in red-orange colored dust. When we walk, small puffs of dust accompany our every step. We can even write in the dust on items in the house that we washed off just the day before. It can be challenging or amusing to keep things clean – it's all a matter of perspective.



Perspective is really important. It determines how we respond to the hostel kids in our care. It affects how we view another traffic jam on our weekly shopping trip in the city. It affects how we deal with being out of a bunch of ingredients for tonight's supper and knowing the weekly shopping trip isn't until tomorrow. (Hungry teens are not into fasting!) Today Maureen wrote a reminder on the hostel white board, "Your day will go how the corners of your mouth turn."

We pray that you will seek God in the morning as your day begins so you will see things clearly from God's perspective and be a blessing to those around you.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support!

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Psalm 5: 3  
"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."