



RICK & DEBBIE BARDIN - Missionaries in Cameroon

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Greetings to all—from Tennessee!

We landed in Nashville Airport on October 4th with Jeanna (our daughter) and her husband Ryan. They had come to Mbongo to see us for a couple of weeks and we flew back together. We had the privilege of seeing Christoph and Sara Berger in Bern, Switzerland, on the way to the US. They had served with us in Mbongo back in 2010-12. They now have a new baby boy, Elias, who is precious!! After reaching Nashville, we spent time with our son Jess and his family for the first few days in their home. What a joy to be with them and our 4 grandboys!! Since then...



Three of our grandsons

**Missions Conference October 9-11 in Fargo, ND. It was an encouraging and affirming time to be with other missionaries and church friends and to share about what God has been doing in Mbongo this past year!



**Another few days with grandkids !!

**Shocco Springs, AL, where we were able to attend the Nigerian Baptist Mission Reunion where we saw many friends from our time of service in Nigeria with the International Mission Board. What a special time that was, topped off by a visit with Lydia, who taught our daughter for 2 years in Eku when we were there.

To Michigan to speak at two churches there, **Lakeshore Baptist Church and 1st Baptist, St. Joseph. (Picture left at Lake Shores Baptist Church)

**Packed up all our belongings from our home in Niles. That was quite a feat, and only possible because of our friends Greg, Duane and Liz in Michigan (thanks again guys!!) Also a big thanks to the Metzgers who opened their home to us for the week we were there. The only sad thing was that there was no time to visit many of our Niles friends, so we will have to make up for that next time back on furlough. --

**Had all those belongings transported to Jeanna and Ryan's new home in Franklin, TN. (Thanks again you guys for letting us invade.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the remaining volunteer pathologists who will cover for Rick
- Safe travel for the rest of our furlough (Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana)
- God's will regarding the pathology residency mentioned below
- Quality time with family

PRAISES

- For the volunteer pathologists who have come to Mbongo in order for the pathology service to continue in Rick's absence
- For wonderful family time and great time with our supporting churches
- For safe travel so far
- We've sold our home in Niles, MI, and are now officially homeless on the US side.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



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On November 5, we started our 3,200+ mile road trip from Nashville that included Ontario, Canada, eastern Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, then back to Nashville. While in Canada, we gave ourselves a belated 35th anniversary present by spending a few days in Niagara Falls. It was fantastic! After returning on Nov 24th we enjoyed spending Thanksgiving with all our family here and some of our son-in-law's family – there were 18 in all. Quite a feast, of course, and time to be thankful for family and the life God has blessed us with.

We have been very encouraged by the great receptions and love we have received at each church, and each home we have visited!! Big thanks again to all who opened your home to us and allowed us to stay with you. Seeing and experiencing that people still care and pray for us regularly is affirming to what God has called us to do in Cameroon. We learned that some pray for us every day—how encouraging and how humbling. That gives us the motivation to continue being God's representatives at Mbingo.



At Immanuel Baptist Church in Ontario

Another encouragement is that one of our graduates from the CIMS program wants to train in pathology. It would be a great step forward and answer to prayer to have a well-trained Cameroonian pathologist to step in at Mbingo when Rick retires. He is in the process of applying for a residency in Pathology in South Africa. If he is accepted, there will be an opportunity to contribute to a fund for his support during residency, since he will not have a salary during the program.

We want to thank the Tarpleys (friends from Nigeria days) who have offered us the use of their farmhouse while we are in US at this time. We will use this great place to catch up on business, communication, and to spread out all the stuff we are accumulating to bring back.

As we are in the season of Christmas here in the US, it can be overwhelming and full of commercialism. But we are determined to keep the focus on Christ, our only Savior!! May He be the center of your celebration, and may the new year of 2016 bring us all even closer to Jesus, as we continue our journey.

May you experience the blessed presence of our living Lord this Christmas season.

In His matchless love,
Rick and Debbie Bardin