



RICK & DEBBIE BARDIN - Missionaries in Cameroon

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Dear family and friends,

“Raindrops keep fallin’ on our heads” is the theme for this month! We are in the height of rainy season again and we actually don’t mind. It is the coolest time of year. Temperatures range from low 60’s to mid 70’s. The best part is that everything is green and lush and there is no dust. The downside is mold and mud ☺ Can’t have everything!



HANDSHAKE FROM THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AFTER THE CHOIR HAD SUNG THE FRENCH NATIONAL ANTHEM

We have had several big events at the hospital this last 3 months

- French ambassador visited to check on progress of the buildings as France had loaned money for development
- The new OPD (outpatient clinic) opened
- Our hospital CT scanner is now in the port at Douala, to be delivered here in Mbingo very soon we hope
- We now have phase 2 of our EMR (electronic medical records) in use
- In July, we had our CIMS/PAACS graduation – had 5 graduates this year
- Our church has launched a building project since we are outgrowing our present building; many people sit outside each Sunday for lack of space



2017 CIMS GRADUATES



DR. & MRS. NYANGA AND TYLER

- PRAISES:**
1. Four pathologists who will be coming to cover portions of Rick’s furlough
 2. Dr. Mbanga’s acceptance to University of Nairobi for pathology training
 3. Our continued health and strength for the work
- PRAYER REQUESTS:**
1. Still need volunteer pathologists to cover for Rick while we are on furlough (Sept-Dec) – 8 weeks are not yet provided
 2. Pray for Dr. Mbanga and family as they get settled in Kenya and he starts his training
 3. Pray for our daughter Jeanna’s last trimester of pregnancy and safe delivery
 4. Safe travel while visiting 14 of our supporting churches that we couldn’t reach last furlough

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

1 Chronicles 16:8



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We also have some other great news. Many of you have been praying for Dr. Mbanga to get into a pathology residency so he can join Rick as a fully trained pathologist! Dr. Mbanga had been accepted into a residency in South Africa but couldn't get visas for his family. We felt God was closing this door as we believe for Dr. Mbanga to be separated from his family for 4 years would not be God's way. He began the application process again and has now been accepted to a Path residency in Nairobi, Kenya. This has taken a long time but we just heard a couple of weeks ago that he has been accepted and that visas for the family are not a problem. So, we feel this is a green light from God, and he will be starting early September. Please pray for him and the family during this time of moving and transition. To God be the glory for what He is doing.



DEBBIE WAS DEDICATED ALONG WITH THESE OTHER WOMEN INTO THE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Debbie has been able to attend the Women's Group at church this past year. This has been a great time of weekly Bible study, teaching on given topics, visiting the women who have had babies or had deaths in the family, and getting to know the women in the church better. She taught the women how to make snickerdoodle cookies one week. That was a lot of fun. There is a great community spirit here! She completed her classes and was dedicated into the Mbingo Baptist Church Women's Group which is under the Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC) Women's Department. She was one of 10 in the class.

Another bit of news is that Rick has a new ministry. God has given him the opportunity again to disciple one of the CIMS residents. One of our new first year residents had expressed the desire to grow more in his faith. Rick asked if he would like to meet weekly for Bible study and discussion and he was eager to do so. They have been meeting weekly and God has been at work in this young man's heart. Pray for this to be a time of growing closer to Christ for Dr. Gerald.



RICK AND GERALD DURING WEEKLY DISCIPLESHIP TIME

Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support!

In His Matchless Love,
Debbie and Rick