

Dear Family and Friends,

As our home assignment (furlough) period draws to a close, we WISH that we could tell you that things are getting better in Cameroon and the political climate is rosy. But it is not.

Sometimes I think it would be highly beneficial if God gave me the gift of prophecy so I could foretell how all this would unfold in the future and we could plan well for it. Till now I have not been given the prophecy gift of foretelling. As it now stands, we have our return flight to Cameroon booked for June 20th. Will it be safe then? We don't know.

What we do know is that God has given a very understanding and supportive team at the North American Baptist Conference international office that has shown great respect to the call to mission. On the field, God has given missionary colleagues and Cameroon Baptist Convention co-workers who are doing the best they can to carry on the ministry of God's church under less than optimal conditions. God has given compassionate and caring people amongst our supporters and in our supporting churches. In God's Word we have His promise that He will never leave us or forsake us. For all this we give much thanks and are encouraged.

Though we make plans, He will determine our steps and He can be trusted. So yes, we look to the future with some fear and trepidation. Yet we look to our God, who holds the future, with great confidence and thankfulness for His love and power.

We are thankful for the support to the Cameroon Crisis Relief Fund that over the first 6 months of its existence has helped 56 patients with health expenses for either gunshot wounds from the crisis or illness exacerbated by the crisis. It has also helped with school fee assistance for 493 internally displaced children and about 425 prisoners with basic needs in the overcrowded prisons (often randomly arrested for political reasons). Further donations can be made at https://nabconference.org/give/cameroon-crisis-relief/.

May God encourage you too, as you dwell with Him in life's challenges.

In Christ, Walter & Florence

PRAISES

- Encouragement and understanding from our "senders" as we look ahead to returning to Cameroon.
- A positive report on how the Cameroon Crisis Relief Fund has helped many displaced by unrest in English Cameroon.
- Being able to connect with supporting churches.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God's clear leading as we prepare to return to Cameroon in June.
- Pray for the church in Cameroon to be able to minister amidst political insecurity and violence.
- Pray for the many children in Cameroon who are unable to attend school because of insecurity.
- Pray the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services can continue with needed patient care, amidst difficulty in getting around and the deteriorating economy.

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:25 (NIV)



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