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He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

DEUTERONOMY 32:4

Prayer

- Pray for the crisis in Cameroon to come to an end, for restoration in the country, especially for schools to be open this September, and roads to be open.
- Pray for volunteer doctors to be able to come and be part of the training programs as they were before the unrest took a turn for the worse. Without them, the medical and surgical training programs will not be as successful and may not be able to continue.
- Pray for Dr. Mbanga and his family during the remaining 2 years as he completes Pathology residency.
- Pray the hydroelectric project can resume.

Praises

- Minimal crisis disturbances the past 3 months. More patients have been able to come for the care they need.
- We had a few brave volunteers come to help!
- News of funding for a radiation therapy department to be built here has come!

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR RAINY SEASON MONTHS

PASTOR'S RETREAT

In June we had the privilege of helping organize a retreat for the missionary pastors that Mbingo 1 CBC Church supports. We support 5 mission pastors in very rural areas that have really had a hard year of service due to the ongoing crisis in the country. They have lost several members due to people wanting to go to safer areas. They have had people not come to church because of fear of meeting trouble on the way or at the church. We wanted these pastors to really feel loved and cared for while with us, just the way our supporting churches make us feel when we are in the US with them. Only 2 out of the 5 were able to make it to Mbingo. Some because of road blocks, others because of sickness. Two mission pastors and the two pastors at our church came. They were able to stay in one of our missionary homes all together and it was a great time of fellowship and encouragement. Rick and I met with them one evening. Rick met with the pastors, and I met with the wives. We had prepared some refreshments and

gift bags for them for which they were very grateful. It was nice to be able to pass on to others what had been done for us.

BORN HOUSE

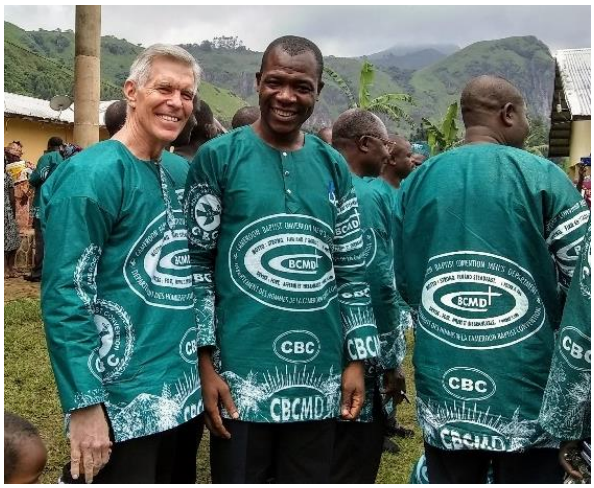
As we have mentioned before, a "born house" is another word for baby shower. As you see in the photo, one of the CIMS resident's wife had a new baby, their 1st, so it was a grand occasion. At these born houses it is common to have a group activity. All the guests stand in a circle, the baby is passed to each person while all sing a song "I know his name…." Each person gives the name they like while holding the baby, and in the end the parents sing out what the baby's name really is.

WINS PROJECT

The WINS (Women In Service) group Debbie is involved in has a yearly project to help the community in some way. This year we helped out 4 families that were affected by burning of houses during the conflict. The picture is of some WINS members with one of the people helped. She was so grateful and overwhelmed by the concern and love shown to her. To God be the Glory!

FATHER'S DAY AT CHURCH

Rick enjoyed being part of the men's group at church and many of them were dedicated into the group this Father's Day. It is very common for groups to choose a uniform here. In the picture is the official cloth for the Men's Department in the Cameroonian Baptist Convention. It was a great time of celebration that day for the men of our church. Rick is standing with one of our church pastors.



RICK'S PATHOLOGY WORK CONTINUES DESPITE THE CRISIS

The pathology service has been affected like all areas of the hospital but not as severely. Specimens have been coming to us from many parts of Cameroon and this has made up for much of the reduction in surgical cases at Mbingo. In 2018 we reported on 4,451 patient specimens. So far, in 2019, we are at 2,190 case. That's a 15% reduction (less than expected).

In His Matchless Love,

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