



Rick & Debbie Bardin

MISSIONARIES IN CAMEROON

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ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK

Prayer

- Rick to be completely caught up with cases (two-week turnaround).
- Dr. Mbanga's written and oral exam schedule to be set, and his successful completion, then return to Cameroon.
- Debbie to get back to work in the clinic sharing Scripture with clients at least part-time.
- Continued excellent progress on the Cancer/ Radiation Therapy Center.
- For a stable water supply for the hospital and living quarters.

Praises

- Have had many weeks of peaceful roads in our area, patients able to get here.
- We had 17 volunteers come to Mbingo in the last three months, the most we've had in a LONG time!
- Praise the Lord for Dr. Koch, who brought tissue processing solution donated by the lab at his hospital and helped the processing move forward again!
- Dr. Mbanga presented his research project/thesis successfully after the delay!
- Rick's two new microscopes donated by SWMC Foundation finally arrived safely.

Practice and work hard on these things; be absorbed in them [completely occupied in your ministry], so that your progress will be evident to all.

1 TIMOTHY 4:15 (AMP)



Rick's new scope from SWMCF.

We are learning the lesson that sometimes we lose ground or are delayed before we can go forward again. But we just keep pressing on, working hard, and trusting God for the progress.

These last three months have been particularly busy because we have been catching up from the one month away we had at the beginning of the year.

Rick is still trying to recover from the backlog of cases that he met on returning. Turnaround time on



cases still needs to improve. Tissue processing was slowed down due to inferior solutions provided by local suppliers He is more than ready to have Dr. Mbanga, the pathologist being trained in Kenya, join him. As you have been aware, Dr. Mbanga was finally able to present his research project/thesis. We are now waiting for the oral and written exam schedule to be posted at the University of Nairobi where he has been studying. Pray this gets set, he passes the exams and gets back to Cameroon as soon as possible. We did have a lovely surprise last week. Dr. Mbanga appeared in the pathology lab! He decided while waiting for his exams, which will



Rick & Dr. Mbanga in "their" office.

hopefully be set in June, he would take time to visit his family whom he hasn't seen in over three years due to COVID and visa problems. He worked with Rick in the lab for a few days, which was great!

For Debbie, as of September of last year, she took on a new job for her HIV outpatient department. She has been responsible for submitting claims for all the patients' charges so that the hospital can be reimbursed by the HIV Free program. These expenses involve registration fees, lab charges, files, etc. She also lost ground and has played catch-up until now. Her prayer request is for someone she can train to help and eventually take over this work, so she has more time to share Scripture and pray with her patients.

The exciting news these days is the Cancer / Radiation Therapy Center project is making

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progress. The bunker to house the linear accelerator is well underway. An engineer from Canada is involved and has been making several visits to ensure things go well. Pray this project is completed well.



Cement mixer required for radiation therapy bunker.



Bunker site.

Also, please pray for our water supply. This dry season has taken its toll on our water table, and we are having regular water shortages, even with the rains coming last month. Pray the maintenance team can solve the problems and there can be enough water to supply our hospital and living quarters around.

