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A-POLITICAL NEWS

Praises

- Sonya's enjoyable trip to Canada.
- Jeff's successful trip to Nigeria.
- North American donors have enabled many children to go to school here.

Prayer

- Workers are needed for the harvest.
- Upcoming meetings for Jeff in Nigeria.
- Power situation in Banyo.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

MATTHEW 9:37–38 (NIV)

Dear Praying Friends,

Politics seems to be in the air these days; *ashia* for all of you (i.e., "sorry to hear that"). I pray you are keeping an even spiritual keel with respect to your relationship with God and all your neighbours (including the ones living in the same house!). Let us keep our minds fixed on those things that are of eternal worth; not easy to do, I grant, but important.

Here in Cameroon, we are doing well – though, in fact, Sonya is not in Cameroon just at the moment. She left for Nigeria on the back of a motorcycle the day before I sat down to write this, so it has fallen to me to write our newsletter once more. It is a happy chore, as I am always glad to talk about the ministry to anyone who is willing to listen for a spell.





First, however, I will report that Sonya had a really wonderful trip to Canada. She met our new granddaughter and enjoyed being with her in the first weeks of her little life; that was quite special. She was able

to spend time with her father in Edmonton, plus her siblings, and nieces and nephews there. As well, she was welcomed into the homes of all our four kids, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Arnprior, Ontario, and had a lot of fun with them all.

Sonya flew back in a helicopter from the capital Yaoundé just in time to get ready for the start of the school year here. She has been working with a few of the teachers of our local Baptist primary school and has seen some good progress, especially since they have begun with no formal training. In the larger setting here, we have struggled to help about 120 of our children have the necessary funds to go into primary and secondary school in various communities in Cameroon; I thank God for many generous donors who have helped to make this possible.

For me, one of the hats I wear is that of seminary lecturer. We started our work in 2017 down in Ndu, Cameroon, on the seminary compound but had to leave when the Crisis came to the Northwest Region, so now I am doing distance teaching or going to seminaries in Nigeria to teach. Mostly, I am teaching church history, biblical studies, and theology, though I have done other topics as well. Since our provost wanted his faculty to be writing books on the subjects we are instructing in, I have written a couple books on church history, as well as spiritual formation, including *God Calling: Spiritual Direction for People in the Real World*. I am currently working on another book dealing with the work of the Spirit in the lives of believers.

For now, however, that work is on hold, since I have been tasked with another book project by our LRPG partners. They are researching the history of their own movement and have asked me to put that into book form. They want it to be in English, since that is the language their young people are learning more and more. I recently traveled to Nigeria to talk with a few of the leaders there about the work and to go through a first draft together. It is hard to say, but that project may take a year or longer; many things need to happen to bring it to fruition, but it is exciting and instructive work.

Lord willing, the electric power will turn on here so we can have the light to type by. We very often have power outages here, lasting from a day to a couple weeks, usually resulting from lightning strikes or fires. We get our power source via the hospital, which is right above us, but now it is unable to pay its electrical bill, and the power has been turned off. We are in the process of disconnecting ourselves from the hospital and getting hooked up straight to the power company line, but when they tell you, "The workers will be there tomorrow to connect the line," the definition of "tomorrow" may be quite indefinite.

Meanwhile, there are things to do. I am currently preparing a series of talks for the Global Baptist convention in Nigeria (GB is a 'daughter' of our Mambilla Baptist Convention). I will also be meeting with the new provost at the Mambilla Baptist seminary to discuss how I can be of service to them moving forward.



Also in the coming months, we are looking forward to heading east to visit the diaspora communities there. Lord willing, we will be able to do that with our Missions Director, Joel David, who is scheduled to visit in just over a month.

Lots to think and pray about, for sure. From Sonya and I, thanks to all of you for your partnership with us here. As they say here, *Allah besdu barka* (May God add his blessing to you).

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