

Newsletter #10 – June 9, 2014

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6: 12. Please pray for the peace and security of Northern Cameroon. On May 17, 10 Chinese workers were kidnapped in the far North Region of this country. The kidnappers were heavily armed and killed a BIR (special security forces). Two Italian priests and a Canadian nun have also been kidnapped since April 4, 2014. Life and movement has become more difficult in the far north for most people. Pray for Christians to be a light, to be united, and to persevere. Pray that the work of Bible translation might continue in spite of the many obstacles.

There is so much to tell about the mission field here in Cameroon. We experienced the sudden and unexpected death of another missionary earlier this month. A woman named Deborah, who had only been here a few short months, died of an apparent stroke early one morning. She was working out at the school with us, helping with end of the year tests and, in general, sharing the joy that emanated from her. I only knew her for a short while, but she made an impact on me. She was one of those women that just couldn't help but leave an impression. We had a memorial service for her and it was a good time of closure. On the mission field I experience more change and transition than I thought possible. But, what the devil has meant for evil...well, you know the rest! In recent weeks and months there has been an increase in violence and sickness affecting missionaries. Both of the music teachers at our school are sick. One suddenly fell ill with a combination of malaria and amoebic liver abscess, and had to have surgery to remove her gallbladder at a hospital here. The other one contracted what may be typhoid fever. A friend of mine, a pastor who teaches Bible here at the school, was mugged by machete wielding teenagers just down the road from where I live...on a corner I have passed many times. My heart grieves not only for him, but for those poor kids who so clearly need Jesus.

At no time in life is spiritual warfare more evident than when you are in the will of God. Satan will do whatever he can to keep you from doing what is right. Recently there has been a new rule issued by the mission organization I work under here. They have told us that we cannot walk anywhere alone after 7PM and have reiterated the importance of being on our guard and ever watchful. Remember what I said about what Satan means for evil...well, I'm sure Satan wants us to be scared, to flee the country, to walk around in fear. But, **“God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)** So, my friends and I are not running away, nor backing down. Yes, we are being wise and obeying the rules...but we are not afraid. These increased security concerns have done nothing to suppress our desire to see God's Word spread to the ends of the earth. We are not yet being told to leave, nor do I feel that God would have me do so. Not to worry, if I ever get a nudge from the Holy Spirit that I should leave I will obey. But right now my heart is here with the kids at my school.

On top of my responsibilities as Learning Support Specialist at Rain Forest International School I will also have some new responsibilities come next year. I will be a class advisor to the 7th and 8th graders. I will also be hosting an American Sign Language Club, hosting a weekly after school bible study, taking over the position of Discipline Director, and teaching a “Performance Arts” class! It sure seems like God wants to use ALL of my talents! I've been learning sign language for years now. Many of you may remember seeing me use it in some of the shows at the Rocky Hock Playhouse in Edenton with my parents. I love that I can share my passion for theatre with these young men and women.

On a personal note, monthly contributions to my ministry have fallen off a little. I appreciate all of you more than you can possibly know. I also realize that your personal situations change and your ability to give may alter from month to month. I only ask that you pray that the Lord will guide you and direct you as you consider the work of the Lord I am doing here in Africa. **IT IS A GOOD GOD WE SERVE** and I know He will continue to supply my needs.

I continue to cherish your partnership with me and strongly believe that anything accomplished for the Kingdom while I am in Cameroon is a group effort. We're working together waging war against evil. The battle may be difficult - but the war has already been won!

Prayer Requests:

- * Smooth transitions as old friends leave and new ones arrive
- * Continued safety and health
- * Spiritual growth for myself and all the missionaries here
- * Stability for the families of those who have passed away or fallen ill
- * Healing for the missionaries here who are sick

Praises:

- * As the school year comes to an end we are saddened that some of our staff members will not be returning. However, God has graciously provided new staff members to come and fill the needs!
- * I thank God every day for the health and safety of the guards we hire to protect our various housing compounds day and night.
- * For the life of Deborah, the woman who died a few weeks ago while serving our school. She loved Jesus and never failed to show it in both words and actions. May we all follow her example!

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I took a walk through the rainforest, with some friends of mine, to this beautiful giant tree. I'm on the right and pictured with me is my current roommate, Katie, who has been teaching kindergarten at the elementary school for children of missionaries. She will be going back to the states in a few days.

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"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14,15

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