

Newsletter #12 – August 11, 2014

It's been a great month here in Cameroon. I've had many opportunities to minister to the children here. I was invited by a Cameroonian man who has a heart for child evangelism to go to several villages a few hours away and, along with some Cameroonian colleagues of mine, present the Gospel to about 300 children through puppets and song. (See the pictures below!). This in itself is a miracle. The man who invited us is a *former Muslim* who converted to Christianity and developed a desire to reach out to the children. We held several training seminars for children's workers; teaching the basics of child evangelism. I am working with a team of Cameroonians here who see a need in this country for better methods of reaching children. We were invited to many communities to share our knowledge with the youth workers there. I spoke at churches and special meetings about the importance of teaching children to follow God, no matter what, and shared examples from the Bible of children who were called to do big things (think David and Goliath)! Again, enjoy the pictures at the bottom of this letter. Some of the children we ministered to had to travel from great distances to be with us.

It was interesting ministering to children in the villages. We spent the first few minutes of each presentation showing them the puppets and explaining to them that they were not operated by voodoo or any other type of magic. Most of them had never seen puppets before. We were given a donation of balloon animals sent over from America so we spent some time creating animals and hats. Many of the children had never seen these before either.

I have spent some time getting prepared for the school year. I've had to say goodbye to some of my friends who have left for their home countries, and I've been blessed to welcome new teachers at Rain Forest International School to take their place. There are three new teachers who will be taking over classes in music, math, and science. We have a great team here and have spent many hours together in prayer for the school year!

Prayer Requests:

- For the students here at Rain Forest International School to continue to grow in the Lord.
- That the teachers would have the knowledge and wisdom to guide the students.
- Please pray for the guards who are stationed at our school, that they would remain vigilant.
- Pray that the non-teaching staff (librarians, custodians, cooks, etc.) would see how important they are to the growth of our students.
- That regular financial support would continue to come in, allowing me to stay here in Africa assisting the families who work on Bible translation
- We have students here at the school who have faced trauma you and I can only imagine. Their families have been evacuated or threatened, sometimes at gunpoint. Pray with me that these children and their families will seek the help they need to heal
- There is a nasty stomach virus going around the mission community, it only lasts a day or so, prayer for health would be appreciated

Praises:

- Praise God I was able to find time to rest and relax before the school year started up!
- God provided safe travels for me as I went with the puppet ministry team!
- The staff here at RFIS is off to a great start with planning and preparing!
- Praise the Lord! MY SUITCASE OF GOODIES AND CLOTHES ARRIVED!! Yeah!! Thanks to all who contributed and helped get it across the world to me! Christmas in July is great!

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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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