

Newsletter #13 – September 1, 2014

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm certainly doing well myself, counting all my blessings and praising God for His provision. I continue to have many opportunities to minister to the teenagers here. I've started an American Sign Language (ASL) club here at school, and signed up to lead a small group (bible study) with a group of high schoolers. As always, there are some concerns for safety. With the reemergence of Polio and the recent outbreak of Ebola in our neighboring country, Nigeria, as well as increased terrorism at the border between my country (Cameroon) and Nigeria, we've had some health concerns. But God is always good and faithful!

Here at Rain Forest International School we always do our best to make sure the students feel as "normal" as possible. Many of them are all too aware of the dangers that face us as Christians in this part of the world. Some of them have experienced emergency evacuations, heard gunshots ringing from terrorists as they fled their homes, and some have had guns trained on them or their families. While these experiences certainly aren't the "norm," there is not one student here who is not somehow affected by anti-Christian views. The insurgency in northeastern Nigeria is affecting parts of the far North of Cameroon. You may have heard about the kidnappings that have happened in this country, most of which have thankfully been resolved. But the situation is quite serious and is having a detrimental effect on our ability to minister fully in that part of the country, as we have withdrawn our expatriate personnel from there. *Please pray for the Lord to end the violence that has caused untold misery in Nigeria and is starting to do so in Cameroon. Pray also for God to help our 'displaced' colleagues make the adjustment to doing their work outside the area where their projects are located.*

The Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in West Africa is a cause for concern in Cameroon. The mortality rate is high – currently 55-60% - but thankfully, there have been no confirmed cases in the country. The main body of cases is in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea and a small number in Nigeria. Cameroon's government is taking steps to contain the spread of the disease should it arrive here, such as: informing the public on how to avoid infection, designating treatment centers, training health workers to isolate and treat cases, etc. *Please pray for the Lord to bring this outbreak to an end. Pray also for God to bless the efforts of health workers and officials to effectively deal with this serious threat.*

Prayer requests

- * That regular financial support will continue to come in, allowing me to stay here in Africa assisting the families who work on Bible translation
- * For the terrorism against Christians here in Cameroon and in Nigeria to cease
- * That the Ebola virus will be eradicated
- * That my sign language and small group meetings will be fruitful

I love hearing from you, it's great to know that you are reading these letters! The easiest way for you to contact me is through email: holly_emmerich@wycliffeassociates.org

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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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