

## Newsletter #14 & UPDATE – October 8, 2014

Praise report and prayer request all in one! Just yesterday a door was opened for myself and my Cameroonian friend, Silas Nfor, (or Uncle Si as I call him) to take his puppet ministry to the CRTV television station based here in Yaoundé this Monday, October 6th! We will be using the puppets to minister to the many young people who watch the MONDAY SHOW ON CRTV CAMEROON on a regular basis. I've been told that this show actually has the potential to reach MILLIONS of viewers. They are not a Christian station but they are allowing us to come and share the gospel freely! We are given approximately 10 minutes. I met with Uncle Si this morning and we decided that we will use our time and the puppets to teach the children about Ebola prevention, keeping Yaoundé clean, and sharing the gospel of salvation!

Our school is on break right now for a little over a week. My initial plans were to go out of town for a little while with some friends but "something" just didn't feel right about that. Even though I wanted to go I really just felt like God was telling me to stay right here, so I cancelled my plans (rather sadly I must admit). Well, needless to say, now I know why God didn't want me to go anywhere! PRAISE GOD FOR UNANSWERED PRAYERS!

Please pray that our 10 minute time slot is fruitful, and that everything will go as smoothly as possible. Specifically pray for physical health and safety, and that all the technical aspects would run smoothly. I know from experience that the devil will do everything he can to stop this kind of evangelism! Would you pray against this with me? Thank you!

Blessings,

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**John 9: 1- 3** *As Jesus was walking along he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him..."*

## UPDATE:

I wanted to send an update on how the nationally televised puppet show went yesterday. In a word: FANTASTIC! We left for the station early, anticipating rush hour traffic, and it still took us twice as long to get there as it should have. It would have taken us even longer but Uncle Si (Silas) knew some back roads. (Bumpy, bumpy, bumpy!!) When we arrived we were stopped at the main gate where we were asked to leave our identification cards. I was specifically asked to leave my "Carte Organisme" which is the official paper saying I am legally in this country. But Uncle Si assured me, and my other American friend who is part of this ministry, that it was standard procedure. We miraculously arrived on time and once we got to the main building of the studio we hit the ground running. We have a portable puppet stage and Uncle Si's children started setting up some of the bigger pieces so when the studio itself opened up we could move in and put the pieces together to form the stage. As we were setting up we soon realized that a vital piece of the stage somehow got left behind – the front curtain! In our rush to have everything ready on short notice (making sure we had all the puppets, props, scripts, etc.) we had not thought to check that all the curtains for the stage were packed away. Luckily Uncle Si never cleans out his car, therefore we found a piece of material that was the perfect size to fit our stage, and with the help of some safety pins we were able to put it together in no time.

If any of you have ever been on a live TV show I'm sure you know how chaotic it all seems! When we got there the producers told us we only had half the time we originally had prepared for. We had come ready to do a song for evangelism, and two short skits about Ebola prevention, and taking care of the environment. The producer said we had to cut one of the three. We decided that our skit about environmental responsibility would have to go. However, after we had performed the song and our skit on Ebola, one of the bosses at the television station demanded that we do more! So, we were called out from the studio audience and quietly made our way back stage, again, and prepared to perform the "missing" skit. Afterward, the host interviewed Silas who gave the phone number of the ministry out "on live television!" On the way home from the studio Uncle Si's phone was blowing up with phone calls! People wanting us to come minister at their various events across the nation of Cameroon! What a blessing the television show was to this ministry.

Millions of people were able to see what we do, and are now able to contact Silas to book further events. We don't charge any fees to those who ask us to come. We rely on donations to cover travel and lodging expenses - never keeping any of the money for ourselves. If there is any left over it goes back to the ministry fund. Because we have no financial demands we are able to travel almost anywhere to minister. Personally I don't mind skimping on the "comforts" if it means people, who wouldn't normally have the gospel shared with them in such a unique way, are able to experience it. Who needs comfort anyway? This life is only temporary, we'll have all the luxuries we want in Heaven. Who am I to deny eternal wellbeing to others, for the sake of my own temporary comfort?

Thanks to those of you who prayed. Your prayers were answered! Please continue to pray for this ministry. The television studio is already telling us they want us to return in the next few months! They haven't yet put up the link to the show on their website, but as soon as they do I'll let you know! Sometimes God throws doors WIDE OPEN! Who would have ever thought...

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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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