

+Newsletter #17 – February 17, 2015

The New Year is off to a great start! I've been busy, as usual, working at the mission school (Rain Forest International School) here in Yaoundé, Cameroon. I teach a great group of young people. They are an eclectic mixture of Cameroonians and children of missionaries. Recently, I chaperoned a special field trip to a local school for the deaf here in Yaoundé. I was blessed to be able to teach some of our middle school students a few basic words in American Sign Language. Although the kids at the deaf school spoke French Sign Language, some of the signs are the same and the students were pleased that they could communicate with each other to some degree.

A few weeks ago we invited a handful of students from the deaf school to come to our campus. It was a wonderful time of learning for our students as we presented skits (that I helped the students prepare) about the Gospel. The skits were all mimed and it was wonderful to watch our students stretch themselves in their acting skills. (I also teach a Performance Arts Class to the middle school students.) I was able to get up and introduce our presentation. It was an interesting experience for me as well. I, of course, spoke English, which a chaperone from the deaf school then translated into French. Then a hard of hearing teacher translated it into French Sign Language for the students. Whew!

After our presentation we watched as they presented poetry to us about the sovereignty and goodness of God. Then, our students had a great time playing soccer with the students from the deaf school. After the deaf students left we had a nice time of reflection, focusing on what the Bible says about spiritual deafness, or the inability to hear what God is saying to us. We discussed what it would be like to be physically deaf as well and how much of a challenge it would be. Our students commented on how remarkably easy it was to communicate, even though they didn't speak the same language. All in all it was a wonderful experience.

We took another field trip to the deaf school a few days ago and sat in a classroom with deaf students and learned basic French Sign Language. We were each paired up with a deaf student who helped us. It's remarkable how much these deaf students have overcome, not only with their deafness, but by growing up in a culture in which any perceived disability is shameful and often hidden away by the family. (And yet they smile!) So much can be learned from those who are overcomers, no matter what their age!

I will be visiting friends and family in America over the summer and would love to come and visit you! If you are looking for speakers at your church, bible study, Sunday school, or organizational meeting then perhaps we can arrange something! I would love to share about the work I am doing here and the impact your financial and prayer support is having on lives in Cameroon! See my contact information below if you would like to try and set something up.

I cannot begin to tell you what a blessing each and every one of you is to me. Your financial support ensures that I can stay here; doing what God has called me to do. I urge you to look closely at the pictures below; because of you these precious souls have heard the Gospel!

Those of you who live "close enough" might consider attending one of the benefit concerts my parents are organizing for me at the Rocky Hock Playhouse in Edenton, NC this summer. ***I'll be joining the Rocky Hock cast*** in a massive concert. THE PRICE IS RIGHT TOO!! Here is the information:



Tickets - \$10.00
(plus tax and gratuity)

Ticket Price **includes** our delicious buffet:
NC Pit-Cooked BBQ, Fried & Baked Chicken, Fried Fish, 3 Vegetables, Bread, & Beverages

***Concert begins immediately following the buffet.
Meal start times are indicated below.***

Tuesday, June 23

11:30am

Tuesday, June 30

11:30am

Bring friends...OR YOUR ENTIRE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. Call [\(252\) 482-4621](tel:2524824621) for reservations.
http://rockyhockplayhouse.com/2015_show_schedule.htm

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For larger items please email me at the above address.

Prayer Requests

- Boko Haram is a terrorist group that has grown increasingly violent in the North and Far North regions here in Cameroon. Please pray for wisdom for the missionaries in those more dangerous areas, as well as wisdom for the mission agencies who declare emergency evacuations if and when the time is needed.
- The school year is coming to a close, the seniors will be graduating and facing a new life, many of them in a new country as well. Please pray for smooth transition.
- Pray that the staff here at Rain Forest International School will finish the school year strong and not be worn out too quickly.
- We have two missionary teachers here, Allison and Tony, who are recently engaged and plan to go back to America for their wedding this August. Please pray that the Lord will continue to guide their steps.
- Please pray for general safety for me and all the missionaries here that I work with. We generally feel safe, but unfortunately as Americans we are often targets. I've never had anything stolen from me, but many times I have had people (sometimes even children) try to distract me so they can steal from me in the market place. I've also had marriage proposals from complete strangers. I never go to the market alone but please pray that we would all continue to be wise with regard to safety.





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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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