

Newsletter #7 – March 5, 2014

Isn't it funny how perspectives change over such a short period? I attended another New Testament dedication just a few days ago. It was similar to the one you may remember me telling you about when I first got here. So similar, in fact, that we stayed in the same place as before: the La Verna Spiritual Centre, in Bamenda, Cameroon. The nuns there took very good care of us and were happy to see us back. And I was happy to be back, because I look at things so differently now.

Five months ago I was disappointed with the absence of so many "comforts". The shower there is a rubber hose coming off of a faucet, the toilets don't have seats attached, there is no air conditioning, the roads are bumpy, the mattresses are thin, everything is old and used looking, and the electricity frequently goes out, as does the water. Those are the things I focused on last time I was there. But this time, after spending five months in a third world country, I was just glad they had running water, toilets (instead of just a hole in the ground), and mattresses. I've acclimated a bit to the temperature and it is actually cooler there in Bamenda than it is here in Yaoundé so I don't miss the air conditioning as much. The electricity went out during dinner both nights, but we were blessed to stay in a place with a generator! And you know what? The conversation didn't even pause when the lights went out; we just kept eating and talking the way we had been until the generator was started up. At least we had electricity to lose. Some don't even have that. And on the way to the village we rounded a corner and had to slow down quickly, not because of a police officer or car accident, but because a farmer was herding cattle down the road. There were ten of us piled into a car with five actual seats, and we all had a good laugh at all the cows. However, we weren't laughing because we didn't expect it, we were actually laughing because it didn't surprise us to see a herd of cows in the middle of the main road through the village...my, how perspectives change.

Can you believe that just a little over 100 years ago the Gospel was brought to Meta people of Mbengwi? And it has taken nearly 40 years to get the New Testament translated into their language! They always translate the New Testament first so people can read about salvation, but work is still going on to get the Old Testament translated as well. These people are hungry for the whole word of God! If you would like to know how to make a donation for this cause please contact me via the information below.

I know many of you are giving on a monthly basis, and I appreciate that more than you may know! My colleagues at Wycliffe Associates were generously donating to my ministry fund for the first few months I was here; however, now that I am well established on the field we have agreed that the support they were giving me would be more useful elsewhere. While it is wonderful that they see how well adjusted I am, I find myself needing to fill in a bit of the void from the finances I was receiving from them. If you would like to donate just copy and paste the following into your web browser: <https://give.wycliffeassociates.org/p-1018-holly-emmerich.aspx> then follow the simple instructions. If you have any questions about this please send me an email! It is possible to set your giving up so that it automatically deducts from your account each month, no more having to remember to do it!

As always, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support. You and I are in this together; winning souls for the Kingdom of God. At the New Testament dedication I was struck by the words one man shared with us, ***"Each time we celebrate the Word of God translated, the Devil loses territory."*** That, my friends, is how you win a war! Slowly but surely the Kingdom of God advances to the far ends of the earth, to every tribe, tongue, and nation. The Word knows no boundaries of distance, culture, or language. It wasn't written for some, it was written for *all*. There are about 2,000 languages still waiting for a translation. **That's roughly 180 million people who are living without the Word of God in their first/mother language!** That knowledge alone makes the hardship of living in a third world country worth it, because people like us labor together to see the day when everyone has access to this life saving book, divinely inspired by God Almighty. In 1535 the Bible was produced into the English language. Imagine how different your life would be, if it hadn't been translated yet...

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Please pray for:

- *The Meta people to use their New Testament for the Glory of God*
- *Continued health and provision for all the missionaries here in Cameroon*
- *Continued political stability within Cameroon*



Arise Meta and shine like the sun; the glory of the Lord is upon you!



There is singing and dancing to celebrate the occasion!

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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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