



Times of Refreshing in His Word

I'm so thankful to the Lord for the spiritual retreat from which I just returned with my church in Nkongsamba, a beautiful town in the mountains where my pastor's wife, Lucy, comes from. I haven't been able to attend the yearly retreat since the summer after my second year, but I have made several trips there to visit Lucy's family and hike in the mountains surrounding Nkongsamba (see above picture) and once with the drama evangelism teams. Christians from several villages and the majority of my church from Yaounde joined the brethren at the church in Nkongsamba, pastored by Lucy's father.

Christian love and fellowship as well as the presence of God and power of His Spirit in the teachings and times of prayer and worship were just what I needed to fan the flame of my desire for the Lord after a busy school year. The main theme of the retreat was Jesus as our example of unswerving devotion to the Father's will and the glory of His name in prayer and in every circumstance, even the agony and shame of the cross. Thank you, Father, for this time of refocusing my eyes on You and Your purposes for me!

Finishing a Leg of the Race

It's so hard to believe that 9 years have gone by since I first came to Cameroon....except when I look at the kids from my first FES 4th grade class in their graduation gowns! The three students pictured here with me at their senior goodbye banquet were a part of that 4th grade class. I visited all their families in the villages where they are doing Bible translation work back in my days as itinerant teacher. The huge blessing is that my involvement in their lives didn't end there! All three of them have been participants in drama evangelism the past two years. I rejoice to say that they are all walking closely with the Lord and seeking to know Him more and live their lives for Him. I will really miss them next year! **Please pray for them and for all our graduates as they adjust to university and life back in their home countries.**



Drama Evangelism—A Year in Review

The Lord's work in drama evangelism this past year blew us all away as we saw time and time again His awesome power and His heart both for those who don't yet know Him and for His church. One of the things that took outreaches to a whole new level this year was the time we spent after each outreach talking and praying with people. We had more students this year who had enough proficiency in French to answer people's questions and share with them and even to preach the gospel when appropriate. We had so many opportunities to answer people's questions or to lead them in a prayer to accept Christ. Oftentimes, we also had opportunities to pray with, exhort and encourage Christians who were struggling in their faith. I'm excited about next year, especially about the opportunity we'll have to return to the village of Tchekos to participate in the dedication of the Nomaande New Testament in January! We'll go up a day early to do some evangelism and then have the opportunity to perform one of the dramas at the dedication itself! **Praise God that we were able to purchase a small battery-operated sound system for such village trips! Please continue to pray that God will water the seeds that were planted through drama evangelism this year.**



Me talking to a man who walked to Deuk from the next village because he heard there was literature about God being given out!

A Special Blessing

God knows our needs so well, even better than we know them ourselves! This school year has been my busiest yet, and through that God has reminded me of His faithfulness to equip us to do that which He has called us to do. I was wondering how I would cope with the insane onslaught of extra end-of-the-year activities combined with the stress of imminent goodbyes, figuring grades and writing report cards. I was trying to focus on God's faithfulness throughout the year in allowing me to maintain joy and peace in the midst of the busyness and to conquer what seemed to be insurmountable piles of work. Ok, Lord, how are we going to pull this one off? The answer came in a way that brought joy and fellowship along with a helping hand.....a visit from my last year's housemate, Amy. She came for graduation and in the process helped me with heaps of work! I thank God for the laughter, fellowship and help He blessed me with through her visit! Why stress when our God knows our every need? He is more than able to meet every one!

**“All our fret and worry is caused by calculating without God.”
~Oswald Chambers**

What's Next?

Tuesday July 7th my mom arrived in Cameroon for her first visit! I'm so excited for her finally to see a bit of what my life is like here. We'll spend some time in Yaounde so she can meet my friends, and then we'll travel a bit to visit some people and places in the beautiful Northwest Province. **Please pray for health, safety in travel and grace for my mom as she deals with culture shock, climate, and especially Cameroonian traffic!**

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