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✧ Just Enough - You Are My Portion Oh LORD ✧

Our walk with God needs to be just a day by day process and that is enough.



Can you guess the meaning of this short proverb?

“Patience can cook a stone.”

Find the meaning and application on the back of this newsletter.

These last several months have been a whirlwind for us.

We have all as a family climbed back into the saddle so to speak. We landed in Cameroon and got into our apartment on a Sunday night around 9:00 p.m., and Joe was in his new office by 8:00 a.m. the next morning. He had just 4 days overlap with his predecessor. Donna and the boys got our stuff out of the attic and set up the apartment. One week later, the boys started school at Rain Forest International School.

Tyler is a junior in high school this year and recently turned 17 years old. Wow, that doesn't seem possible. Where has the time gone since we saw that little tow-

headed boy line up his Hot Wheels on our coffee table? Austin is 13 and really enjoying being at the same school as his brother. He entered the 8th grade this year and loves playing soccer. Donna has slipped back into the computer department and not missed a beat. The department is very glad to get her back. She has had an increase in her responsibilities. They have added taking in and keeping track of inventory to her



bookkeeping tasks. All in all, life for our family has returned to normal.

A few weeks ago, Joe engaged in a significant training event/seminar, attending a week-long event called L3 Portal. The L3 stands for “Lifelong Learning for Leaders.” During this course the guiding theme was found in this statement, “Effective leadership grows out of particular attitudes towards God, others, self, and the structures one serves. Leaders must have confidence in the sovereignty of God, profound respect for others demonstrated through service to all, a life of integrity, and passion for accomplishing the vision of Bible translation (God’s work).” During this event, a leadership and strength

development plan was created which looked at Joe’s leadership strengths, personality type and traits. Joe



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Praise - God for the way that our finances have been continuing to improve over the past months.

Praise - God for good adjustments our family has made in returning back to Cameroon.

Pray - that as we are working that we would be in tune with God each and every moment.

Pray - for God to give wisdom and insight as Joe deals with difficult situations and the people involved.

Continued Prayer - for health and safety as Joe travels to the many areas and villages to encourage our fellow laborers.

had evaluations from colleagues, supervisors and friends before the event started and these were also used to develop the growth plan.

God has brought us to a new season of our ministry here in Cameroon. A passage from Scripture that God gave us is found in Matthew 22:36-39, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Looking at these verses has encouraged us that we are looking after the hearts, souls and minds of our fellow laborers here in the fields with God’s help alone. We can’t take care of this crowd of people in our own strength. God gives us just what we need day by day. When days have been difficult, He has been our portion and strength. Many of the issues that Joe deals with, as personnel director, are not pleasant or easy. Missionaries are human beings with the same faults we all have. Sometimes they don’t get along with each other. Sometimes they struggle in many of the same areas Christians do around the world. God is using us to see these fellow laborers be healthy,



colleagues.

God has given us an enormous task that only He can accomplish.

Lately, Joe has been encouraged by his time in the Word of God studying the life of Gideon. God wins the battles for His glory, not for our fame, fortune or pride. We are praying that God would indeed be honored in our service to Him each and every day.

Joe also still has the joy of preaching often at Covenant Baptist Church here in Yaoundé. This Cameroonian church has been a great blessing, but more on that in our next newsletter.

If you desire to receive our special biweekly prayer requests via e-mail, please respond in an e-mail to this address joe-donna_rider@sil.org and say, “Yes send me the Special Prayer Request Updates.”

Answer:

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“One needs to be patient when breaking up a large boulder in a field. Fires are built around the boulder so that it will heat up and crack into smaller pieces. This is a long painstaking process. Having patience or perseverance can bring great results.”

Ephesians 4:1-3

Keeping the unity in the body of Christ takes patience and hard work.

content, joyful, and walk vibrantly with our God. The goal is to keep them on the field and working in the harvest. Above is a picture of most of our fellow laborers and some of their children. Currently, there are about 185 people assigned to the Cameroon branch.

Pray for us as we get to know each and everyone of them better and seek to encourage them in the LORD.

As we have hit the ground running, so to speak, **please pray that we would have times of refreshment so that we can keep pouring into the lives of our**

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