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✧ What is life like for the Rider family in Cameroon? ✧

We will try to give you a small glimpse into what our lives are like as we go through the day to day here in wonderful Cameroon.

Can you guess the meaning of this proverb?

“Can an elephant hide with its tusks?”

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

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Donna... I work three mornings a week in the Computer Department doing the bookkeeping. I keep track of people's internet and e-mail charges, and their work requests for computer repairs. With about 200 adults in the Cameroon Branch, that's a lot of computers to keep up and running. There are about six other people in the department doing the repair work.

On my days off I have started a big project at home. I am transferring all of our family home videos to DVDs. Video tapes deteriorate after 10 or 15 years, and in this climate they mold. So I am downloading into my computer about 20 video tapes that I recorded of our kids growing up. Then I convert them into DVDs. It takes me about a week to do one tape, so I've got a big job ahead of me! I haven't looked at these tapes for years, and it's been fun seeing the kids when they were young.

I host a Women's Bible study in my home on Wednesday afternoons. There are about 15 missionary and Cameroonian women attending. Joe and I also have a small group Bible

study on Thursday evenings in our home. There are five couples in this group.

I have started looking into plane reservations for our upcoming furlough which starts in June. In order to get the best prices we need to buy our tickets early. We are looking forward to seeing our friends and relatives!

Tyler... My average school day isn't much different than what kids do in the U.S. I get up in the morning and get ready for school and head out the door around 7:00 a.m. It's about a 10-minute walk to the school. My school is an international school

where people treat each other the same even though we look different. About half of the students are missionary kids, so we all have similar backgrounds. We have lunches and breaks. We get out of school around 3:00 p.m. and there are sports and other activities after school



that we can do. I am going to try out for the soccer team this year. But when I don't have soccer, I usually go home right after school to do homework. I usually get my homework done before dinner so I can do fun things after dinner. I like to play with Legos, play video games and read books. The weather here is either sunny and hot or cool and rainy. We don't have seasons like in the U.S. We have dry seasons and rainy seasons. Our soccer season is during the dry season, so it doesn't get too muddy on the soccer field. Our soccer field is mostly dirt and hardly any grass. So it is a different kind of play with all the bumps and dips in the field.



Direct Line In

Praise - for the 7 teenagers that were baptized last month. They are serious about their walk with the Lord.

Pray - for housing and a car for us as will be returning to the U.S. in June 2007 for one year.

Praise - for the good rainy season. The fields are green, which means food for many.

Prayer - for more workers to come to Cameroon. The need is extremely great as there is more work to do each year than is possible. Many language groups are hungry for these vernacular media materials so are disappointed when they can not receive them.

I have many friends here and two of my best friends live in the same compound that I live in. We all like to do the same things usually, so we don't disagree on what to do that much. We like to hang out with each other on weekends and sometimes the school has activities. We have to say goodbye to our friends sometimes because they go on furlough every once in awhile. But sometimes new friends come and some old friends come back, so we don't ever feel too lonely.

We usually go on vacation with a family that has four boys to a place called Douala. That is the seaport city of Cameroon. There is a pool at the place where we stay. The town also has good restaurants. I am forward to coming back to the States next June, but I will also miss leaving Cameroon because it is my second home.

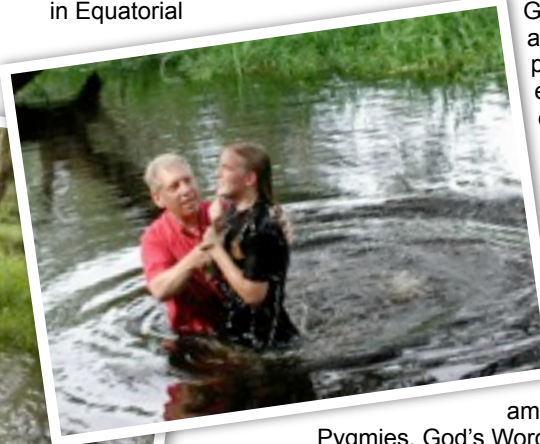
Austin... I usually wake up at 6:00 a.m. and I start getting ready for school. First of all, I check if I have all my homework in my backpack and the school that I go to is called American School of Yaounde (ASOY). I ride in a taxi to school. It takes about 20 minutes.

At my school we have a swimming pool, basketball court, tennis courts, and a dirt soccer field. There are about 200 students. I am in 6th grade and there are 13 kids in my class. There are 5 different nationalities in my class. I have 7 periods and 5 minutes between each class.



the jungle waters of the river to publicly pledge through baptism to follow Jesus the rest of their lives. Their youth pastor, Joe Rider, SIL member, had the great joy of plunging them into the water. The crowd that gathered on the banks to sing and pray was their missionary parents and the mission community upholding the ministry of Rain Forest International School.

The students who were baptized are a microcosm of Wycliffe's far-reaching work in Africa. Ron Burke's parents are with the SIL Chad branch. Rachel Smith's parents are with SIL Guinea. Lisa Trihus' and Jennifer Davis' parents are in leadership and support of the Cameroon branch. Caleb Grove's parents are cluster project leaders in the Northwest Province of Cameroon. Natalie Leonard's parents are linguist translators



among the Baka Pygmies. God's Word is being translated into other languages, but it is also being translated into the lives of the missionary kids. The students study hard during the week at school, preparing for the next stage of their life. Their parents are able to focus on God's calling, knowing that daily the work of an excellent education is faithfully carried out by loving teachers and staff.

The man who baptized the students is Joe Rider. In his SIL role, he is the Vernacular Media Specialist, putting God's Word into film and audio forms. He does the production of the Jesus Film into Cameroonian languages. Late in the afternoon, though, he can be found on the soccer field, coaching the high school girls and boys teams rain or shine (see picture on the front of this newsletter). On Sunday nights he leads the youth group. The teenagers have seen through his life the joy of following Jesus, of letting your faith be worked out in every arena of life. So at the close of the baptismal worship service, when Joe gave them salt to taste and a candle to light, it wasn't just an object lesson. The seven youth have seen what it means to live for Jesus. They have chosen to go out and bring flavor and light to the world.

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Answer:



“A Big Man's deeds are never hidden.”

If you are a leader, take care what you do because someone is always watching you. Set a good example!

At home there are no animals in our yard, but we have a pet grey parrot. We live in a compound of about 24 apartments. I get home from school at about 4:00 p.m. and I start doing my homework. Then if I have time, I go outside to play with my friends. I like to play soccer, baseball and ultimate Frisbee.

I'm looking forward to going to some of the fast food places in the U.S., like McDonald's. And I can't wait to see my relatives.

This is an excerpt from an article (printed with permission) by Ruthie Clark written about Joe...

Shouts of joy erupted from the teenagers clutching the rooftops as we four-wheeled through the rain forest. Low-hanging branches wiped their muddy faces. It was an exuberant end to an afternoon of celebration. Seven teenagers had waded into