

# Riders' Recordings

SERVING TOGETHER WITH WYCLIFFE SINCE 1997



As I (Joe) sit down to write this letter, I have spent some time thinking about our time here in the States. Many things have happened during our short time here. But one that will not soon be forgotten is the wildfires that raged in several areas of southern California. I was visibly reminded when I drove into San Diego last week. Along a stretch of highway were acres and acres of

charred earth as far as the eye could see. I also had the chance last Fall to go to a men's retreat in the very mountains that were on fire a week or so before that retreat. I witnessed places where the fires burned homes and belongings to the ground. Right next door to some of these burn sites were also homes that remained untouched by the savage flames.

Well, why did these wildfires have such a profound effect on me? The magnitude of these wildfires was enormous. Firefighters were called in from all over the state of California and from neighboring states. The fires burned for weeks as firefighters combated the flames—many times without sleep. Their dedication was

inspiring. About the same time, I was longing to be back in Cameroon doing the work that God has called us to do. I actually struggled with this for some time. But about that time I was reminded of something I heard Ralph Winter say. He had asked the question, "What would you do if you came upon a great house fire? Would you put it out yourself or would you call



for help?" We would all, of course, call 911 and get help from the fire department. It hit me like a ton of bricks. God was telling me two things. The first can be found in Phillipians 4:11, "*Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.*" God desires me to rest in Him no matter where I am or what I am doing. You might have guessed the second thing. We are here in the States to tell what God has done and

continues to do in the country of Cameroon. You see, there is a fire raging. No, it's not here in California. But rather that great fire that Ralph Winter talked about so much. There is an enormous task out in the mission field and we cannot do it alone. Oh yes, others have been called to the mission field, but there is a need for much more help. Would you consider what God might have for you in regards to going to the mission field? There is no age requirement for adults. There is so much that each one could do. There is a great need for teachers, linguists, construction workers, literacy

workers, and the list goes on an on. Why not check out the Wycliffe website ([www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)) to see if there is a job you can do? There is a fire raging. Have you been called to help put it out?

*Serving Him together,*

*Joe, Donna, Tyler & Austin*



**Direct Line In**

**Praise - that we are learning "to be content."**

**Prayer - that we would be effective in telling others about "the fire" and that God would send more workers to the harvest.**

**Praise - for the fact that our boys have adjusted well to American culture and are doing well in school.**

**Prayer - for those that hear God's call, that they would respond and be obedient to the Lord.**

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