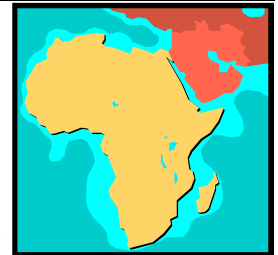


# Riders' Recordings

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Busy, busy, busy! Much has happened since our last newsletter. It has been quite exciting. Joe now has two new colleagues in his department and he has been made the head of the National Languages Media Services. His new colleagues are Larry Wilson and Roy Buyse. Larry has been involved in the vernacular media department at JAARS in Waxhaw, North Carolina. He and his family will be here for two years. Roy, along with his family, has just finished French language study in Chambéry. They even resided in the same apartment where we lived during our time in France.

News gets out quickly and our department has work coming in faster than we thought possible. Recently, Joe and Larry taught an audio Scripture use course in Bamenda. What a special time as we encouraged members of nine language programs. This one-week course covered areas such as determining the felt needs of a language group, choosing a target audience, developing an audio script, taking a group through a practice session, and developing a distribution plan. We also demonstrated the prompter recording technique. A person may have a great

voice or be an important person to use in a recording, but if he/she could not read, they would not be able to be involved in a recording. By using this technique of a reader prompting the nonreader on what to say, nonreaders are able to participate in a recording. The course participants shared later that they really could see how using this method could improve the quality and the "realness" of a recording.

Recently, Joe, Larry and Roy traveled to Dschang for the dedication of the Jesus film in the Yemba language. What a blessing it was to be able to see the reaction of the Yemba people as they watched Jesus



speak their language on film. Almost 400 people viewed the film and 60% came forward to make a decision to follow Christ. How exciting it is when we hear and see what God is doing through audio and video! Later on this year we will be returning to the

Yemba language program to do an audio recording of the Joseph story from the book of Genesis. This cassette will go along with the translated Scriptures in the form of a read-along book for the literacy part of their language program. And that is just a few of the recordings that are taking place.

Joe has not only been doing recording work, but he has been coaching soccer at Rain Forest International School. This is a school for missionary kids which runs from 7th through 12th grade. For the second year in a row the Golden Cats of RFIS have gone on to the championship match of the Yaoundé

Multinational Athletic Conference. This high school league features schools of many sizes and backgrounds. Currently RFIS has around 85 students. Most of the schools are much larger in size. For example, Vogt High School student population numbers at around 2,200. This unfortunately, was one time that David didn't beat Goliath. Joe's team lost the championship match by the score of 4 to 1.

*We now have a new website! Please take a look at it. The address is at the lower right-hand corner of this letter.*



**Prayer** - that those who hear and see God's Word might receive it in their hearts and truly follow Jesus Christ as Lord.

**Praise** - for the new colleagues that Joe has to help carry the recording workload for Cameroon and some of its neighboring countries.

**Prayer** - for Joe as he is preparing to hand over his responsibilities in June when we will return to the U.S. for a furlough.

**Praise** - for the way God continues to protect us on the roads here in Cameroon.

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## The Boys' Corner

We went to the beach for a short vacation over the Christmas holidays. Yes, it's hot here in December! We went with three other missionary families and stayed in a couple of beach houses. Here's what Tyler had to say about our time there:

"It was very fun when we went to Kribi because of the big waves. I found a tar rock. A bunch of my friends found a crab and ate it. It was fun eating marshmallows that we roasted over the fire."



You can take the kid out of California, but you can't take California out of the kid. Surf's up dude!



Just before Christmas we visited an orphanage. Austin's thoughts: "We gave stuff to the kids and we took pictures of the whole place. The kids were nice."

Every Saturday some of the neighborhood boys come to the soccer field in our apartment complex and play. Here is a photo of Austin playing with them (in the green shirt).



## Donna's Corner



Donna is enjoying her work in the Construction and Maintenance Department. She does the bookkeeping. Recently, the CAM Department finished building new classrooms for Rain Forest International School.