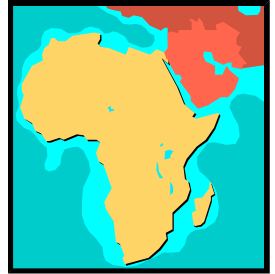


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Wow, how things have moved along for the Riders. In our last newsletter we were heading to our orientation course and now we have successfully finished it and are starting our ministries here in Cameroon. During our orientation course we experienced many wonderful things. We learned to eat corn fufu and njama-njama. Corn fufu is ground millet that is cooked with water and then it is made into large balls. Njama-njama is a bit like our greens. Both are eaten together and this is one of the staple foods here in Cameroon. We spent three weeks in a village up in the northwest area of the country. During this time we had many new experiences. Tyler and Austin acquired some new pets.

played every day. Donna learned some of the daily chores that the women do, such as how to make fufu, washing clothes by hand and how several Cameroonian dishes are made. We all had the opportunity to visit the fon of the Kom region. The fon is the highest chief of the people group with which we stayed. Visiting such a man of importance was a little different for us because as Americans we really don't have

coming to minister to his people. Joe also had an opportunity to visit the local hospital, though not as an observer but as a patient. Just



They returned to Yaoundé with 7 chameleons. Each had its own name. They have given several chameleons to other missionary kids. Our boys enjoyed living in the village. There were several children in our compound with which they

a reference point to understand what it is like to have a king. Joe was told that he could return for a visit at any time in the future. The fon is appreciative of the work that Wycliffe is doing in his fondom. He thanked us for

after arriving in the Kom region, he came down with malaria. He spent two days on a quinine drip and the next five days recovering. Our family has experienced several other physical adjustments to our new home. Austin has had a case of amoebiasis. We are all getting used to the heat and humidity. But all in all we sense that God has finally brought us to where we need to be. We have many more adjustments to make. We have said "good-bye" to some of our colleagues in our orientation group. Some we have known for two years. The boys have made some new friends. We are part of a new family here. God is doing great and mighty things here in Cameroon. We feel blessed that He has called us to this place. It will not be easy but God promises grace for every situation we encounter. He is faithful to complete the work that He has started in us.



Prayer - As we start ministering in Cameroon-- Donna as office manager and Joe in vernacular media. Donna will be filling this important position of responsibility until October. Joe's department has been shut down for two years, so there is much to do to get things up and running.

Praise - We have finished our orientation course and are settling into our new home.

Prayer - For our health as our bodies adjust to all the new germs here.

Praise - God for giving Joe the opportunity to participate in a showing of the Jesus film in the Kom region. Out of 150 people, 40 made decisions for Christ. To date, over 1000 people have been saved in that region.

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