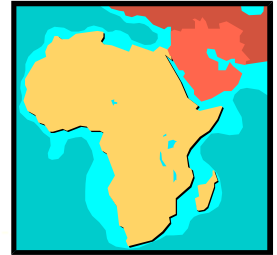


Ready, Set, Go!

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What a long time it has been and oh how much has happened! Time has gotten away from us since we put out our last newsletter. We acknowledge we are late with this newsletter. The other day we received an e-mail from a good friend who shared that we must be adjusting and settling in well because we had not sent many e-mails lately. As we thought about it, our friend seemed to hit the nail on the head. We have settled into a rhythm here in Cameroon. Donna has finished with her temporary position as office manager and is now working in the CAM (construction and maintenance) department. Since the Cameroon branch is one of the largest branches within Wycliffe, we have a very large CAM department. Donna is filling a much needed position as office assistant. Joe has made a trip to Maroua in the far northern part of Cameroon. There he met with all of our language teams working in that region. During that time, he stayed in two villages with two translation teams. The purpose of this trip was to help the teams with their strategic planning for the next year and to determine how

vernacular media can help. Since that time, Joe has been involved in recording 42 Scripture songs in the Mofu language. The response to these cassettes has been phenomenal. This music was used in an evangelism campaign in Mandayah. Here is an excerpt from an e-mail from one of our translators, Ken Hollingsworth, working in the Mofu project:

"Last Saturday was the first time for our showing of



the new version of the Luke film in Mofu. The Baptist church has an evangelism committee and they targeted a mountainous area on the northern edge of Mofu-land called Mandayah for an evangelism campaign last weekend. The main showpiece was the Mofu Luke video. The evangelism committee was given an eardrum-splitting amp with several bullhorns, which they like to use for

preaching and for the showing of the film. So after some Mofu music (from the 42 songs recorded earlier) played through their sound system, which can be heard for several miles, the crowds came. A report directly from Ernest, the head of the evangelism committee, said that all those who came forward were making a commitment for the first time. Many were old people who had come out of the mountains. Most people in the church are young people, so it was exciting to see older people coming to the Lord! God was definitely at work. It rained at our place that night. And it rains in the mountains more than on the plain, but I asked the

Lord to keep the rains away from the showing. It didn't rain at the showing! Of course, the key now is to teach these new creatures in Christ and help them grow. And that is why we are translating the Bible!"

I later talked with Ken and he shared that several hundred gave their life to the Lord that night. There have been several more showings since, and all the numbers of those saved have yet to be totaled.



Direct Line In

Prayer - That God would provide the finances and just the right vehicle for our needs here in Cameroon.

Praise - For the way that God is using and moving through Joe's early vernacular media projects.

Prayer - Continue to pray for our health as our bodies adjust to all the different germs here.

Praise - God for all that He is doing in our lives. Tyler and Austin are doing well in school and in their new environment. They are growing well spiritually and physically.

Prayer - For us as we sometimes miss our families and friends quite a bit. We have made a conscious decision that Yaoundé is our home, but we still miss you all.

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Hey, what do you get when you collect all the high school teens from one of the largest Wycliffe branches and then add other students boarding at three hostels, who all go to Rain Forest International School? An instant youth group. Yes, Joe is at it once again. Along with five other



volunteers, he is ministering to a group of around 45 high school teens each week. Included in this group are five Cameroonians from the neighborhood. These teens are being challenged to reach out to other teens in their immediate area. God has given Joe one of the desires of his heart—to

minister to missionary kids. Joe has felt called to minister to MKs ever since he roomed with two MKs during his university years.

Attention!

An opportunity to help our ministry...

We have been very grateful for the car that we have been borrowing during this year. It has allowed us do the shopping we need to do, to visit our village host from our orientation course while he was here for treatment at the hospital, to travel to church, and just being able to be mobile. By next summer we will need to give this vehicle back to the family that so graciously offered to let us borrow it while they are on furlough. We are asking God to provide us with a vehicle so that we can still function here without constantly having to take taxis. Our hope is to get some sort of 4-wheel drive vehicle for our use here in Yaoundé and also for Joe to be able to use on recording trips. We are looking for a reliable used or new vehicle to meet our ministry needs. Pray with us that God would provide in His time and in His way. We have started a special project account with this in mind. If God leads you to partner with us in this way, label your gift "For Joe and Donna Rider's Vehicle Fund" and send it to the Orlando address on the front page of this newsletter. We look with anticipation to see how God (the owner of the cattle on a thousand hills) will provide.

Pop Quiz

- 1. What gray head has just joined our family?**
- 2. Approximately how many languages are spoken in Cameroon?**
- 3. What is one of Donna's favorite hobbies here in Cameroon?**
- 4. What year did the Rider family join Wycliffe?**
- 5. Cameroon is about the equivalent size of what U.S. state?**
- 6. What kind of pets have Tyler and Austin had here in Cameroon?**
- 7. Donna now works in what department?**
- 8. How many language projects is Wycliffe involved with here in Cameroon?**
- 9. What favorite sports team has Joe not been able to see since leaving the United States?**
- 10. What is the date of the Riders' first furlough?**

If you think you know the answers to these questions, e-mail or write to us. We have a special prize for the first person to give us the correct answers! In our next newsletter we will give you the answers and the name of our winner.



We would like to take a moment and thank you for all your prayers. Often we have felt God's peace in trying times. Many have e-mailed us mentioning that we had been prayed for that day. What an encouragement you have been! Thank you!

*Serving Him together,
Joe, Donna, Tyler & Austin*