



the RIDERS' recordings

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✧ God is good all the time! Part 2 ✧

“And all the time God is good,” goes the rest of the phrase. We often hear this phrase here in Cameroon. But what does it mean when difficulties hit home personally?



Can you guess the meaning of this proverb?

“There is no small chicken that cries today which will not crow tomorrow”

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



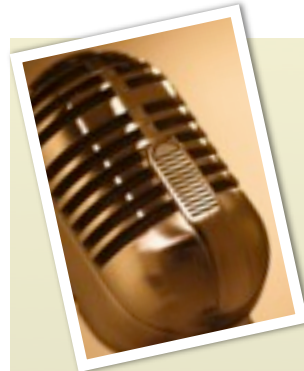
Last month... “As I write this newsletter, I am sitting in the extreme heat of the Far North of Cameroon after a long flight. I look around and think about how different this is from Yaounde. The relentless heat hits you in the face day and night. Tomorrow we head out to a village 200 kilometers outside of Maroua. We will be out of telephone contact for almost 2 weeks. The reason for our bush run is so that the Daba people can have the Jesus film dubbed in their heart language. Marti Giger, one of the Bible translators for the Daba New Testament, spent 20 years off this beaten path in the bush. This is my third trip to this area of Cameroon. The heat is not my only concern right now. I also have some extreme back pain. In order to stay cool, Byung-Sun and I have been sleeping on the tiled floor. As I went to rise I heard and felt a few small pops. The pain was instantaneous. “Hold that position and don’t move” was all I could think. As the morning has

proceeded, I find that I can move a little better. I move around like someone 30 years plus my age. This is a far cry from where I normally am. My weekly regimen of volleyball on Wednesday nights, soccer game and ultimate frisbee on weekends have been going on for the past few years. My thoughts are “God, this is not how I wanted this trip to go.” But I rest in the fact that He knows best. God is love it says in Scripture. That means His actions towards me are always out of His character of love. He

can do nothing else.” **A few days later...** “We have been in the village Mandama for a few days hard at work. God has been faithful to our prayers and the back pain has gone. The heat remains. This is part of life here. The dry, sandy, rocky terrain is



picturesque but also very telling. The Daba people have been waiting for the rains to come because they are very late. They have had some small snatches of rain. Many have planted their millet which is the staple food for this small green sprouts through the barren soil. Will the rain come soon before those sprouts wither and



Direct Line In

Praise - for the great time with the RCC team and their successful ministry.

Pray - for those on the RCC team that are considering missions full-time. For clear direction on where and when to go.

Praise - that the Daba people will have the Jesus film in their heart language very shortly.

Prayer - for good health as Joe has been sick 3 times in the last 9 months. Two times were internal infections, one of which required hospitalization.

die? As we continue to record, I am struck by not only the physical dryness but also the spiritual dryness of the area. There are some Daba Christians. The churches are small but they are faithful. Two key men in our recordings are Mathieu (Narrator) and Abraham



(Jesus). Both are not very young men--one is in his late thirties and the other late forties. Their stories are very similar. Both were some of the first few Christians among the Daba

people. Both went through some very extreme persecution. Mathieu at age 12 would hide in his room at night to read God's Word." **Day 6...** "We have just finished recording all the 40 people speaking in the film. Some have left their homes by foot as early as 3 a.m. to arrive at the recordings at 9 a.m. To cross a mountain in the darkness and travel six hours by foot speaks much to our hearts. It is also today that I have come down with malaria and amebiasis. Byung-Sun will have to do the final checking by himself. As I lay on my bed I listen to John Piper's podcast that I downloaded to my laptop. He shares that God doesn't need us to accomplish His purposes. That would make me His benefactor. It is by His grace and mercy alone

that He chooses to use us for His glory alone. My prayer is 'God, I get it. Lesson learned. Thank You.' "

Answer:



All children, including orphans, grow.

It is not good for unscrupulous people to oppress orphans or the weak. Someday that child will grow and the oppressor will have to give account of himself.

Just a few weeks ago... we had a rare privilege to host a short-term team from one of our partnering churches-- Rancho Community Church in Temecula, California. The team was comprised of 12 people of varying ages. A few days after their arrival the team split into three groups and went in three separate directions. Three guys went with me to do recordings in six languages in four days. Five women traveled 8 hours to help the Grove family with a VBS in Bamalong. The last group stayed in Yaounde to lay block fencing for the new

RFIS school. They all worked very hard and were a tremendous help and encouragement. It was fun to see all the excitement about the different things they noticed. We were reminded of the many things that we have grown accustomed to in our daily lives here in Africa that really are pretty neat when you think about it. We also got to take the RCC team on a hike



through the rain forest. The team has left a deep imprint on our hearts as they trekked through our lives and they are already missed.

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