



# the RIDERS' recordings

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## ✧ Planes, Motorcycles, Helicopters and SUVs ✧

*Our last several months have been quite varied in our modes of travel!*



*Can you guess the meaning of this short proverb?*

**“Until lions write down their own stories, the hunters will always have the glory.”**

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

As we look back at dates, this month of January marks our 12<sup>th</sup> year with Wycliffe Bible Translators. We are indeed grateful for many of you who have partnered with us over the years. As we gaze towards the past we also contemplate the present and the future here in Cameroon. We live in trying financial times. But God is still at work and is not hampered in the slightest by any crises.



Nelis and I took a side trip up a mountain via motorcycle to visit a single Dutch woman, Jolanda Walhout, who is working with the Gavar people. We only traveled 25 miles, but it took us over an hour to arrive at our destination. While climbing the mountain, we had to get off the motorcycles in order to get over several spots of treacherous rocks. A few days later we journeyed by SUV to visit Ken and Judy Hollingsworth, who have recently dedicated the New Testament in the Mofu language. Each of these families were encouraged and uplifted by our visits. These trips also give me and others of the Administration

Joe had the privilege of flying to the Far North Province of Cameroon in our branch's Cessna 206 airplane. While there Joe and Nelis van den Berg, our General Director, visited several of our language teams out in the villages. Often these families/teams are in very isolated areas. The Viljoen family is in the early stages of their language project. They are a long way from their home country of Australia. Melanie and Michael both take turns home schooling Aaron while the other is working on learning the language.

It was exciting to be a part of the early meetings for the formation of the Buwal language committee with whom the Viljoens work. During our time with Viljoen family,

### *Roars out to the Lion of the Tribe of Judah*



**Pray** - that Joe's laptop would continue to work. His Mac is 6 years old and he just replaced the hard drive.

**Praise** - God for goodness to us even in trying financial times.

**Pray** - for Donna as she has taken on even more responsibilities in the Computer Services Department.

**Continued Prayer** - for God to give wisdom and insight as Joe deals with difficult situations and the people involved, who are sometimes hurting.

**Praise** - God for the way that our medical and dental debts have been paid off.



helicopter while the pilot was putting it through its paces here in Yaoundé. Praise the Lord for our “little red flying bubble.”

On other fronts, Joe has finished coaching the RFIS varsity girls soccer team. They recently won another league championship. On the season they scored 37 goals and only allowed two against them. Joe is now well into coaching the boys varsity soccer season. The team already has 3 wins and 1 close game that ended in a loss. Please pray for these boys as they seek to honor God in their attitudes and play. Their desire is to be a witness to their opponents for the King of Kings. An added note to all this: our girls just love that they play during the rainy season which means a lot of water and mud. The boys play during dry season which means a lot of dust on a dirt field.



Answer:

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**“One needs to hear both sides of the story. One never knows what went on in the forest.”**

**Proverbs 27:2**

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.

team a better understanding of what is really going on in each of the language projects in Cameroon.

Another exciting event is the arrival in Cameroon of the new red R44 helicopter, for which we are thankful to God for His provision. A large portion of our staff spent some time in prayer for the dedication of this tool. What a wonderful blessing it has already been for some of translation teams who have in the past only been able to get to their villages by several days of trekking. Donna had a wonderful opportunity to take a ride in the new

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