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We are communicating more by email and want be sure that all who want to be kept "up-to-date" are receiving our news through occasional email updates. Please send us a brief note by email.

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No longer will the isolated people groups in the mountainous provinces of NW and SW Cameroon be unreachable. This year God provided a very needed "tool", N146SP, a Bell 206 Long Ranger Helicopter. Together with our colleagues and friends here, we celebrated in prayer and praise its arrival and implementation into our small fleet of aircraft. Now that the *remote* are *reachable*, pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into these harvest fields. (See our website for the complete story).

Dedicating our newest tool... a helicopter

Praise God with us for... the work He's given us... What a joy!

- Good health and safety on the roads and in the skies.
- Great start to the school year. ● Stability in Cameroon.
- Helicopter and new staff have come to join our team.
- New Testament Dedications in 2007: Ngiemboon and Vute
- Terrific time of encouragement with Pastor Tong and visiting team from River of Life Christian Church, here this past August.
- Faithful Ministry Partners back home. You are such a blessing!!!



Please remember to Pray with us for... continued joy.

- Health and safety for our family and colleagues.
- Sensitivity to the Lord's leading in work, family and ministry decisions.
- Parenting wisdom.
- Translators can now enter the remote mountainous regions; pray as mentioned above.
- Growing deeper in our relationships, especially with our LORD.
- Direction for Sun.
- Needed vehicle solution.
- Finances: increased expenses plus a weak dollar = opportunities for our faith to be ←s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d→. How? US Dollars now buy less local currency. In 2002, one dollar exchanged for 710 fCFA. Today it is exchanging for 465 fCFA. That's a 35% loss of purchasing power here in Cameroon since our arrival.

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A MOTOR SCOOTER? FUN, BUT HIGHLY DANGEROUS ON THESE ROADS, ESPECIALLY FOR A FAMILY.

VEHICLE PROJECT PROPOSAL

SOMETHING LIKE A TOYOTA 4RUNNER OR NISSAN PATHFINDER

OPTION ONE: NEW VEHICLE: APPROX \$27,000 (SHIPPED)

OPTION TWO: RECENT MODEL USED VEHICLE: APPROX \$25,000 (CURIOUS? SEE PAGE FOUR)

OPTION THREE: OLDER, BUT DECENT-TO-GOOD CONDITION, WELL USED VEHICLE : APPROX \$15,000-\$20,000

NOT INCLUDED: TAXES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

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WOULDN'T MIND AN OLDY, BUT MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND BREAKDOWNS ARE A REAL NIGHTMARE.

Dear "Board of Trustees"

Our vehicle situation is needy. With all the running to and from school (14 round trips each week) that Sun does, and the fact I need a vehicle for work, we've been in the borrowing mode ever since we arrived in 2002. We bought a car more than 3 years ago, a 1989 Toyota Corolla Wagon. It has served us fairly well and we anticipate it will into the future. We praise God that second vehicles have been available for us to borrow or rent, 5 different vehicles, over 5 years. The owner of the one we are currently using will reclaim it in Feb 08.

After talking and praying about this for a long time, we feel it is time to involve our ministry partners. We are hoping to purchase a 4x4 as the roads here, even in the city need much improvement, and the hauling capacity of an SUV will be very useful in our aviation support work.

As Faith-Based missionaries our ministry partners, in a way, function as our "Board of Trustees." This is very different from other expatriates or denominationally supported missionaries working in other ministries or in other forms of development aid here in Africa. Below is a comparative example of how funding might differ for something like a needed vehicle.

"Joe Missionary" (faith-based) ie, Wycliffe, YWAM, OM, etc.

Step 1: Need is identified

Step 2: "Joe M" writes a letter to his mission partners about the need, inviting their participation.

Step 3: "Joe M" prays to His God asking that this need be met, according to God's will.

Step 4: "Joe M" waits patiently on God to move in the hearts of his mission partners to respond according to their ability and desire. (His funding comes from the riches of His almighty God, channeled through God's people, blessing all involved).

Step 5: It is almost certain that some and perhaps many mission partners will respond enthusiastically. His stated need is met, either in full or in part. If in part, he adjusts accordingly and praises God for His faithfulness, and for his mission partners' generosity.

"Joe NGO" (Non-Government Organization) ie U.N., Red Cross, or a denominational missionary

Step 1: Need is identified

Step 2: "Joe NGO" writes up a project proposal, submitting it to his boss, funding committee or board of trustees.

Step 3: "Joe NGO" perhaps prays, perhaps crosses his fingers. ("Joe Baptist Missionary" prays).

Step 4: "Joe NGO" waits for proposal process to reach all the decision makers, hoping that sufficient funds are available in the budget to meet his need. (His funding comes from the national treasuries of all the countries of the U.N., or through foundations or church denominations explicitly raising funds abroad in support of his development or mission work).

Step 5: Project Proposal is funded or not. If so, his work is benefited and he is happy. If not, he somehow makes do and hopes next year it will go better.

Sun's Perspective: In search of His Will

We are in our 2nd year of our 2nd term here in Cameroon and for the first time in 8 years I have mornings to myself since all 3 kids are in school. Although I do have some free time now, I did commit myself to do some volunteer work within our mission. As I experience this new liberation it has pushed me to ask myself what is my role here in Cameroon. I really feel that Daryl and I are both called to be in Africa. While Daryl has his ministry here (serving the mission community through aviation), I am in search of my own ministry. Is it just to be a supportive wife and a good mother?

Back in 1995 when I was in China teaching English it was there that God confirmed my calling. During that year my heart was broken for people who didn't know Christ and His free gift of salvation "Therefore go and

make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20.

It was that heartache that made me realize the importance of the great commission. With that realization I was able to say YES Lord, I will GO and speak of your gift. So with that in mind how do I continue to fulfill that realization here in Cameroon? The people that we are in contact with are not just the Cameroonians but a variety of people: French, Americans, Greek. So even though being in Africa, I feel a sense of wanting to minister not only to the Africans. There are many others who need His gift of salvation.

Last year God gave me a chance to present the gospel to some good French friends of ours. Since being here in Cameroon, I haven't had many

opportunities to do that. After our friends left I was reminded of the emptiness of someone when they don't have Jesus in their heart. I felt once again the yearning to tell and the importance of them knowing Jesus' gift of salvation. That was why I wanted to go into missions. There are ideas that come to mind; but are they my ideas or His ideas?

A guest speaker once said we search for God's will but are we able to embrace God's will when it is not the same as what we have in mind? Please pray that I will hear His will for me and that I can say yes to what God presents to me even though it maybe is not what I had in mind or what I want to do. Pray that I will not shy away from what is presented.



dear abby.
why do people take pictures of oddball things like signs? curious

dear curious. there must be a reason behind it. the other day we were coming home from school and i saw some people taking a picture of a papaya tree. i said to my mommy, " why are they taking a picture of that tree? they must be from america."

dear abby. awwk, boys are so ruff and barbaric. why can't they be more refined like us girls? princess

dear princess. can't do anything about that one. god made us to be different. we had a tea party with mommy one day and my brother joined us. instead of waiting for the hostess to ask if he wanted a cookie, he just grabbed a few cookies, shoved them into his mouth, washing them down with tea. then he asked mommy if he could be excused to go play his video game. we were all stunned. very unrefined.

dear abby. do you believe in santa and tooth fairies? searching

dear searching. i'm trying to figure it out. i think it's mommy but i don't have evidence. she's tricky.

NICE CALEB:

- He put toothpaste on my toothbrush for me.
- We play "take me down, take me down"
- Play star war with light saber

MEAN CALEB:

- He boder and bug me.
- Sometimes he not share his snack wit me, who cares if I just finished my snacks. God like it when we share.
- Boder me when I'm eating, so I get in trouble.

NICE ABBY:

- Play dress up and ballet
- Give me snack
- Read to me

MEAN ABBY:

- Tells secrets in French talk
- Won't let me play when her friends are over
- Too Bossy

Hannah Speaks Out:
Older siblings-friend or foe?





...Friend or Foe? I don't know.....

Vehicle Project (Cont'd from page 1)

Please pray and consider if you'd like to support us in this project, both in prayer and financially. If you are a regular financial partner, whether giving monthly, quarterly or annually, please consider any gift towards this project to be above your normal giving. If a portion of our partners substituted this project for normal/general support, we'd have difficulty meeting our normal needs. Family and friends who don't support us regularly are invited to participate, also. Perhaps some folks would prefer to support a specific one-time project as opposed to rou-

tinely giving towards general purposes

Please make checks payable to WBT (address on page one) with note stating "for Daryl and Sun YOUNG's *Vehicle Project*." A receipt for tax purposes will be mailed to you. For up-to-date information on the status of Funding Progress, please email us directly or visit our website.

We are aware that at the year's end many folks are considering many important ministries and charitable works. **Thank you** for considering ours and for praying about this need.

An Interview with Dad - Cars and Stuff

-by roving reporter and correspondent, C.J. Young



Q. "Hey Dad, why don't we just go get a car at the Toyota place? We pass by there everyday going to school."

A. "Well Caleb, a person could. But cars sold at the dealership have already been taxed for import into Cameroon. Buying the same vehicle there would cost more than twice what we would have to pay. Because of our official status here in Cameroon, we are eligible to import a vehicle free of customs fees. Buying one from overseas and having it shipped here is actually much cheaper."

Q. "Couldn't we save a lot of money buying one that is a little bit used? You know, maybe someone has driven it for 2 or 3 years. How about that Dad?"

A. "Son, I like the way you think. But there are two problems with that. First, if someone paid import tax when they bought it, that increases the sales value, making it perhaps even more expensive than one we could buy new. Secondly, used vehicles in good condition don't quickly lose value like back home. Even if we could find one that was for sale by someone else who didn't have to pay import taxes, it would cost almost as much as a new one that we could have shipped directly from Japan."

Q. "But Dad, don't cars cost a lot of money? What if we don't get enough money?"

A. "Yes Caleb, cars do cost a lot. Lord willing, we do expect to be here a long time. So wouldn't it make sense to have one car that is really healthy that will last for a long time without a lot of problems? If we are able to buy a new one from Japan, the US Dollar is exchanging well against the Japanese Yen, which is also weak compared to other countries' money. This seems to be ideal. But how much comes in to help us get a vehicle, well, that's up to God. He is our provider for everything. What He provides, we will use and be very grateful, whether new or used. He knows our needs and 'He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.'"

Q. "What does it mean being Faith-Based Missionaries?" (Hard to imagine a 6-year old asking this. But the answer is a good reminder). ☺

A. "That means that we are here by faith. We don't have a fixed salary, nor are our expenses paid for by an employer. All our needs are met as God provides for them. He does this through our friends, families, a number of churches and other interested people. Many have known us for a long time. Some are new in our life. God moves in their hearts to be involved with us as 'Partners in Ministry.' They pray for us, they encourage us and they give some of the money God has entrusted to them so that the work we are doing here in central Africa in missionary aviation and Bible translation can go forward. Their faith is exercised as they send us off to a far-away place, trusting God to care for our health and safety. And our faith is exercised too, as we move in obedience to God's leading and trust Him to provide for our needs. All this so that in the end people here in central Africa have an opportunity to know God and put their faith in Jesus, becoming his disciples too. We talk a lot about airplanes and helicopters and teaching people to read and translating God's word into 'heart languages.' These are important. But they are not the reason we are here. They are the channel God has chosen for using our gifts and talents. The reason we are here is because God loves His children here in Africa and wants them to know this and to experience a deep and meaningful relationship with Him through His son Jesus. How special it is that we (and our ministry partners) have a small part."

Caleb's conclusion. "I want to be a pilot Dad. I want to fly your airplane and be a missionary too." (True quote. Honest.) ☺