

December 2006 Email Update

Christmas Greetings!

It's amazing how much difference a couple weeks can make! Less than 4 weeks ago I was living in Tabenken, a small village in the mountains of Cameroon. Three weeks ago I was in Switzerland and now I am with my parents at JAARS (Wycliffe's technical training center in Waxhaw, NC). I know this is a busy season so I will keep this update short, however I do want to thank you for your prayers over this last month. It has been a great but busy month.

I departed Cameroon on the evening of November 27th for Switzerland and arrived in Switzerland on the 28th. I was astonished to walk off the airplane at 9:25 am and to be leaving on a train for Neuchâtel - with all my bags in hand - by 10:04. It wasn't Africa - that's for sure!

I spent that evening with the Thalmanns & Leimbachers, my sister-in-law's family near Zurich. By noon the following day, I was visiting with friends from La Rochette, my church in Neuchâtel. The remaining 2 days went by very quickly as I spent time with many friends, the Staehlis (my host family) and visiting several Bible studies.

Early Saturday morning, the 2nd, I left for the US and after a long layover in Washington/Dulles arrived in Charlotte with all my bags and my parents waiting. It was really great to see them after 1½ years away. Monday morning, I started "school" - simulator training at JAARS. I spent my first week doing simulator flights to restore my proficiency at flying on the basis of instruments alone. During that week, Dad and I also packed my toolbox and a number of other items in a crate to go to Cameroon. They are now on their way.

This last week, I have primarily been in the books reviewing regulations and procedures related to flying. I also visited my grandma in Atlanta. Mom, Dad and I leave Monday to visit Todd, Damaris and family in Colorado Springs for Christmas. I am sure to have an entertaining Christmas with a 2-year-old niece and a 2-month-old nephew. Between now and January, I will be continuing to study and prepare for the airplane portion of my training which will start in early January. Lord willing, I leave for Cameroon on January 24th.

Praise:

- Good health and strength during a lot of travels
- A great visit to Switzerland.
- Use of a car while I am here in the US
- Good simulator training and getting my toolbox in a crate

Prayer:

- Recurrency flying - good weather and that I would re-learn quickly
- Several speaking opportunities in January
- Establishment of on-going Limbum literacy classes and that more people would begin to use the Limbum N.T.

Thanks so much for your continued prayers, notes of encouragement and faithful support. They are each a special blessing to me, and I am so thankful for such a wonderful support team. I hope each of you has a special Christmas rejoicing in the immeasurable grace and mercy of our Lord, Savior and King, Jesus Christ!

May the Lord bless you! In Him, Robert

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Simulator Training: "breaking out" after an approach. Full sequence is at www.petersonfamily.info/robert/gallery2



Visiting Grandma Cypert (92 years old)