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Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Cameroon! I've arrived and my bags and I had a smooth ride. Thanks for your prayers! I had a number expensive items in my suitcases (like my aviation headset) so it was nice to see my bags coming down the conveyor belt once I arrived. I was also concerned about having to pay some overweight charges because of a 68# bag. That however proved to be no problem. Praise the Lord! I was able to bring a number of hand-carry items to folks here including car parts for a stranded vehicle.

Friday I spent moving into my new home that I'll be sharing with 2 other men. I got to know both of them while I was here last fall and it's been nice to be back with them. My house is "in the city" but is just next door from two other SIL centers.

Today was my first day "on the job". My first official assignment was to go downtown and buy two of the biggest truck batteries possible for some final maintenance and avionics work on the helicopter. They are finishing up re-assembling the helicopter and were able to do the first runup today!

I am still working to get completely over jet-lag. My first night here I was tired and slept well. However the second night, there was an all-night party (probably a wedding) outside my window and I wasn't able to get to sleep until 5 a.m. That's 11 p.m. on the east coast so that did put me a couple steps backwards. Hopefully tonight I'll sleep well.

Thanks so much for your prayers as I get established here in Cameroon. It's good to be back, to see friends, to be getting started. I'd appreciate your prayers as I organize my schedule and activities.

In Him, Robert

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Saying goodbye to mom and dad