

January 24, 2007

Dear friends and family,

It's time! It's time to return to Cameroon. Lord willing, I will be **leaving Charlotte today at 3:30 p.m.** and expect to be in Cameroon around 7 p.m. on January 25th. My time in the US has been very productive and I'm feeling ready to return to Cameroon. Since Christmas I have completed the JAARS aviation recurrency program for both STOL (short takeoff & landing) and instrument (in the clouds) flight and expect to get started right away in Cameroon. I'm looking forward to finally doing what I've been preparing to do for so long.

My parents and I had the privilege to spend Christmas with my brother Todd and family. They live in Colorado Springs so we experienced some of the winter snow that was widely reported on the news. Their Chevy Tahoe however seemed completely unfazed by it, even on the snowy return trip from a cabin in the mountains after Christmas. Unfortunately I was a bit fazed by the cold, or more specifically a cold that I caught at the end of our time there. Thankfully it's gone now.

Over the last several weeks I have had the opportunity to speak 10 times in 16 days both here in North Carolina and at churches in Tennessee. As you can imagine, it's been quite busy, but I have enjoyed these times and pray that they have been helpful and informative for those who were present.

As I look forward to returning to Cameroon, I would also like to update you on the aviation program there. January 26th Alan VanDoren and his family arrive in Cameroon to launch our first helicopter program. It is a Bell LongRanger that is being loaned to us by Samaritan's Purse. It is also our first turbine-powered aircraft that uses jet fuel which is more widely available and cheaper. There are already five flights scheduled, and the pilot hasn't even arrived yet!

Here are several praises from the last two months:

1. A wonderful time with my family – especially around Christmas.
2. Aviation recurrency training is complete and was very productive.
3. My toolbox and supplies are on the way to Cameroon.
4. Provision of a helicopter for Cameroon.

Thank you so much for your prayers as I return to Cameroon. **Please join me in praying for:**

1. Safe arrival of my baggage – including my aviation headset and other valuables.
2. Good cultural re-adjustment to Cameroon.
3. Effective flight checkout in Cameroon (all radio communications are in French).
4. Wisdom as the helicopter program is established.

Thanks so much for your continued prayers, notes of encouragement and faithful support. Lord willing the next email will be from Cameroon.

May the Lord bless you!

In Him, Robert

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– Our 2nd base in Cameroon*



*Ice fishing in the CO Mountains – Unfortunately with
no success*