

August 2007 Email Update

Dear family and friends,

Well, maybe it wasn't Dengue Fever after all. Although that is what it appeared to be as I was writing my last email update, the characteristic rash that appears after the fever breaks never materialized. This is the most distinctive mark of Dengue. In the end, I probably had some sort of flu. Still, the fever did last about four days and was followed by a week of severe congestion and weakness. I asked for prayer for freedom from the potential after-effects of Dengue, so perhaps this was the Lord's answer. In any case, it is good to be healthy again, and I'm grateful for your prayers.

In June, I moved to the house of one of the pilots who is on furlough for the next six months. Because of security concerns here, it is important for someone to be actively living in a house that is in the community. This is not only a help to them, but also a blessing to me. One extra bonus is that, after four years on the move, I'm happy that my Brazilian hammock is finally hanging again (on their very nice screened-in porch).

God has also blessed me with the use of a car for the next nine months. The Kluck family has graciously loaned me their fun little Suzuki while they are on furlough. Although the hanger and aviation office are only a couple miles apart, it is often difficult to get a taxi going in the right direction,

especially for our very early morning flights. This vehicle has been an enormous blessing to me. It has also allowed me to pick up and drop off my passengers who appreciate the help with all their bags.

One of my recent flights was to Mbingo which is one of the shortest airstrips we use. We had beautiful weather so my passengers and I took a few pictures which I have put on my website. The mountainous northwest province of Cameroon is absolutely amazing! We must have seen 30 waterfalls in less than 20 minutes! They are very hard to capture on film, but I did get some good pictures near the runway. There is also a small video of our takeoff. Feel free to take a look at www.petersonfamily.info/robert.

The most significant new thing for me is starting a small discipleship group. I am now meeting early Sunday mornings with three other Cameroon men and will be teaching Bible study principles. My desire and prayer is that they will gain a love for God's Word, grow spiritually, be better equipped to study and eventually be able to teach others. We are currently doing a series of foundational studies while we share our testimonies. Please pray for these men and for me as I prepare and teach in French, for insight into potential cross-cultural issues and for sensitivity to the leading of the Spirit. These men know the Lord and want to grow – may they find real food!

Thanks in advance for your prayers and notes of encouragement. I am so grateful for your partnership.

In Him, Robert

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Sorry Pete, I just washed it, but it's rainy season.



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