

Easter, March 23, 2008

Dear friends and family,

He is risen! He is risen indeed! I trust each of you had a special and joyous Easter. This Easter has probably been the most memorable one for me. Today I had the privilege of baptizing Fiacre, a young Rwandan man I have been discipling for about the last 3 months. One of other Wycliffe ladies introduced us several months ago and asked me about the possibility of having a Bible study with him. I actually prayed about this question for several weeks since between aviation responsibilities and my weekly Bible study with the three men, my life already seemed pretty full.

However, after some prayer and reflection, I talked to Fiacre, explained a bit about my work and other Bible study and that I really didn't have enough time to prepare another Bible study each week. However, if he was willing to read from the Bible each week, take notes of what he learned and what he didn't understand, we would get together and discuss these things. He agreed and we started basically the next week.



My prayer request before our first Bible study was "Lord, show me where he is spiritually." We had agreed to start reading in John. His first question that first night was what "born again" meant. God's answer to prayer about blew me away. Starting with that passage, I explained the gospel to him. For the next two weeks we returned to the gift of Christ using a variety of Scripture passages and examples.



Baptism prayer: Lucy (also baptized), Pastor Antoine, Fiacre & myself

Several weeks later, he shared with me that one night as he was walking home, John 5:24 became so clear "*I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life*" and he started just crying; not for sorrow but for joy.

The spiritual growth in his life since then has been beautiful and there is a real transformation in progress. I see it most clearly in his growing love for God's Word, understanding of spiritual things and the caliber of his questions. Several weeks ago while answering some questions related to Colossians 3:1-3, 9-

10, we discussed the meaning of believer baptism. At the end of this study, he expressed his

desire to be baptized. We were able to do that today along with another young lady from the church. Here are several pictures. I have posted others on my website.

(www.petersonfamily.info/robert/gallery2)

Although Fiacre's dad disappeared during the genocide in Rwanda, his mom continues to live in Rwanda and is a believer and we hope that she will be able to personally see these pictures on my website. I have added a few pictures from the Mofu NT dedication; however I still need to connect with several other people for additional pictures. I didn't personally take very many.

Fiacre ended up sick last weekend with malaria and spent several days at my house while recovering. During that time I realized that in the last 3 months he read basically every NT book (and underlined verses too). What an encouragement and blessing!



*Fiacre & Christy Watkin who connected
Fiacre & I for our Bible study*

I certainly have a lot to thank the Lord for. Please join me in praying for:

1. Fiacre, his new life in Christ, his future (he is looking for schooling/work/ministry options). Fiacre has official refuge status in Cameroon. He "should have been" killed in the genocide too, but I'm convinced the Lord has spared him for his kingdom work.
2. Fiacre's witness to his friends – especially John-Baptist. He is also Rwandan and was present for the baptism. Fiacre spent nearly two weeks with him recently while he was sick and Fiacre's life is impacting him. There is a new openness to the gospel that was evident even today. This week has started reading a French devotional book that we gave him.
3. Continued health, strength and safety in flying and maintenance. There is a lady here short-term who will be doing most of the day-to-day flight scheduling for next several months which will be a big help to me as I tackle a variety of projects in the office & hangar.
4. Safety as I travel to the northwest province of Cameroon on Tuesday for a motorbike trip around the "Ring Road" with several other missionaries.
5. Sunday morning Bible study. Wisdom and direction for me as the dynamics are really changing. It seems that the "adult" of the group has become a "child" which is a bit discouraging. However, the spiritual "baby" of the group is really growing into an "adult" which is encouraging.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. May the Lord bless you.

In Him,
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