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Greetings from Banso where it still can't quite decide if it is still rainy season or dry season. Although the winds, dragonflies and other things indicate dry season is just around the corner, heavy rain and lots of clouds have been the recipe of the month. Personally I'm thankful for every last rain, because, once they stop, they don't normally return until about mid-March.

Thank you so much for your prayers over the last several months as I continue to develop friendships here in Banso. I've visited one friend's village twice over the last several months. This 50-mile trip to the village took about 5 hours because the roads in this area are the worst that they have been in several years.



Driving (or slipping and sliding) our way to Bamenda

One of these friends also stayed with me for a couple weeks before returning to nursing school. We really enjoyed our time together and had a number of very significant conversations. Unfortunately his program at school is very regimented so it has become difficult for us to connect recently.



During my travels, I also visited a Fulfulde literacy class being led by a Carolin, a Swiss Wycliffe member who is developing literacy material in Fulfulde. Many of these women have no schooling background so even holding a pencil is difficult.



Personal experience says not as easy as it might appear!

Thank you for praying for our ongoing project to open two new runways. We were finally able to arrange an inspection schedule with the CCAA (Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority), and I spent two full days with runway inspectors at Lus and Akwaya last week. There has been a major shift of structure and positions within the CCAA which has required us to start over with our inspections. **Please continue to pray for final authorization to use these runways.**

Although I often have guests passing through overnight, over the last two weeks Bruce and Cathy, Predencia and Bruce (junior) stayed with me for nearly two weeks. Bruce and Cathy work in the Akwaya region, probably the most isolated area of Cameroon. After several weeks of unsuccessful self-treatment in the village, they came to the Baptist Hospital in Banso for further tests and treatment. Predencia, one of their language helpers, accompanied them since Bruce junior was also suffering from stomach problems. This was her first time to even see a toilet! Bruce and Cathy are studying the language and culture in preparation to begin Bible translation work among the 6 or so languages in this region. **Please pray for physical health, encouragement in spite of their isolation and progress in the language.**



Thank you for your continued prayers and notes of encouragement. Please continue to pray for the opportunities I have to be a witness here in Cameroon. Due to the sensitive nature, I can't be more specific, but I greatly appreciate your prayers.

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