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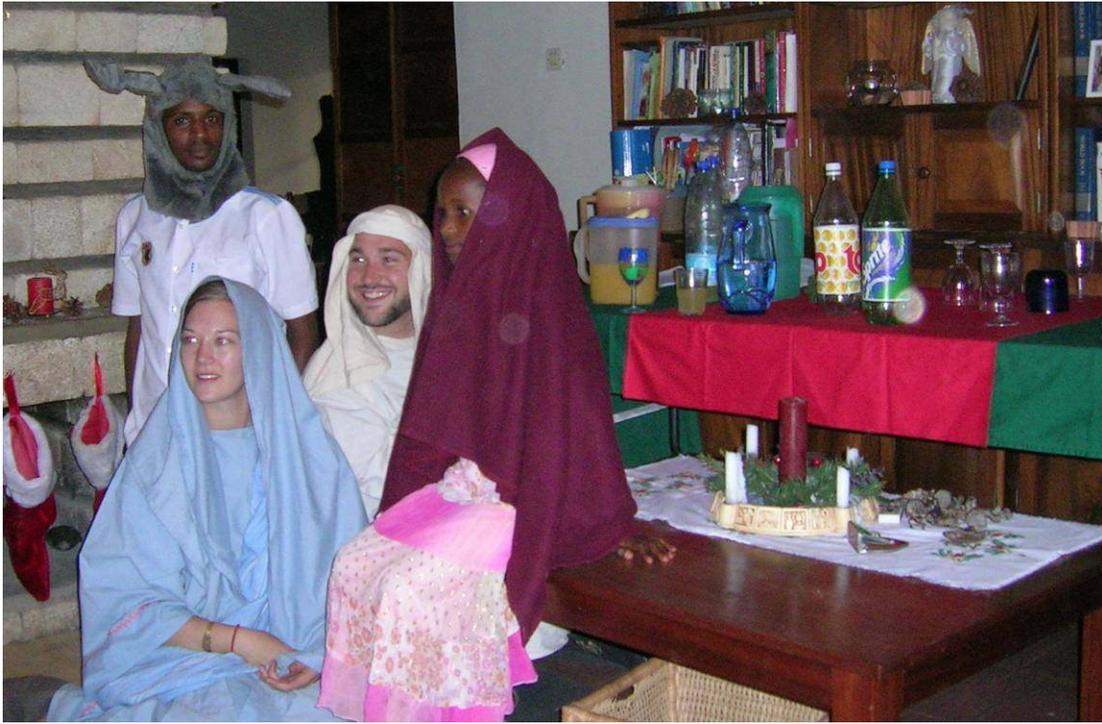
Greeting from Cameroon where it is still very dry and dusty. This is a hard season for many Cameroonians because water becomes scarce or contaminated, the dust from the dirt roads causes many upper respiratory problems and the work preparing the gardens for planting is hard. The Banso hospital is very full.

Just this week I flew a 10-month-old baby up to Banso hospital; he was semi-conscious due to malaria. It was quite stressful because Jerry had had some seizures the previous night. However, the Lord answered our prayers for good weather and no complications during the flight. **Praise the Lord, he was just released from the hospital and is re-gaining strength!**



Augustine, Jerry and cargo, including a 12-volt freezer for a missionary family.

This year I spent Christmas with the Jackson family in Bamenda along with a number of Cameroonian guests (mostly children). I really appreciate the Jackson's hospitality to me and also to so many Cameroonians. It was a memorable Christmas even though I missed being with my family.



*Re-enactment of the Christmas story.
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White elephant gift exchange. The kids were so excited!



Driving (alas no airplane) the kids back to their village Christmas afternoon (about 1 hour away)

I spent New Years on the beach, camping with about five other families including the Jacksons. It was a very relaxing and restful time. In fact, I now realize I was so lazy that I didn't even take any pictures! The Brazilian hammock that I brought from the US was very popular! I'll still need to collect some pictures and post them on my website.

My schedule since Christmas has been quite full of with flying, maintenance and other hangar projects. In addition, one of the special blessings of this new year has been two one-on-one Bible studies. One of them is with a believer from church who is really thirsty for the Word of God (meets me at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday!), and the other involves one who is not a believer but wants to know more about Jesus Christ. We are working through the Gospel of John together. **Please pray for these men and me as we study God's Word together!**

I also enjoyed watching Cameroon play in the African National Cup tournament this spring with friends. Cameroon qualified for the tournament and came out strong against Egypt in the quarter finals. Unfortunately, they couldn't hold up against the pressure and lost. Egypt went on to defeat Ghana in the final to win the cup.



Cameroon scores!

I'm going on furlough! It's hard to believe, but I left the US to begin language school in 2005. In 2006, I came to Cameroon. It's already 2010, and, Lord willing, I'll be **returning to the US in July for 7 – 9 months**. Although I am looking forward to coming home and seeing family and friends, I'm disappointed that the airplane will have to be shut down while I am gone since there is currently no pilot to replace me. I plan to spend the first month with my family in Alaska (before it gets too cold and dark!) before continuing on to the rest of the US. **Please pray for me as I begin to make plans for furlough.** I have a lot of people to see in a lot of different states!

Thank you for your continued prayers and notes of encouragement. **Please continue to pray that I might be a witness in every word and deed here in Cameroon.**

In Him,
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