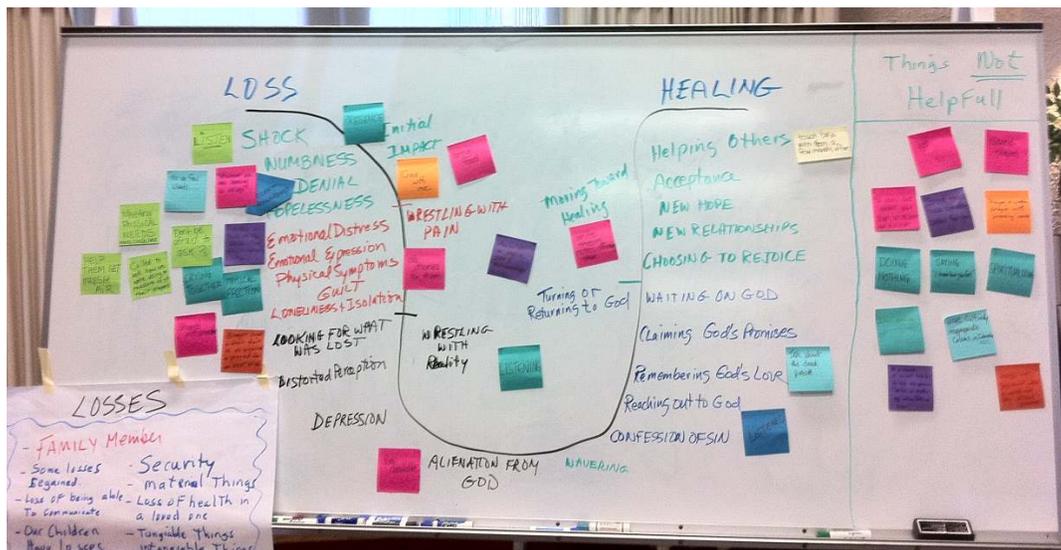


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Alaska, Florida and now North Carolina in the last two weeks: what a contrast! After five years overseas, spending time with my family was an important part of my furlough plans. We had a lot of catching-up to do! My niece and nephew are now old enough to actually remember our times together!



On Feb 10th, I said goodbye to my family, flew to North Carolina and two days later, left for Florida. I spent last week at New Tribes Mission's Headquarters participating in a week-long "Sharpening your people skills" workshop. There were 25 participants from seven mission agencies working in eleven countries. It was a really fruitful time and I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the other participants and sharing together the joys and challenges of living and serving cross-culturally. Due to the sensitive countries where many of the participants work, I am not able to share a group picture.



Examining the grief cycle

I returned to JAARS in Waxhaw, North Carolina this weekend and now I am focusing on preparing for two back-to-back missions conferences. The first begins this Thursday evening in Knoxville at West Hills Presbyterian Church and goes until Sunday. On Sunday afternoon, I drive to Charlotte for a week-long missions conference at Calvary. I will be speaking about 10 times in 10 days and will have limited time to prepare during the conferences due to the full schedule, so I'm trying to prepare as much as possible now.

Once these conferences are finished, I will begin focusing on renewing several aviation licenses in preparation for return to Cameroon in several months.

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for:

- Physical and spiritual strength for two mission conferences
- God's Spirit to enable me to communicate clearly the ministry of Bible translation and aviation.
- Cameroon aviation department: finishing major inspection on C206, wisdom for several challenges and transitions.

In Him,
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