

In His Hands

(Isaiah 49:16)



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Greetings from JAARS in Waxhaw, NC where temperatures are above 90 degrees. It is good preparation for my return to Cameroon!

The last two months I have stayed very busy here working remotely for the Cameroon Aviation department, reconnecting with my home church and preparing to return to Cameroon. The largest project was working on our new Cameroon Aviation Operations Manual. This is a major revision as we incorporate a number of new elements into our program including a “Safety Management System”.

I have been using a computer in the Wycliffe/JAARS Research & Development and Recruiting office and have thoroughly enjoyed observing the variety of ongoing projects. Granville is a retired engineer from the Navy who is volunteering at JAARS and working on building door bumpers for our Kodiak aircraft serving in Papua New Guinea. Terry Heffield who is the head of the Wycliffe/JAARS R&D department is applying his creative engineering background to the many aviation needs around the world.



Granville, myself & Terry

This week I transitioned from “paperwork” to “airwork”. After several ground school review classes, I have been busy flying every day this week. This flight recurrency focused on aircraft control, standards, procedures and lots of emergency practice. It was good to get back in the air again after nearly a year away! Monday morning I leave for one week in the mountains with the aviation orientation program to do some mountain flying. **Please pray for safety and good learning during this time.**

When I return from the mountains, I have just a few days before I leave Waxhaw, NC on June 16th and drive to St. Louis to say goodbye to my brother and family. From there I continue on to Tucson, AZ to drop off the truck I’ve been borrowing and leave May 29th for Switzerland. I am looking forward to seeing many friends and practicing some French before I continue on to Cameroon on July 5th.

I don't yet know exactly how long I will be in Cameroon but expect it to be at least two years minimum. As I prepare to leave, I am especially thankful for these several months with my parents. Saturday dad and I spent a full day working around the house trimming trees and replenishing their firewood supply.



Thank you for your prayers! Here are a few other praises and prayer requests.

Praise:

1. Opportunity to be settled for several months and to be involved locally in community and ministry.
2. Good progress on the Operations Manual and flight recurrency.

Prayer:

1. Mountain week flying and training – safety & learning
2. Continued spiritual renewal and rest in preparation for return to Cameroon
3. Final goodbyes to family, friends and ministry including the guys at Kershaw prison.

In Him,
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