

In His Hands

(Isaiah 49:16)



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Greetings from Cameroon, and thank you so much for your prayers! Life seems increasing normal here both within aviation and in life. Normal has definitely meant busy. Since arriving, I have been focusing on flying and on maintenance as the FAA-authorized inspector.

Our aviation department is in the midst of several significant transitions as four pilots and families have arrived in the last two weeks! Three families are returning to Cameroon after home assignment, and one family is transitioning from working with Wycliffe in the Philippines. Our staff levels have been so limited this summer that the northwest program in Banso where I was previously based has been completely closed the last several months. We are all looking forward to seeing that program re-open this month, as well as to working with the additional staff in Yaoundé.

Last week the aviation department dedicated four days to aviation team meetings as we adjust back to more normal staff levels, prepare for a new aircraft due to arrive next spring, and orient the newest pilot and family to life in Cameroon.

I was also very encouraged to receive approval to use the new runway in Lus after several years of work! There are two Wycliffe translation families that will be served by this airstrip. Thank you for your prayers! It has been a long journey!



A big event in the life of Lus!

Another personal transition was inviting Ismaila, a Cameroonian young man, to stay with me while he prepares to attend university here in Yaoundé. I have thoroughly enjoyed having him stay with me, and I am learning so much about Cameroonian culture and worldview, which includes his own background as a Muslim. It is also giving me opportunity to learn Cameroonian Pidgin - an interesting and useful language in many parts of Cameroon - while helping him learn French. Please pray for the Lord's blessing in our friendship.



Visiting Ismaila's compound for a special holiday

The end of September is the end of our fiscal year here in Cameroon, so for the remainder of this month I will be focusing on inventory and other end-of-year activities. I just returned from several days of inventory work in Bango, as well as helping orient the new pilot there to the area and operations. The remainder of this week, I'll be focusing on the inventory in Yaoundé, as well as on several important maintenance projects. Although it isn't necessarily the most interesting activity, it is important for accurate financial records and for having the parts needed to maintain our aircraft. Our primary way of receiving aircraft parts and supplies is by sea shipments which take 3 – 6 months to arrive from the US, so planning ahead is important!

Here are a few other praises and prayer requests.

Praise:

1. Return of many pilot families to Cameroon
2. Great transition for my friend who is staying with me
3. Seeing the Lord bring fruit through various events.

Prayer:

1. Daily walking with the Lord in humility and dependence; to seek first His kingdom above all
2. Strength, wisdom and grace within aviation during this time of significant transitions
3. Bible study opportunities with several Cameroonian young men

In Him,
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