

# In His Hands

(Isaiah 49:16)



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Dear Friends and Partners,

Bonne Année 2014! As we begin 2014, we look back and are so thankful for the Lord's blessing and provision for us throughout 2013. It was a year of significant transition and adjustment, yet a year filled with His grace and joy. Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement and support.

December and January were incredibly busy months for us. In mid-December, Bintou and I returned to Cameroon for an annual inspection on the airplane after flying 100 hours since arriving at Bongolo. The airplane is serving well but with its relatively high hours is requiring a fair amount of maintenance. We are again so thankful for the enormous help of Wycliffe/SIL aviation team in Yaoundé.

Although there was hardly any vacation for me with the work on the airplane, we still had a great opportunity to re-connect with family and friends in Yaoundé. It was a blessing to be in Yaoundé for the airplane during Christmas period. We celebrated our Christmas day on the first of January 2014!



*Mom and Dad Gado and nieces and nephews*

We are now back in Bongolo and we hit the ground running. A surge in electricity shorted the main power transformer which caught fire and burned up. Although we did not witness it, it was an impressive fire! By God's grace, no one was hurt. But the damages were enormous. It cost the hospital about \$180,000 to replace the transformer and about \$850 per day for the 10+ days the generator was running. We are praising the Lord for his quick provision of a new transformer and that roughly \$100,000 of this has been covered by God's people around the world!



I have also been helping from time-to-time with the internet and phone system at Bongolo and just two days before leaving for Yaounde, one of the main file servers failed which cut off the phone system. Not only was one server already dead but Bongolo was hit by two big storms over Christmas and the lightning caused additional damage to the network. One of my first projects when I returned was to restore phone and internet services to the hospital. However the system was well beyond my previous experience base so it is with much thankfulness to the Lord for the help I was able to receive through several people in the U.S. that enabled me to get these systems up and running again.

Amidst these realities, the hospital has been incredibly busy. Bintou went to the hospital the day after we returned to follow-up with several patients and has been busy ever since. Starting two days after our return, I flew 4 days in row with a medical flight and transporting several Bongolo families' visitor teams that have been a huge help to the limited staff. Throughout the year, the medical staff makes appointments for patients to return to Bongolo to meet with specialists. This week two orthopedic surgeons were here and they had so many cases that some had to be deferred to their next visit the beginning of 2015.

### **Praise and Prayer Summary**

#### **Praises:**

- 1) The special time with family and friends in Yaoundé.
- 2) The completed annual inspection on the airplane and additional work accomplished.
- 3) Lord's help to get the internet and the telephone system working.
- 4) The Lord's presence and strength during a very busy and challenging season.
- 5) For God's provision of two additional monthly supporters.

#### **Prayer:**

- 1) Financial provision for the hospital and wisdom in prioritization.
- 2) Safety and effective service with the airplane and development of the program.
- 3) God's love would fill our hearts and be our strength and support this new year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

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