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Dear family & friends,

I'm currently sitting in the airplane in Douala, a significant port city of Cameroon. We leave in a few minutes for Yaoundé, my final destination which is only a 20 minute flight. I am also reviewing my arrival instructions for Yaoundé.

Thanks so much for your prayers and encouragement. I expected to take the train to Zurich Sunday night because my flight was too early Monday morning to get a train. However, Robert Staehli was going to be working near Zurich today, so he offered to leave extra early which meant 4:15 a.m. One concern was my baggage allowance which was only 72 pounds for my two bags- not very much for moving to Africa. A number of you were aware of this concern. Thanks for praying - I arrived at the airport with 19 pounds overweight but thankfully, Air France accepted the extra weight.

I changed planes in Paris which went smoothly. However with all the extra security, I used all of my layover time to get through the security line. We just started our descent to Yaoundé, so time to sign off for now.

(A couple hours later) I'm sitting in the Freeland's living room and starting to feel a bit tired. Dennis, who is the chief pilot here with Wycliffe, met me at the airport. We found all my bags waiting for me and made the 30 minute trip to their place. To conclude, I'll include a couple photos below.

May the Lord bless you, Robert

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Goodbye dinner that the Staehlis hosted for me my last Sunday in Switzerland.



The second is from Cameroon – safely arrived. Of special note: the hat - a fantastic gift from Bernard, a great friend of mine from Neuchatel who wanted to make sure that I didn't burn my head under the hot Cameroonian sun. Thanks Bernard!