

## February 2005 Update

Dear praying friends,

I am thrilled to report that I am now at 75% of my monthly financial target (up from 42% in my November newsletter). Thank you so much for standing behind me in such a generous way. Although I need to be fully supported before I begin language school, this level of support allows me to make specific plans for departure. My goal is to leave mid-April. **Please pray for wisdom as Wycliffe and I consider my timetable for departure.**

As I get closer to meeting my full monthly support quota, I also need funds for my outgoing expenses. This money covers the extra cost of language school, airline tickets and the higher cost of living in Switzerland. Currently, the extra cost for language school and living in Switzerland is about \$10,000 for the next 18 months. I currently have \$2500 to meet that need.

The last two months I've had the privilege of spending time with the three pilots—my future co-workers--currently working in Cameroon. Two were here on furlough, the third for leadership meetings. They have been a great encouragement to me to keep moving forward as they share how essential pilots are to the continued work of Bible translation in Cameroon. For many years, the aviation program in Cameroon has not been able to meet all of the requests for flights. They have also discussed the decreasing availability of aviation gasoline and how this will require a transition to different aircraft in the near future. Two have Swiss wives, so I also gained additional exposure to French!

Saturday, February 12, I leave for two weeks of travel and speaking in churches in Tennessee and Michigan. These opportunities are a blessing and answer to prayer. In early March, I'll also attend a mission conference in Knoxville. **Please pray that I will speak clearly and effectively at each gathering, encouraging and challenging people to greater involvement in spreading the gospel.**

Thank you so much for your love, prayers and support. It is a great encouragement and blessing to be at this level financially, able to make plans to start language school. **I would appreciate your prayers as I continue to work through the logistics of moving to another country and learning a new language.**

May the Lord richly bless you.

In Him,

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