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Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas to all! From Cameroon, to Canada, and in every other place, Christians are celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

Oh Jesus Christ, thy manger is my paradise at which my soul reclineth. For there, O Lord, doth lie the Word made flesh for us; herein thy grace forth shineth.

-Paul Gerhardt (LSB 372)

School Life

Our school days are bustling as four students from age 4 to 13 move about, absorbing so many new concepts. Tobias is studying Algebra, classic literature, essay writing, and introductory chemistry and physics. Gideon is focusing on decimals & percents, many aspects of grammar, writing, and some classic novels, as well as introductory chemistry and physics with his brother. Gloria is learning about division, space & energy, spelling rules, and of course, reading chapter books at ever increasing speeds! Jubilee is starting to understand 2 and 3 digit numbers, accurately counting larger groups of objects, simple addition, telling time, short and long vowel sounds, reading 3 letter words, and reading 2-3 word sentences.

The big kids also study art and history with Kara, while the subject Jubie practices with Mama is printing. I teach music lessons weekly, and we sprinkle in geography, drama, typing, computer programming, French, creative writing, and all sorts of other things.

Because this is our second year together, the start of the school year was extremely smooth. We knew each other's personalities, strengths and weaknesses, and expectations. We already had our incentive and consequence systems in place. Kara and I were able to create the daily schedule already knowing which times of day each child has the most and least focus to give. All things put together, we've had an *extremely* smooth school year so far. At least, as much as anything can be smooth when multiple humans are working together.



The Greenhouse

Down in Yaounde, the capital city, there is an international school for missionary kids called The Greenhouse. They also offer something called “joint learning sessions” (JLS) where homeschooled missionary kids from all over the country are welcome to join the school for a couple weeks. We eagerly participate in this, as it gives the Kuhn kids a chance to play and learn with other children their own age who speak their own language. In the past, JLS has stopped at grade 6, since that’s as high as the school goes, but this year they’ve added a middle school program for JLS. Guess who the main teacher was for August and will be for December–me!

For those two weeks, I have my own, proper classroom of 7th and 8th graders. I get to eat lunch with the rest of the teaching staff, and I have the support of a librarian and a principal if I need anything. It’s a really wholesome, Christian environment, and it’s fun to take a break from the Kuhn “one room schoolhouse” a couple times a year to teach in a more typical set up.



Learning two digit numbers

4 levels of math books

Acting out Romeo & Juliet

Prayer Requests

- Thank God for a smooth start to the school year
- Ask God to heal my allergies, and/or provide an efficient method of relief. The last couple months have contained the worst allergies of my life, with no identifiable cause, and none of my usual medications or other strategies have been effective.
- Praise the Lord for how much the children are learning and growing
- Pray that God will help me balance teaching everything the kids need to know before the end of the school year with learning at their own pace.
- Thank God for the work of The Greenhouse, and how they provide support to missionary families across the country

