

The Word of God - In their hands, their ears, and upon their hearts

**Weber - LBTC Cameroon Prayer Letter
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Having God's Word in one's own language is very precious!

Cameroonians are learning to take more and more responsibility and accountability for their progress in translation and literacy.

Dear Partners in Prayer,

After 2 ½ months in Cameroon, we returned February 17th back to our home in New Hampshire, near our US children and grandchildren. It was a sudden transition from hot and dusty to cold and snowy. *The snow was so pretty!*

Thank God for health and renewed strength! A couple days after our return, first Martin then I (Joan) came down with a virus, (fever, coughing, fatigue) which took more than two weeks to get over. Thankfully, we are mostly better now.

Thank God for sustaining us and keeping us in health while in Cameroon! God protected us on several trips over long, bumpy roads. We only had one tire blow-out, and God showed His kindness by sending a motorcycle driver at just the right time to help Martin change it!



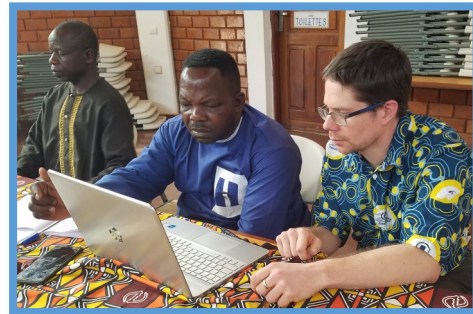
We are thankful for all of you who have supported us in prayer, and with financial support through LBTC, making our travels possible!

We are thankful for the times we had with Rev. Tim and Erin Schulte. When we arrived, they were progressing with French lessons each morning. We tried to encourage them in the challenges of adapting to life in Cameroon. When we traveled with them to the Subula area, the Subula language committee, translators and literacy workers gathered to welcome them and expressed their deep appreciation for their coming for a preliminary visit.

However, learning to communicate in a new language, adapting to new people and a new culture, while navigating a relatively new marriage was very stressful. Sadly they have since returned to the United States, and are unlikely to return to Cameroon. **Please continue to pray for the Subula people** who are very motivated to have the Bible in their language. Thankfully, our church partners in Cameroon are taking further steps to help them.

Pray for Rev. Bakari, (left) the DTA Director (Director of the Cameroon Lutheran Church's Translation and Literacy programs),

and for **Rev. Daniel Touka**, Translation consultant-in-training, shown with Matt Kissler, training facilitator.



From February 3-7, we participated in a training workshop, for the leaders of several language projects. LBT Cameroon regional Director, Rev. David Federwitz, LBT trainer Matt Kistler and Dr. Ndokobai (SIL Cameroon trainer) came to lead the training for the national workers in the various language projects.

They introduced a new software program called Rev79, (see Rev. 7:9) which helps each team member to keep their goals before them each month, and to report their progress regularly. This is a new reporting system. Many will report from their cell phones.

The training was in French. Martin and Tim Schulte translated for Matthew and David, (who do not speak French). It was a very challenging workshop, since participants are not all that used to adapting to new software on their computers or phones.



PRAY that the Rev79 tool will help the national workers keep focused in their work as they make progress in translation and literacy.

PRAY for the DOWAYO literacy and translation workers, (*below*) as well as for the Dii, and the other



teams.
Pray for God's strength and wisdom for continuing progress.

We left Ngaoundéré with **no** LBT/LBTC missionaries remaining there. Martin continues to follow up with loose ends from here. Rev. David Federwitz and Pastor Mohr will continue to visit, and LBTC continues supporting projects there.

We traveled back to Yaounde, and enjoyed seeing LBTC missionary Kayla Falkenholdt again. She continues as a very enthusiastic teacher of missionary kids in Yaounde since the Kuhn family left Cameroon last year. (Mike will be teaching at the seminary in Edmonton.)



Our son Sammy, Kelsey and their family traveled to Yaounde before we left Cameroon. So we had the joy of seeing them again before we left, complete with more hugs from our four grandchildren in Cameroon.



Back in the US, Nathan planned a week in Florida for the three generation Weber guys.

Nathan, Ezekiel and Martin had a great time together!

Please pray with us for:

- **National translators, that God will encourage, equip, inspire and enable them** as they translate His Word into their own languages.
- **Wisdom and encouragement** for the literacy workers as they teach their people to read.
- **That the Rev79 reporting system will help them to remain focused on their goals.**
- **Wisdom and perseverance for Kwanjas to move forward in translating the Kwanja Old Testament.** They have begun some of the books.
- **The Subula translators and literacy workers**, that God will encourage them, and provide the help and support that they need.
- **God's leading for us** as to how to be involved, only being in Cameroon for short visits.

The Cameroon Lutheran Church will be carrying on the work of encouraging the different language teams that continue to translate and do literacy work. Pastor David Federwitz and LBTC Director Pastor Ron Mohr continue to visit and encourage them. We also will likely be invited to help in future visits, but the timing is not yet determined. Meanwhile, we are following up some projects, and are enjoying being back with family in the US.

In this season of Lent, we meditate on the cost of Jesus' sacrifice for us, and then prepare our hearts to celebrate the victory of His Resurrection. May the Lord strengthen and encourage you!

In His Love,

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