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Dear Pastor's and praying friends,

The Lord has done many great things in the last 2 months. We had just a few meetings scheduled during this time, but the Lord blessed in each one. There were some specific needs we were praying for, and God has supplied some of those needs. The first of which is Rosetta Stone in French. We had been praying that there would be a way we could learn some French while traveling on deputation, and we had heard that Rosetta Stone was a very good program. During one of the Missions Conferences we were in one of the church members gave us the full version. We have since begun to study the French language through the use of this program. The next need seemed small to me, but it was important to God. One of the churches gave me money to buy some new church shoes, and they have been a great blessing. The last need that God met was a very big one. We had begun to have some mechanical difficulties with our van. It is 20 years old, and it does have 279,000 miles on it. It is understandable that we would have some problems, but they seemed to be gradually getting worse, and the repairs would have been very costly. We had just recently heard several messages on fasting, and my wife and I were planning to begin fasting about the need for a new vehicle. The Sunday evening before we were to begin our fast, God provided us with a 2005 Kia Sedona with only 96,000 miles on it. What a huge blessing! God is so good, and often we take for granted the small things that He does for us. He has shown us that He will take care of us with small and large needs. We just need to trust and lean on Him, and He will carry us through. We recently received a phone call from one of the churches we visited on a Sunday, without a scheduled meeting, to tell us they wanted to take us on for support. What a blessing it was to hear from them. We are now over 10% of our needed support to get to the field.

We also received some very bad news in January regarding the ministry in Cameroon. Mrs. Owens had a tumor that needed to be removed, and the Owens family had to return to the states to provide proper medical care for Mrs. Owens. There is good news though, she had cancer, but they think they were able to remove it all through the surgery, and she has not needed any chemo yet. They are still keeping an eye on her, and will do so for at least another 6 months. Bro. Nathan Owens has been flying over periodically to check on the ministries they started over in Cameroon, and they are still growing. The nationals are doing a great job of winning souls, baptizing, and discipling them to grow in their faith in Christ. God is using the young men who are being trained in the institute to continue the work of the Owens family, even in their absence. **Please continue to pray for – healing for Mrs. Owens, safe travel for our family, more meetings in June, July, August, September, and December.**

Preparing to go,

The Benson Family

