

# The Bensons

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Dear Supporters, and Praying Partners,

July 2016

The months of June, July and now August have went by so quickly. We have been blessed with good health, and many answers to prayer.

June we made a trip to Bamenda, a city in the Northwest Province, in order to apply for resident permits. The trip was a success! We now have temporary cards in hand, and we are waiting for the day we receive our actual cards. This could take as long as 1 year. We are praying they will come within 6 months time. Please continue to pray with us about this. We did have an exciting ride home; the rainy season has made the potholes in the road much worse than it has ever been. I did not notice one section of potholes until we were going through them. One of the potholes would have buried a small car inside. When we came through we were nearly air born, but God protected us through it, and we made it home safely. Next time I will drive a lot more cautiously.

July we were able to secure the new hall for the church to meet in. We have started preparations for our first service. We will hold our first service in the building in September. We have many expenses to prepare in the next few weeks. We have built 6 benches, which will fill half of the hall. We will have to build more as we grow. I have talked with a carpenter who will build a very nice pulpit for just over \$100 dollars. We also need a church sign and some flyers for our opening. We will be starting these in the very near future. Please pray for souls to be saved, faithfulness of the members and growth in our new converts. We will begin discipleship with 3 men this week. One of the men has asked me to dedicate his daughter on the first Sunday we move to the new building. He has a desire to grow, and wants to raise his family to bring honor to God. What a privilege to have this growth at the very start of our ministry.

In August we have had 2 high Sundays. One we had 18, and the next we had 24! This was a really big encouragement to us, and we look forward to what God will do in the future. Please pray for me to have Godly wisdom, as we make decisions in the ministry here. We are definitely not expert church planters, but God is, and He knows what is best for every new ministry. We just want to build a church that brings glory to God and can be reproduced by the national pastors. Please pray for us!

I had to do some mechanic work on our vehicle. I replaced the clutch. It seems like it would have been a relatively easy job, but with only bottle jacks and muscle it proved to be difficult. But I talked to some of the mechanics in the area and learned a couple of ways they accomplish things here. Their tricks of the trade worked well, and I was able to complete the job. The car is now back up and running well. I praise the Lord for preparing me in ways I would never have imagined! Our God is just so good all the time!

As a family we are settling in to a new year of school. Our girls were excited about starting school again. They kept asking when they would be starting again. I couldn't believe they were asking to start school. They have continued to be excited even through the first few weeks of the school year. They are all growing very quickly. We really appreciate all the prayers and financial support that is coming in faithfully.

Thank You for your prayers and financial support,

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