

The Bensons

YOUR MISSIONARIES TO
CAMEROON WEST AFRICA



Dear Supporters, and Praying Partners,

October 2016

The months of September and October have been full of activity, and victories. First, in the month of September we finally moved the church to a rented space instead of meeting in an apartment. After just a couple weeks of Sunday services we also started holding Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meetings. On our first Sunday, we had many children come and attend Sunday School, with a few first-time visitors to the main service. At the end of September, we held our first baby dedication for a couple who have been faithfully attending for several months. God has been working in the life of this family, and is continuing to do a work through the discipleship program.



In September, we began to see many changes taking place throughout Buea. Most of this, we found out it is because Cameroon is hosting the African Cup of Nations for Women in November. The town council is requiring any wood structures along the main roads be torn down, and any unfinished or bad looking buildings to be painted. They are also requiring those with a roof that looks old or bad, to replace it. There has been a lot of destruction along the main roads. It is very hard to see families, and businesses forced from these buildings with only 48 hours to move. There are many reasons for this, and one of the main ones I am hearing is for progress. They want to bring Cameroon up in the world. So, every building must be permitted or it is demolished. Any new building will be required to be permitted and built to a certain level of building code. These changes can be good for the country, but they can also hurt those families affected by it. Many of these families are moving back to their villages, because they have nowhere else to go, and not enough money to restart here. Please pray for the families affected. The family that we held the baby dedication for, Aloysius and Hannah, they have had to move their provisional store to a new location, because it is run out of a storage container. They have been working hard, and have raised the money they need to pay for rent on the new plot of land. We thank God for His grace, mercy and provision in these hard times.



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In October, we have had about a dozen new visitors to the church, and 2 have trusted Christ as their Saviour. Ghari, one of the 2, has even started the discipleship, and is doing very well. There is a big change in his life. He told me this the other day, "My life is different now. I used to have no order or program for my time. I would go to work, and then go around to different drinking places with my friends afterward. But now I don't do that. I come home and wash my clothes, organize my house, and read and study my Bible. There is order to my life now." Isn't that exactly what God does, bring order from chaos. God is continuing to work in his life. He has begun to mend relationships with family, and his wife who he had treated poorly in the past. She is currently living in her village near Bamenda with their 3 daughters. We are praying that God would open an opportunity for them to come visit soon. Ghari would like to get baptized, but wants them to see it. Pray for him as he has begun to witness to his coworkers who are primarily Muslim.



The 2 who received Christ. Ghari and Jarvis

Struggles getting to the villages!

We also had the opportunity to go to some village schools, preach the Gospel, and pass out Bibles. We visited 3 schools, and many of the children raised their hands as a testimony of having received Christ. We were able to pass out 300 John and Romans to the elementary age students, and 400 Bible to the High School aged students. We know God will use His Word to accomplish His will. Because of this outreach, we have been invited to do the same in all the government schools in Buea. This would be an opportunity to reach out to nearly 25,000 students here. This invitation has been given to us by the Inspector of Basic Education here in Buea. Pray for us as we begin planning, and preparing for this opportunity.



The Lord has opened so many opportunities for us! We praise the Lord for His strength, and continue to pray for His wisdom. Thank you for faithfully praying for us!

Thank You for your prayers and financial support,

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