

The Derricks Family

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**Serving in
Cameroon, Africa
in Translation
and Literacy**



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Greetings from Cameroon!

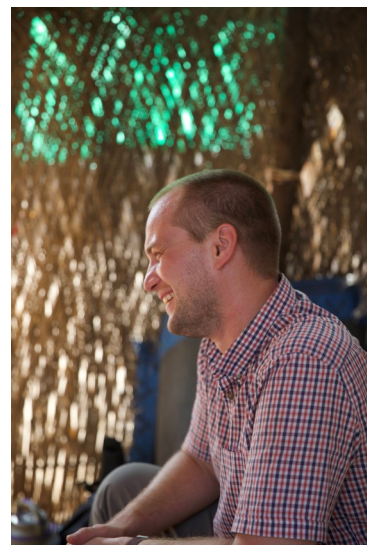
We joined our neighbors and friends in rejoicing as the first drops of rain fell from the sky for the start of the wet season in June. Now, well into the month of July, we always make good use of the bursts of sunshine to use our solar system for our needs around the house, since the rain clouds can last all day. The temperatures have lowered and it feels like everyone has taken a big sigh of relief that our hottest months of the year are behind us! We pray that God will bless the soil with good rains (usually through August) so the crops can grow. Pictured below is our neighborhood riverbed that was once dry but now is quite full due to the rains.

The number of cases with COVID-19 in Cameroon is steadily increasing, but we are happy that our region has seen only a minimal rise in the numbers of new cases. As such, we've begun participating in activities at the church, where a limited numbers of attendees don masks and attempt some social distancing. We're happy that so many meetings and markets are in the open air, where exposure is more easily avoided if we practice safety measures. We continue to pray for an end to this worldwide pandemic that is affecting so many.

Since the rains mean that planting season has begun in full-force, we (pictured on the right) gave our language teacher some weeks off in June for COVID-19 and for planting his fields. Now, we have begun learning Subula* at our teacher's home, where we can sit comfortably outside under his veranda and practice with nearby neighbors after the daily lesson.

We pray that God would continue to give us able minds that are ready to learn Subula* well.

*pseudonym due to sensitive situation



*He changes a wilderness into a pool
of water
And a dry land into springs of water;
Psalm 107:35*

Our Timeline

Summer/Fall: Subula* Language Learning

August: Dialect Study Workshop

Monthly Support Goals

77%

Early next month we will celebrate 1 year since we arrived in Nigeria, gained legal custody of Chikodi and he came home with us! Although we didn't finalize his adoption in the Nigerian courts until October, it was such a blessing to get so many weeks beforehand with him as a part of our family. We really can't believe how much all three of them have grown in just a year's time!

Overall, the kids are doing really well. They enjoy having time for homeschooling with Serena each morning. Lydia is about halfway through the Kindergarten year, while Chikodi and Josephine are slowly moving through the Pre-K books together. They enjoy walking around the neighborhood in the mornings to see how many animals they can find and to see some friends. Lydia has begun working with a local French teacher so that her language skills can improve, which we pray will help her make more deeper friendships as she gets older.

Due to Embassy closures from COVID-19, our application paperwork for Chikodi's US citizenship has been stalled until further notice. We are trying not to feel discouraged but, at the same time, are anxious to visit America and see you all and our families. We are praying that God would open a door to allow that visit to happen, once the pandemic calms down. We would appreciate your prayers that the application can be processed in a timely manner.

August 2019



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P + **Family:** Please pray for our continued health-physically, emotionally and spiritually. Praise God that our heat rashes have gone away now that the weather is cooler. Thank God that the kids are doing well and enjoying life here in Cameroon and that our region is doing okay with COVID-19.

R + **Language group:** Praise God for our language group and their dedication to organizing the upcoming workshop (rescheduled for August) that will help us understand their language at a deeper level.

A + **Language learning:** Praise God that language learning has begun again. Continue to pray that we can get a solid foundation that will help in the future for both the literacy and translation projects. Pray for encouraging days and brains ready to absorb!

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We put together a video to summarize our 2 year anniversary working here in Cameroon, Central Africa. Please share it with your church! Find it online at the following link:



<https://youtu.be/YMnkGECFwNO>

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