



Lutheran Bible Translators

The Word Endures

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Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Our First Visit to Cameroon



Our journey began with a 27-hour flight to **Yaoundé**, with a brief layover in Belgium, landing late Tuesday night.

The next morning, we got to work, visiting Bible translation organizations like SIL and meeting potential partners like **Dr. Ndokobai Dadak**, a linguistic consultant.



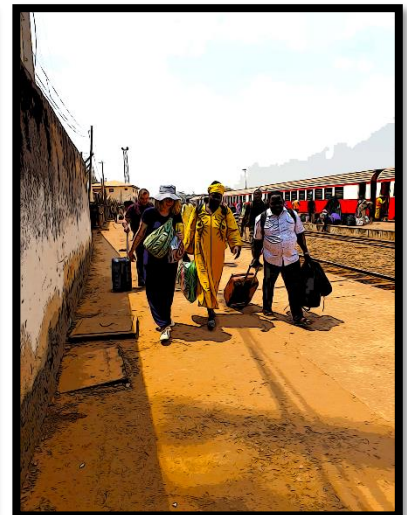
SIL's headquarters provide missionaries with resources for work, research (like a **library**), training, rest, and even play.

At the end of a busy few days, we visited **Carrefour**, a French supermarket, to help plan our packing list for the permanent move.



The packing list updated; we stopped for a slice of pizza before boarding a **train** to Ngaoundéré.

16 hours, one breakfast, two ticket inspections, and 3 liters of sweat later, we arrived. **Pastor Touka** and his wife **Sidone** helped us collect our luggage and debark.





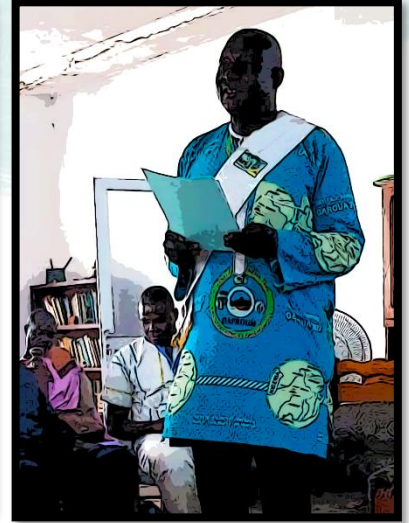
Ngaoundéré is where the Lutheran church and its **bible projects** are headquartered and where Erin and I will spend a year learning French.

Despite being harmattan (very dry, dusty, and hot), it frequently rained on our trip - making for a pleasant Sunday afternoon on the **porch**.

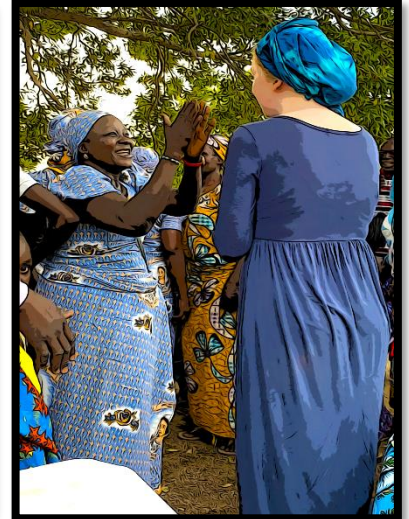


Week 2 included time in the Subula language community. So we hit the road for a quick 6-hour drive, arriving at **nightfall**.

There we met the **translation team** and spoke to local leaders like a chief who'd traveled 200 km to pledge his support to the project.



The next morning we visited two local villages where **hundreds** gathered to dance, sing, make speeches, give gifts, and feast in celebration of God's Word in their own language. What a privilege it was to experience this foretaste of that future celebration of all the saints around the throne of Christ.



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