

From Denise's Desk

Erickson's top 10 good moments here in Cameroon

- Rainforest rainstorms are amazing. There is no doubt that God created the amazing beauty here in Cameroon
- Finishing the building of the CMF hostel in time for school to begin. We were very doubtful that this project would get done by the time we needed to move in, but the dedication of the Cameroonian workers proved us wrong.
- Having our new family of students move in with us was a moment we will never forget. We could now do what we came here to do. They are truly an amazing group of kids.
- Getting a puppy and naming it after a cat. Puma is a great little dog... even though she chews everything she sees and steals tools and gloves from the workers as they try to get their work done.
- Jordan making the basketball team, and Jessica making the football (soccer) team. They are adjusting well and I can see some roots starting to take hold.
- Going horseback riding with Gord in Mbingo. It was great to get back on a horse after eight months.
- Our trip to a village outside of the city of Yaoundé. We learned so much about the Cameroonian culture and the best part was the fresh fruit we ate right off the trees.
- Watching the kids learn to dance the waltz, two-step and swing so that they can attend their first school dance.
- Visiting an orphanage that is close to our home and watching the kids bless the orphans by playing games and singing songs with them.
- Knowing that our lives will be forever changed. God is good and His grace is sufficient.

Erickson's top 10 bad moments here in Cameroon

- Finding a tarantula in our bathroom. This was the biggest spider I had ever seen.
- Mango fly (tumbo) larvae in my shoulder. Very painful to remove.
- Cockroaches big enough to carry away a small child. And many other insects that live by the millions such as ants that bite really hard and fruit flies that live in your kitchen all the time. (There is no fruit fly season here)
- The sudden death of our roommate and friend Shawn Kelley.
- Illnesses and not having the medical care that is available in Canada.
- Missing our family and friends.
- Not having a Wal-Mart.
- Having a King Cobra in our yard. This to me was both cool and scary.
- Being stared at and people yelling "les blancs". The most awkward moment was when Gord and I were walking in a market and people started clapping, I looked around to see who they were clapping at and realized it was us.
- The traffic and horn noise. Most people wouldn't believe me if I tried to tell them about the driving here.

Creative Giving Opportunities

Are you, your study group, or church looking for a fall or Christmas missions giving project? Maybe you can help fill one of these needs in Cameroon:

- ❖ Chosen Children HIV/AIDS Orphans
- ❖ HEARTS for the Deaf - Hearing Impaired Students
- ❖ Seminary Dormitory Renovations
- ❖ Assist National Cameroonian Missionaries
- ❖ Theological Education by Extension

Many other great opportunities to bless others this Holiday Season!

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Praise & Prayer

Requests

- Pray for safe travel while the hostel residents head back to their homes for Christmas
- Praises in how God is putting the people in our lives that are helping us adjust to life here in Africa.
- We're asking God to show us who the hostel assistant will be to work with the three RFIS hostels

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. 8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (ESV)

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