



# *The Word of God - In their hands - and upon their hearts*

*Weber - LBTC Cameroon prayer letter  
February 2017*



## **Dear partners in prayer,**

The last couple of months have gone by with a panorama of snow, icy roads, slush and then rainy weather. We flew from central-eastern Iowa to our son's home in New Hampshire for Christmas with family, and then drove from Iowa to B.C. through plains and snow-covered mountains and valleys. We have been thankful for our winter clothes, with temperatures varying from a record low of minus 45 wind-chill in Laramie, WY to recent highs in Surrey, B.C. well above freezing.

Our home church here, Zion Lutheran in Surrey, B.C. has graciously provided a home for us in their parsonage / principal's house for the 3 months we are staying here. We are very grateful.

We are enriched as we share our missions story with different churches. We see prayer and financial

supporters, pastors and others who share in the call to reach people with God's Word.

Names come back as we see familiar faces again. Some have been partners with us in ministry in Cameroon since we began 35 years ago, such as Marilyn Carter,



pictured with us at Saviour Lutheran in Delta, B.C.!

In the many changes around us, we sometimes feel a little overwhelmed trying to keep up with planning, scheduling, and then more traveling. Paul shared, concerning his travels with changing plans in 2 Cor. 2:14: ***"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him."***

It is by grace that we continue on, dependent on God's strength. Without God's Spirit flowing through us, we have nothing to offer, nothing to share. But,

with His Spirit in us, we are God's instruments for Him to use in Cameroon and here in Canada, sharing the vision of getting God's Word to more people in their own languages.

## **Our Speaking schedule:**

We will be mainly in the Lower Mainland BC until April 19th. We still are available to schedule more appointments. If you would like us to share with you, **please contact us to visit you, your church or group meetings when we will be in your area.** We can share at church services, women's groups, schools, Bible studies, men's breakfasts, etc.

March 1 - 6: Vancouver Island

March 7-16: *available in Lower Mainland*

March 19: Kamloops

March 19 -25: *open to more sharing opportunities in the Okanagan area*

March 26: Osooyos and Oliver

March 29: Creston

March 31: *open to possibility in Calgary*

April 2: Outlook, SK

April 5: Drumheller, AB Grace Lutheran

Apr 6-10: *Edmonton area*

Apr 9, Palm Sunday: Drayton Valley, AB

Apr 11 - 19: back at Zion Lutheran, Surrey for Easter and farewells

Apr 23: *Edmonton, AB area*

Apr 25 - Apr 29: *to be scheduled in AB and SK*

Apr 30: Radisson, SK

May 1 - 6: *enroute to Ontario, can speak along the way in SK, MB, and western ON*

May 7 - 31: *to be scheduled in Ontario*

May 25: Burlington, ON Prince of Peace

May 28: Hamilton, ON Pilgrim Lutheran

June 1st or so: wrap-up and travel to son's place in New Hampshire, preparing to leave for Cameroon around mid-June.

## CAMEROON NEWS

Although we are in Canada, we are in communication with Cameroon. Cell phone and email have made this much easier than earlier years.

- Rejoice with us for God's provision! A couple of years ago, the Pahli\* language committee met and earnestly pleaded for help to translate the Bible into their language. Just recently, an LBT missionary family has accepted to work with them in Cameroon. They hope to first finish their training and support raising by early 2018. (\*Pahli is a pseudo name.)

- Pastor Mike Kuhn and his family are doing well working among the Nizaa in Cameroon, so that they may also have God's Word in their language.

- Pastor Daniel Touka continues to work with eight language teams working within the Cameroon Lutheran Church. Recently, LBT Canada has accepted to take on building a "Bible House" as a training center and work place for these teams.

- Jerome continues working towards the Catholic lectionary. (He is eager for Joan to give him more help to format their lectionaries when we return.)

- After we left Cameroon last year, the Kwanjas in the village of Yimbéré went through a "shake up" time. The diviners accused many of the people of being involved in sorcery (using fetishes and spiritual power to do harm to others), including half of the church members. The coordinator of the Scripture Listening groups resigned, since his work was discredited. A lot of accusations and distrust came out. Even many of the Christians have allowed Satan inroads into their lives, which has caused harm to the witness of God's Word among them. This is spiritual warfare. We continue to pray that the LIGHT of JESUS will shine through the darkness, that God's Word will reveal TRUTH to the people.

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## THANK GOD WITH US:



- For time we spent with family in New Hampshire in December, including with our grandson, Ezekiel, for his first Christmas.

- For partners in ministry with us, including YOU. God uses us together, and continues to strengthen us through your prayers, and support us through your contributions, so that we can continue in ministry.

- For His PROTECTION over many miles of travel, PROVISION for us here and for our colleagues in Cameroon, and POWER to continue through His Spirit, knowing that Jesus has overcome the enemy.

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:

- **For renewed strength and health for us from the Lord**, as the next months include a lot of travel and speaking at different places.

- **For provision of more financial support.** Support needs to nearly double so we can continue the work with the Cameroonian translation, literacy and Scripture engagement teams.

- **For God's power to shine among the Kwanjas, that Jesus will reign among them**, that the diviners, medicine men and other spiritual powers will be exposed for their deception.

- **For God's strength and wisdom for Pastor Daniel and our other co-workers in Cameroon.**

Grateful for you, because of Jesus,

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