

# Newsletter #22 – September 20, 2015

I must apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter to you, I have been waiting several days to have an internet signal strong enough to email this out to all of you! Please accept my apologies. It's been a busy time since I've been back to Cameroon. I'm teaching three classes this year. My Performing Arts class, Music Appreciation, and a practical math class. I only have one student in my practical math class this year, she is a 9th grader who has been identified as intellectually disabled and I have been blessed to be able to teach her the math skills she will need to succeed. The Performing Arts and Music Appreciation classes are both taught to 7th and 8th grade, the middle school. I truly feel blessed this year to share my passion for drama and music with these kids, and to be able to use my desire to help students achieve whatever they are capable of!

The year started off with a bang, every year we have a couple of orientation days for the new and returning students. As I reflected on last year I began to realize our need for an African student orientation as well. Although we are an international school, our system is vastly different in many ways compared to schools in other African countries. Rain Forest International School strives to teach students on many levels, using many different mediums to reach them in whatever way they learn best. Some of our students are coming from other African countries, such as the Central African Republic, and the transition from another African school system to ours can be a tough one for some students, so I organized an orientation time specifically for them. Some current and former African students were part of a discussion that was held during the orientation, as well as some other Cameroonian staff members. Although I planned the event, I intentionally stayed quiet during most of it. I wanted the other Cameroonian students and staff to be able to speak, and I know that many new students have a difficult time understanding a non-African accent, much less being taught in English...which for many of them is a 3rd or 4th language. It all went well and most students seem to be handling the transition well. Pray that continues!

On August 27th our soccer team played the Cameroon Lady Lions, our national women's team. If you watch the World Cup at all you'll know that they played there as well! Some of the women soccer players we went up against actually played in the world cup matches! And the best part is we tied them 1:1!

Aside from going over the school rules and schedules, etc., we also take some time out to simply get to know each other. In Cameroon that often means playing soccer together! I had only worn flip flops that day, and when we decided to play soccer I figured it would be safer without them on, so I went barefoot! No one ever accused me of not being dedicated!

As I finish writing this I am enjoying the fact that I have, for the moment, running water again. You see, I just went about two days with no running water. I only had the water I've collected in a big blue barrel outside my apartment to clean up and wash dishes with. I have really been learning how to appreciate the little things in life!

## **Prayer requests:**

\*A few weeks ago some thieves broke into the RFIS (Rain Forest International School – where I work) office and stole the safe, some cash and two computers. Though our hired guards (from a company called G4S) were immobilized, they were not hurt and no one else was on the campus at the time. The guards were able to get loose and pull the alarm which brought the response of the RFIS Crisis response team and G4S security and eventually the local police. The police are carrying out an ongoing investigation. Please pray for the safety of our school and for those involved in the crime, that they would come to know Christ.

\*Please pray that the transition continues to go well for the new students this year.

\*Please continue to pray for my health and safety, some of my friends have already come down with malaria this year, as well as other health ailments.

\*Pray for me as I continue to use music and drama as a medium to help bring the students to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **Contact information:**

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If you would like a list of items I am in need of here in Cameroon, Africa, please contact me at the above email address. There are many things which I cannot get here, and I always appreciate receiving packages from my other home! God Bless you all and I truly appreciate all the wonderful prayers and financial support I received while home in Edenton, NC earlier this summer. If you didn't get a chance to contribute and would like to you can go to [www.wycliffeassociates.org](http://www.wycliffeassociates.org) and enter my name in the search box and follow directions to donate to help support my missionary work here in Cameroon. If you would rather, you can also mail checks or the donation form directly to my parents at:

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Blessings,

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**John 9: 1- 3 As Jesus was walking along he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him..."**

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