

Dear Friends,

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Happy New Year to all of you! Things have been quite busy for me in Cameroon. I have many titles this year – Learning Support Specialist, teacher, middle school team leader, the list goes on.... I am teaching four different classes: middle school math, middle school study skills, middle school fine arts (music and drama), and pre-algebra. Boy am I tired!! In addition to teaching I am also keeping up with documentation on students with special needs.

I was able to go back to the US to celebrate Christmas with my family this year, which was a real blessing. I spent some time with my Grandmother in Texas, and enjoyed spending time with my parents. I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year as well!

Every time I go back to the US I am reminded of just how fortunate we are there. Smooth roads, good electricity and running water, easy shopping and quick communication are only a few of the conveniences that I notice right away after stepping off the plane.

Things are going well with my kids. It's a new and wonderful experience each time we meet and I cherish getting to know them more and more each day. I will be doing another big production with my pre-teens in May. Auditions were held a few weeks ago and we have already begun working on the production! We'll be presenting a play called *Aesop's Fables*. Perhaps you saw it when my father directed it at College of The Albemarle a few years ago?

Unfortunately, I lost my phone during my travels over Christmas. I think I left it on a plane! Since my phone was my main camera source I haven't been able to compile many pictures for you in this newsletter. Hopefully I will be able to get the funds together to buy a new phone here soon. I was able to round up a few pictures which are posted at the end of this letter. Some snapshots of my life in Cameroon.

Prayer requests:

Lately there has been some unrest here in Cameroon between people groups. Please pray for a speedy resolution.

Please pray for my kids as many of them face hardships every day. Many of them are the children of Cameroonian diplomats, pastors, and businessmen. Sometimes they don't see their parents as often as they would like (sometimes days on end). Pray for all of the adults in their lives, that we would know how to best help these children.

Pray for health for both me and my colleagues. The second semester is always the toughest with exams, graduation to plan and all the end of year activities that we have to organize. This is the time of year when many of my colleagues and I often face sickness as germs are passed around the school.

This is also the time of year when we begin looking for staff members to fill positions next year. We are trusting God; He has always provided. Please pray for those in leadership here who have to make decisions about bringing in new staff members. Pray that they will clearly see God's will. Please also pray for those staff members who are considering a position here and that God will make His will known. And lastly, please pray for those staff members who may not even know that they are being called to work here. Pray that God would open their hearts and minds to the possibility of coming to Cameroon.

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As always, I love hearing from all of you. I pray for each of you often, and I feel especially blessed when you share prayer requests with me! You can write to me at the following email address: Holly_Emmerich@WycliffeAssociates.org Please understand that my internet is unreliable here and it may take me a few days to respond, but do know that I read your emails as soon as I receive them!

I was visiting my Cameroonian friend, Anyes, not too long ago. It is a custom here in Cameroon to always provide food and water for your guests. Anyes doesn't have much to offer, but whenever I am there she always insists I enjoy some peanuts that she brings back from her village.



Transportation can be a little different here in Cameroon, sometimes you just have to sit wherever there is room! Below is a picture of a man sitting in the back of a food truck on a busy street. He was probably working as an employee of the driver, helping to deliver the food to the local market. The material you see on the dashboard there is a common occurrence, it helps keep the hot blazing sun off the dashboard and many people like the way it makes the interior of the car look!

