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*At the Service of Christ  
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The Bassay Family left the USA on August 7 and have been in Cameroon since August 8, 2018. The readjustment and reconnection are going on great. They are missing the great love and care they enjoyed in the USA. They will forever be grateful to God for the unspeakable blessings the three years at Harding, in Searcy and in the USA brought to their life and ministry!

When they left Cameroon on August 13, 2015, their deepest desire was to return upon completion of Louis' studies at Harding, hopefully equipped for the work of ministry in Cameroon. The Lord stood by them throughout and blessed them with great Christian families to care, protect and love them. He also blessed them with a good training, a good financial and material support, and a sixth member of their family (Louis Alan, born September 12, 2016 in Searcy-AR).

Their return to Cameroon was a unique moment of joy and surprise: joy to have them back and anxious to see them at work. But also of surprise to see them return to a country to which many don't return, but are rather struggling to leave on a daily basis, especially with the bloody civil unrest currently going on in the English Cameroon. But ministry is their calling and safety is in the hands of God. To quote one of the shepherds at Cloverdale, "everywhere is safe with Christ and nowhere is safe without Christ."



However, they live in Douala, at the heart of one of the two largest cities in Cameroon, away from the unrest ravaging the two English regions of the country. Most of the villages in this English part of the country have been burnt, many people cruelly killed by both the military and the secessionists. Consequently, about 80% of the churches in this area now meet in the woods. Tension is everywhere, the economy has dropped as a result of constant ghost

towns, no farming or no serious business activities nor schooling in English Cameroon for the past two years or so. Consequently, the whole country is affected. Almost every house in the French area is now hosting the “Internally Displaced Persons”, nationally referred to as IDPs.

The Bassay’s return to Cameroon was timely even to this effect, called to host friends and relatives who have been rendered homeless. 23 people lived in their house up to October 20 when Gerald, Louis’ associate minister moved to a renthouse, taking 6 people with him.



Louis and Linda were a little bit concerned about their kids’ reaction to this household situation. Thankfully, it is for them a great fellowship opportunity though it has caused a huge strain on their finances. Returning to Cameroon schools after tasting life in the USA has not been very easy for the kids, especially for Lori-Angela who is in an upper grade. Renea Lori-Angela have been getting some help through a hired teacher who gives them extra classes at home. Notwithstanding, the Bassay’s feel blessed as the Lord keeps filling their lives with testimonies.

Their readjustment could have been fast-

er if their container could have arrived earlier. They shipped their container from Laurel-MD at the end of June 2018 but it arrived Cameroon on August 30, 2018 and the clearing procedure from the custom took so long that they finally got their things on October 20, 2018, after spending more money than anticipated.

Despite the struggles involved in clearing this container, it was worth the money spent and the patience. Nearly every thing in it is a souvenir they will forever cherish. It contained so many books (from Harding professors, from



churches of Christ at Augusta- AR, Shirley-AR, Laurel-MD, Truth for Today and many individuals) they are currently using in setting up the Camwork library in Bonaberi. Details on this library will be provided in the next report

Generally, the Bassay family have been extremely busy from the first day they landed in Cameroon. Due to the challenges they have met on the field, they now have a greater respect for missionaries who work in third world countries.

This far, Louis is sharing the pulpit in Bonaberi with Gerald, his associate minister, Linda is also busy teaching the women. Both

Louis and Linda are currently teaching on family dynamics, sharing some contextualized experiences gathered from living in the USA and in Cameroon.

They have also been connecting with their countrymen: Louis spoke at the National Youth Retreat immediately upon arrival to Cameroon. He has also attended the French Zone preachers' forum, taught and led discussions in the National Annual Lectureship which took place last week. Linda was also a source of blessing to the women present.



Malovine is being Baptized

Two other great blessings last month were the conversion of Malovine and the shar-



Sharing with colleagues

ing of items contained in their container with churches and individuals. This effort is largely spearheaded by the Laurel church of Christ



Sharing clothes and shoes with brethren and the community



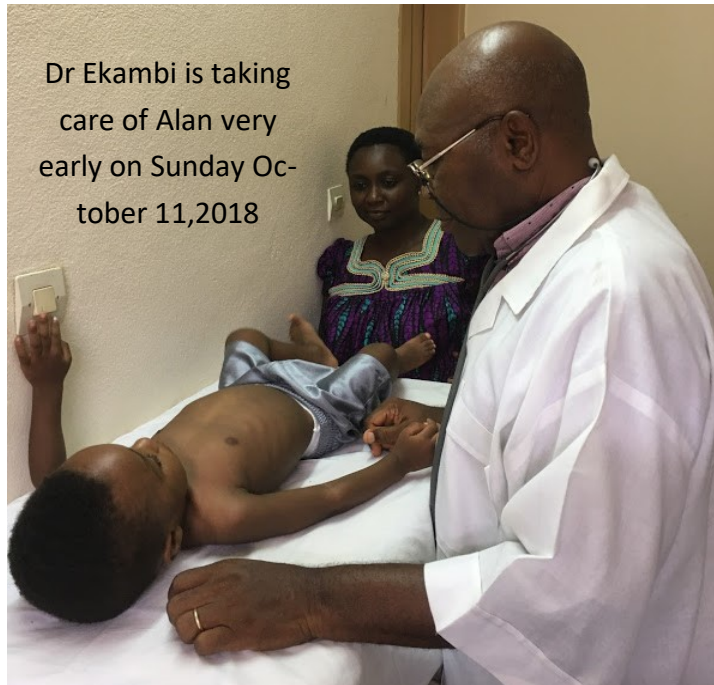
Martin is taking stuff to the nearest congregation

within a project called Cameroon Connection projects.

Louis and Linda intend to meet with the Advisory Committee (this is made up of five Cameroonian brothers working in collaboration with the Cloverdale, their sending congregation) next month to present and discuss their detailed plan of work. Meanwhile they are working with Dr Ekambi, the chair person of this committee in coming up with their strategic plan of work for the next three years.

They are committed to keeping you posted on their work in the country

Please keep praying for their health as they have not been exposed to malaria for the



past three years. Louis Alan is the most affected. His health has not been good for the past two months. Thankfully their family doctor, Dr Ekambi, is also a great friend ever present in times of need.

Do also pray for the country as a whole, that peace and tranquility will be restored in the nearest future. And that when the time will come for the IDP to return to their homeland, they must have been positively touched by the ministry opportunity they now represent.

Finally, this first CaMWork newsletter closes with a note of gratitude. This mission work could not have become a reality without you: special people of God in Cameroon and across the USA, namely, the Wharton, the Clement, the Drew, the Stevens, the Hostetter, the Deister, Kristi Reid, the Sanchez, the Landes, Bill White (of blessed Memory, he was

very dear to the Bassay's and loved them deeply. They had their last breakfast a day before the left Searcy), the Callahan, Kris Citty, Ernst Bangarie, the Scarbrough dentistry, the Searcy library, the Akpanudo, the Kamdem Kamdem, the Stinnett, Mrs B. Beckloff, A. Acosta, the Camp Bandina family, the Impact 360 family and the CAMARK family.

Special Appreciations also go to Truth for Today, Bell Trust and the Christian Service Committee.

This list could be unintentionally biased for there are many people not included in this "Roman 16 list" who are praying and are actively involved in the life of the Bassay family and their work in Cameroon.

Big "Thank You" to church families at Mineral Springs, Linder road, Mulberry, Dyer, Warrensburg, Shirley, Peppers lake, Sandhills, White Oak, Augusta, Bella Vista, Hutchinson, Griffithville, Lake Houston, Northside-TX, Arlington Heights, West Bexar, Argenta, Benton-KY, Laurel-MD and finally to the Harding Community and the Cloverdale family in Searcy-AR (this newsletter will run to pages if they wanted to name individuals in this two groups).

Greet one another with a "holy kiss," the Cameroon churches of Christ, the Cameroon Mission Work and the Bassay family, salute you!

Peace and love be multiplied always!

May God bless us in Christ as we fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

One more thing: let brotherly love continue!