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One of the greatest promises of all time to disciples of Christ is “I am with you always, to the very end of the age”. Children of God are not alone and the strength to serve never lacks. At some point, servants of God can feel abandoned, but that has not been the case with the Bassay family. They recently ended their first furlough to the US - July 16 to October 12. They returned to Cameroon with great joy: they were able to visit with friends, congregations and the Harding Community, to have fun and family time, to secure some extra fund for their work, to get Lori-Angela’s admission at Harding; above all, they were able to deeply reconnect with the Cloverdale family. Obviously God was involved beyond this and He takes the Glory for everything!

Greetings and blessings to God’s people! The Bassay furlough period was great. Here is why:

LOVE AND BLESSING: Solemn blessings: October 9, 2022

The last Sunday of their furlough was unique and forever memorable. Not only the elders laid hands on the Bassays but they invited the whole con-



gregation to take part in that exercise. It was a moment of reassuring and strengthening. The Bassays returned to Cameroon stronger, refreshed and even more determined to keep the fire burning for saving souls, strengthening the saved and serving their community. To God be the glory!

Let brotherly love continue!

The Bassays were showered with much love. They stayed in the houses of brothers and sisters who made them feel at home. They are grateful to the Lowes, the Daggetts, the Walls, the Sanchez, the Drews, Mrs. Ruth Gilleland, the Lopinas, the Landers and the Callahans. Special gratitude to the Bland family who put in their utmost efforts to get the **Mission House** ready. Although the house was not ready during the Bassays’ time in Searcy, it will always be a home whenever they and other missionaries are in Searcy.

The Bassays were provided transportation (Thanks to the Sivas, the Blands and the Lowes), enjoyed great supper and fellowship in many family's homes and their bills were taken care of. Major health problems were solved: Dr Kris Citty provided care for Linda, Heather Bland helped Lori-Angela and Renea's, Dr Scabrough handled Gabby's, Lori-Angela's and Alan's dental issues. Cathy Giplin took care of their PCR tests when they were about to leave.



Bedtime: Alan enjoying Mrs. Alicia Walls

Others provided money for fuel and fun-outings like swimming, etc. A big thanks to their excellent travel agent Jon White. He did all he could to find plane tickets that were so difficult to get when coming from Africa this past summer :)

FUN AND FAMILY TIME

For four years (August 2018 to July 2022) the Bassays did not have the opportunity to spend much quality time and carry out fun activities as a family. This was due to additional people in their home, as a result of the political instability in the English-speaking part of the country, plus so many kingdom activities.



This furlough gave them the opportunity to have lots of fun and family time. It was a great experience to visit **Six flags** in Texas, go **tubing** in Heber Springs during the Cloverdale family encampment, **horse riding** at the Bended Knee Range, swimming in the Searcy swim center and many other private swimming pools, visiting the Lander's **Muscadine bush** and enjoying freshly harvested muscadine, having fun at the Callahan's **tree house** and their cattle in Mulberry, going to the **Rodeo** with the Drews in San Antonio, spending time at Mrs. Ruth's **Lake house** in Corpus Christi. They also visited the **Parthenon** in Nashville Tennessee thanks to Chuck Lankford. All these happened within three months and was very refreshing.

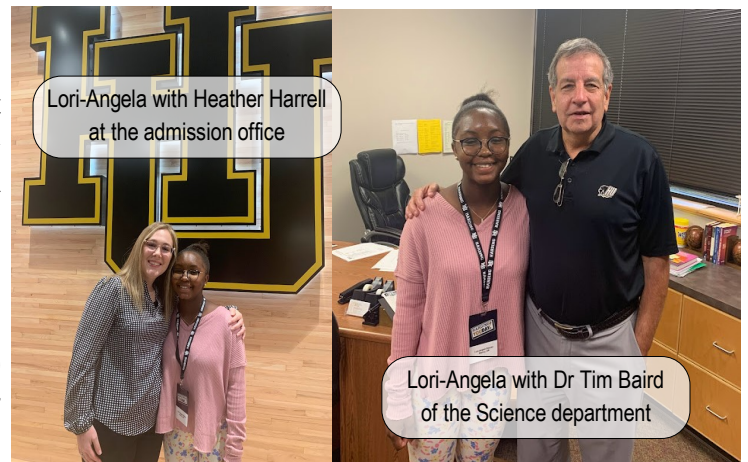


Also, Alan turned 6 on September 12 with a double celebration both in Conway (by the Tabe family from Cameroon) and in Searcy at the Lowes. Alan is fun of the Avengers, changing personality almost every week. He was Spiderman during this birthday week.

ANGELA'S ADMISSION:

While in the USA, Lori-Angela got admission at Harding University, with a double major, Computer Science / Mission. Praying that she will be successful and will continue to be a part of the work in Cameroon.

Linda and Louis will bring her back to the States in January 2023 to set her up and also to finish some pending commitments of their furlough trip. It will also be a very difficult moment to experience separation for the first time.



Lori-Angela with Heather Harrell at the admission office

Lori-Angela with Dr Tim Baird of the Science department

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

At a High School: Mr Larry Sanchez, the father of Louis' classmate, Lance, gave Louis the opportunity to speak to high school students at Arlington Heights Christian School at Corpus Christi. He shared with them the privileges of living in a first world country like the USA and insisted on the fact that this new American generation should not take God for granted by being ungrateful or becoming anything that will provoke God to anger. He mentioned homosexuality, transgender and so on.

At the Inauguration: Louis and Linda also took part in Harding's Presidential inauguration. They were contacted by Harding University's Office of Communications and Marketing to figure in the Global Mission Video. They saw that project as an Inspiring opportunity to serve. The video was played during the presidential inauguration, strengthening the fact that the gospel is for all. See link: https://youtu.be/e_nEn4hlbec

At Harding University at Tahkodah: The Bassays also had a very great cultural exchange moment at HUT with the AIM students from Lubbock, thanks to Oneal Tankersly, the HUT director and his team. Linda and the girls presented Cameroon jellof rice and a homemade drink called folere, while Louis explained some major cultural differences and resemblances between the USA and Cameroon.



Jellof rice in the making with Mrs Pat Veatch



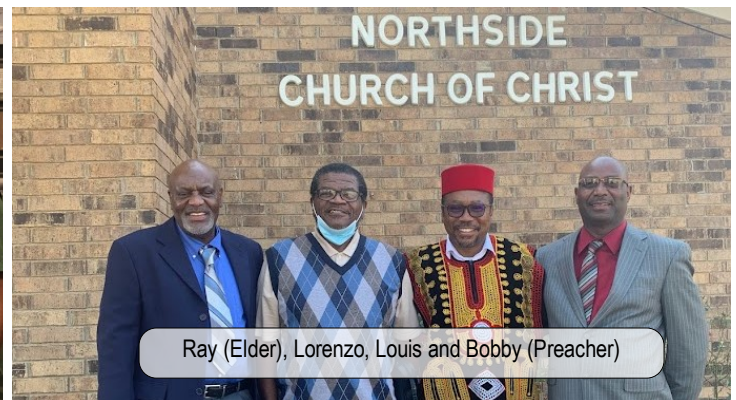
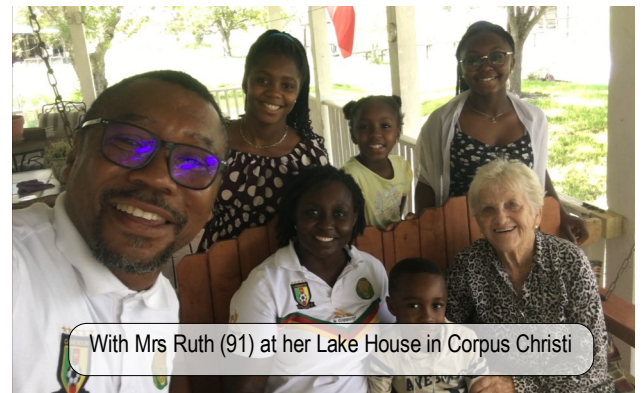
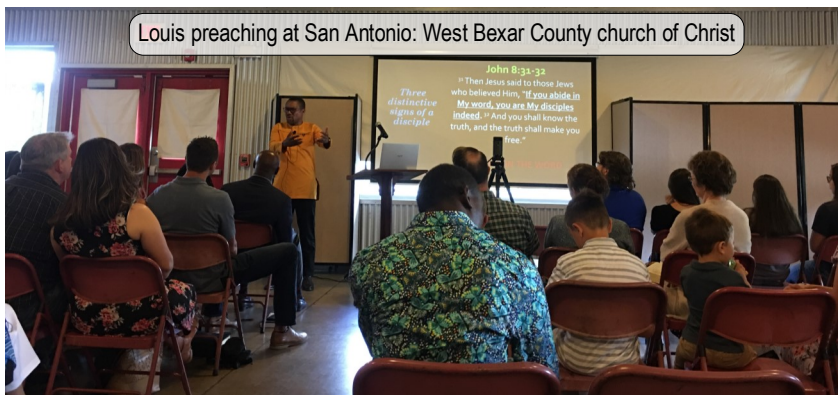
Exchange time at HUT

At Harding University: Louis and Linda did share more about culture in a mission class led by Ken Graves, the director of Global Outreach for Harding University. They took this opportunity to start talking about the short-term mission to Cameroon next summer. Louis and Linda were also able to start working with the Equip director, Dr Westbrook on how to bring the next Cameroonian family to Harding next Fall. Finally Louis did some planning for the next Kerusso Cameroon with Dr Swindle, creator of the concept and director of the center for preaching.

FUND RAISING:

Furlough is about Rest and Reconnection but is also about the search for more Resources. The Bassays gained extra commitment by talking to some individuals and Harding professors but also from visiting churches, setting up a display booth during the lectureship at Harding and relating to the Cloverdale mission committee and the elders. God was at work the whole time even where there was no plan: Owen and Shelia Dean at Van Buren heard about the work in Cameroon during a friendly visit to their Cameroonian friends: the Niba family and Mary Forju. The Deans through the Pleasant Walley church of Christ at Van Buren was able to provide support for the work in Cameroon.

Visiting Churches: The visits to San-Antonio, Fort worth, Mulberry and Sheridan yielded great fruits for the financial support of Camwork's activities in Cameroon. The Bassays are grateful to the West Bexar County CofC in San Antonio TX, Agenta in Corpus Christi, South Side in Fort Worth TX, Mulberry, Northside in Augusta and Sheridan Churches of Christ in AR. They are also glad they came in Contact with The Gospel Tracts



International in Fayetteville AR, run by Bobby and Meredy Dockery.

While in Fort Worth, Sister Louise Clement from Lubbock visited with the Bassays and stayed around for two days. She and Linda talked about the children's curriculum (Noble Ages 3 and 4) they had co-written with some ladies in Cameroon some years back. After re-examining the lessons, they concluded that it is necessary to review some of them. They are presently working on that.

During this visit the Bassays had the privilege to meet Louise's sister, Mary Guthrie from Lindale TX who came to visit with her and they had lunch together.



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Session with the IHCF: The IHCF has been in contact with Camwork since 2019 when some elders of Cloverdale visited Cameroon and in one of their meetings with Camwork and their board, they expressed their wish to begin a clinic.

This furlough provided opportunities for a deeper reflection, prayers and advice on how this can be feasible. The partnership has already begun as IHCF granted Camwork \$1000 in November to produce 2000 reusable sanitary pads for Christian ladies in the restive areas and some prisons in Cameroon.

For full report click: [https://www.camwork.org/media/report/IHCF1 Camwork Report 1 oKmeXfJ.pdf](https://www.camwork.org/media/report/IHCF1%20Camwork%20Report%201%20okMeXfJ.pdf)

During Harding Lectureship: Camwork was privileged to have a table offered by Dr Jesse Robertson during the Harding lectureship from September 25th to September 28, 2022. Here they were able to exhibit and talk to people about their activities and needs in the church in Cameroon through a roll up display stand, flyers



and conversations. This effort introduced them some interested people and financial contributors.

Exchange with Cloverdale: The Cloverdale family through the Mission Committee and the Elders was attentive to the Bassays movements and supplemented their fundraising in every aspect, both for their ministry and their personal needs. They returned to Cameroon happy and satisfied.

RECONNECTION WITH FAMILY AND CLASSMATES:

The primary reason why Cloverdale committed to bringing the Bassay family back to the States every three years was for reconnection. This goal was enjoyed beyond the boundaries of Cloverdale to families and friends from Cameroon and classmates from the former Harding's Center for Advanced Ministry Training





CAMT. These moments were so beautiful, unfortunately they cannot be captured neither by words nor pictures.

THE BASSAY ABSENCE

The Bassays furlough did not bring the activities of Camwork to a halt. Gerald, Louis associate minister, covered up successfully for Louis on the pulpit. The radio program also continued without interruption, thanks to the coordination of Franklin Missango.



Linda's children and women ministries were also well coordinated. Especially the YEP-VBS program which they left half way. A team of about 20 women was mobilized to take YEP-VBS 2022 to a successful end. Click link: <https://www.camwork.org/media/report/Camwork Report 7 YEP VBS report wqOHhFI.pdf>

GRATITUDE:

There are so many other great people the Bassays visited with and so many other things they did and gifts they received that could not be captured in this report, what has been said is simply a representation of their gratitude. The Bassays are grateful for the bond they were able to renew, for the new friends and partners in the Gospel they made during this trip, and for the blessings that keep coming their way as a result of the partnership with Cloverdale.

When things are this overwhelming, one can only come to God on bended knee and allow Him who sees from within to be exalted!

One more thing: let brotherly love continue!

