



CHILDREN TREASURING CHRIST

— C A M E R O O N —

June Newsletter

Dear Friend,

May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

It's been a while since my last update, and the world is not as it was. In these uncertain times, we look to God. He is our refuge, our strength, and very present help when fear and uncertainties abound around us (Ps. 46:1). May we rejoice in the Lord, our joy and strength. It is He who makes us confident.

In Cameroon, as in most parts of the world, we have been impacted by the coronavirus. We were strictly quarantined initially for a couple of months with several measures, like night curfews preventing businesses from staying open after 6 pm, to contain the coronavirus. After a couple of months, some stricter rules were relaxed so that stores could reopen. Church services were allowed but in smaller gatherings of 50 or less. Most churches gathered in smaller groups at believers' homes or had multiple services for smaller congregations.

At the beginning of this month, students in examination classes returned to school to prepare for

Prayer Requests:

- There is urgent work that needs to be done in terms of training teachers and creating a team of trainers. Pray with me that God will provide the right people to come alongside and help me give this training to those interested in becoming a part of this ministry.
- Pray for these women [Carine, Eleanor, and Priska] that God will make it clear to them about possibly serving with CTCC in the future
- Pray that God will bless little efforts towards team building and make it clear to me how He would have me move forward in this endeavor
- Pray for the women at my church and me as I begin ministering next month
- Pray that God will keep me focused and faithful in

the end of year government exams. There are still some restrictions on events, especially weddings, funerals, and other similar events. My city, Douala, is the epicenter of the virus in Cameroon. In total, there have been a couple of hundred deaths and close to 7000 infections (I am not sure if the numbers are accurate, they may be more or less). Just a month and a half into the quarantine, the President asked restaurants, bars, and discos to open up. I am keeping as safe as I can, following the proposed measures of hygiene, distancing, and masks.

As concerns ministry, I have mostly been working on curriculum development for the past couple of months. The quarantine makes it impossible to set up meetings and training sessions with churches. Yet, I was able to set up a possible team-building opportunity. I've been praying about how God would have me build a ministry team here in Cameroon. I felt led last month to talk to three women who have some interest in the ministry of CTCC. I will start meeting with them this month. The aim is that at least one or perhaps all of these ladies will become volunteers and perhaps full-time staff with me in the coming years. I believe that studying the word with them and orienting them to the ministry is a place to start. I am sure God is going to make things more apparent with time.

On partnership and Parents Awareness Seminar/teacher training, I will begin my first training in the Western province this month. I am excitedly looking forward to this, and I'm also a bit nervous as I always am with a new audience. I trust that the Lord will accomplish His purpose as I move into this region. I also have an opportunity to start a ministry to women in my church next month. I hope these women will grow to love the study of God's word and also understand how to disciple their children and other young women in the ways of the Lord.

I am praying for you and want to encourage you to

His service despite the hardships and uncertainties brought about by the coronavirus.

- Pray that I will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. That God will give me a greater desire to spend time in the word and prayers daily.
- Continue to pray for good health for me.

stand firm in your faith. Your prayers, our prayers, accomplish much, so we should never be weary of praying. "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him" (1 John 5:14-15).
The Lord bless you and strengthen you and make His face shine upon you.

In Christ,

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