



CHILDREN TREASURING CHRIST  
— C A M E R O O N —



## October Newsletter!

Dear Friend,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! This month in Douala, the season is beginning to change from rainy/wet days to more sunny and hot days. I would argue that it is always hot in Douala but the heat is rather unbearable during the dry season.

Schools started early this month, and it feels like activities and the rhythm of things are beginning to go back to normal, but there is that lingering sense or acknowledgment that everything this time has changed and things will never really be the way they were. At such moments I am reminded that we have a God whose nature and word are unchanging. Indeed, we have this as an anchor for our soul (Hebrews 6:19) in all the storms in our ever-changing world. I believe our God will cause all grace to abound to us according to the riches He has provided for us in Christ Jesus. Though our hearts and strength may fail God is the stronghold of our lives and He will sustain us (2 Corinthians 9:8, Psalm 73:26).

At the close of last month, I traveled to the North of Cameroon for training (parents and children teachers), as you can see in the pictures above. The Lord took me there and brought me back safely despite the tedious hours on the bus and the horrible roads. Thank you for praying for the trip. The Lord blessed the training that took place during that week. If you remember, the North of Cameroon is vastly Muslim, and the

church has a strategic role in reaching most for Christ.

**Backstory on this Church:** This church (Christ the King Baptist Church) started a Christian school from nursery to 9th grade, and they aim to reach the next generation with a god-centered education. The pastor is desirous that the teachers understand and fully embrace an attitude of Christian Education and its purpose and goals. I am partnering with the church and the school to train parents and children teachers (church/school) to effectively bring the gospel to the children in their care and to disciple them. There is so much work to be done, and I can see that the leaders, teachers, and parents face several challenges. It will take a lot more training and practice to get closer to the vision I see. This church's vision and setup provide a good model of children's discipleship, from home to church and school. We are working on laying a foundation for a gospel-centered model of children's education/discipleship. Pray for this little congregation as they advance the kingdom of God, especially in the lives of children and their families.

Ministry here in Douala has been slower and more challenging due to COVID19. It has been hard to pick up where I left off with partner churches pre-COVID, especially given the past months. I was chatting with a pastor from one partner church, where I was supposed to start a family discipleship ministry this year. He told me to take heart as most ministry aspects in most churches have been put on hold since the beginning of quarantine in April. I'm learning to listen to God and His directions and leading. It's been discouraging, but I'm learning patience through this, so I thank God for setbacks.

**Requests:**

1. Pray that the Lord will strengthen me and teach me to work diligently and patiently towards all that He's assigned to me.
2. Pray for partner churches that the Lord will keep the vision at the forefront of their minds during this trying season.
3. Pray for the next two months that the Lord will help me accomplish much with the curriculum project.

I appreciate you and your partnership through your prayers and financial support. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely,

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