End of Year Newsletter

Dear Friend,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrated last week. I pray that the peace and good news of great joy that Christ has brought for all men will fill your heart and home.

As I ponder and reflect on all the happenings of this year, there is one constant in my mind, God is good, and He is above all, and I am (His people) of all, very blessed to serve such a gracious and mighty King. As people of the ultimate Kingdom, we rejoice with great joy in the face of adversity, for our God reigns.
This Isaiah passage is a great consolation to me, especially as this year comes to an end and as I look forward to the next year and the work of ministry.

"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his Kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" (Isaiah 9:6-7)

My Year in Review

Ministry progress

1. **North Connection**: My partnership with Christ the King Baptist in the Northern region continues to progress according to the vision for children's discipleship and Christian education in the church and school. This year was the second training session I had with them. I continued to help parents and teachers understand the foundations that must be set for proper discipleship or Christian education to happen at home, church, and Christian school.

2. **Western Connection**: This year, I traveled to the Western region, where I shared with a group of more than 50 CBC (the Baptist Convention here) pastors. One pastor immediately contacted me. He wanted me to start a partnership with his church and begin training this year. Due to the Covid situation and the church's schedule, we had to reschedule for next year (2021).

3. **Curriculum**: I am in section 3 of my writing project and have two sections to go. It is a big project, but the Lord is helping me to write in a way that can best support parents and children's teachers in my context understand the Bible and how to communicate its message to children most effectively.
**Ministry challenges**

1.  *Training*: My challenge this year came from the restrictions caused by the Corona outbreak. Churches canceled scheduled seminar training, and we rescheduled the consultation process (for setting up a family discipleship ministry) with Bethel Baptist church.

2.  *Personal growth and challenges*: It's been hard to have my plans fail. It's been hard not having a team, especially during this strange year. Yet, in all this, I am learning to trust God and not lean on my understanding.

**Hopes for next year/prayer request**

Every new day or year is a promise of tomorrow not in itself but in the One who holds the future. So, I lay my plans at the altar of His will and ask you to pray with me about them. Here are my hopes and prayer requests for 2021.

1.  The consultation/training with the leadership of Bethel Baptist here in Douala
2.  Plans to start training with the partner church in the Western region
3.  Plans to expand on partnership up North
4.  Completing three portions of the curriculum needed for the first production.
5.  Develop a team of trainers for the ministry
6.  My physical, spiritual, and emotional health.

Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers for me and the ministry of CTCC. Your donation is the hand of God to advance His Kingdom here in Cameroon. May He bless you, abundantly! I will remain in regular contact through newsletters to let you know how things are moving on so you can pray more effectively.

I wish you and your family a Happy New Year!
In Christ,

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