



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

# JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Friend,

Greetings from Douala! The steadfast love of the Lord extends to us in many ways, and having this opportunity to write to you is one of those ways. I pray the Lord is sustaining you and keeping you by His abundant grace and great mercies which he has accorded to us in Christ.

In the past three months, there's been several hindrances to my ability to write to you: loss of internet and electricity outages. Unlike in the US, having internet or electric companies here in Cameroon do repairs is an uphill battle. Everything takes a long time. Sorry for the long period of silence. Following is a summary of what the Lord has strengthened me to do in the past three months.

February was a hectic month for me, with a spread of six training sessions. The Lord was good to give me strength and sustain my efforts. Every training went well, especially the PAS [Parent Awareness Seminars) at Towo Baptist Church, the newest ministry partner church. I noticed a few common factors during this training and others like it. During the PAS (Parent Awareness Seminar), parents' questions reveal a lack of discipleship and discipline at home for most children. Most parents express feeling overwhelmed at the prospect of beginning the discipleship process in a situation where the homes have already omitted this for a significant part of their children's lives. Helping churches set up family discipleship ministries will aid in addressing most of these questions/frustrations. The setting up of family discipleship ministries will ensure that the leadership can effectively equip parents towards their responsibility to disciple their children.

I praise God for the vision He has given both pastors of Bethel Bipele and Living Word Baptist of Towo to disciple the families in their churches. Continue to pray for steadfastness in this process as the months drag on. So far, Bethel

and Living Word Baptist churches (two of the training sites) are coming along slowly but surely, and they seem very promising. However, Emmanuel Mambanda is lagging terribly. I plan to reevaluate their commitment and meet with the pastor to determine how to proceed. So, please pray for Emmanuel Baptist Mambanda and its leadership as I reconsider this process with them.

In addition to training, Goodness and I have continued editing and finalizing the curriculum for children. It is helpful having her give me her input, particularly regarding illustrations and culturally relevant examples.

It's been five months since I started working with Goodness, my ministry assistant, and it's been encouraging to have a team member. We started studying the book of Hebrews in January, and it has been such a blessing to study the word together once every week. One of my goals for our Bible study times is to help her understand how to study the Bible correctly. She is smart and a fast learner. She's a blessing in this season of ministry. I am thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to work with her.

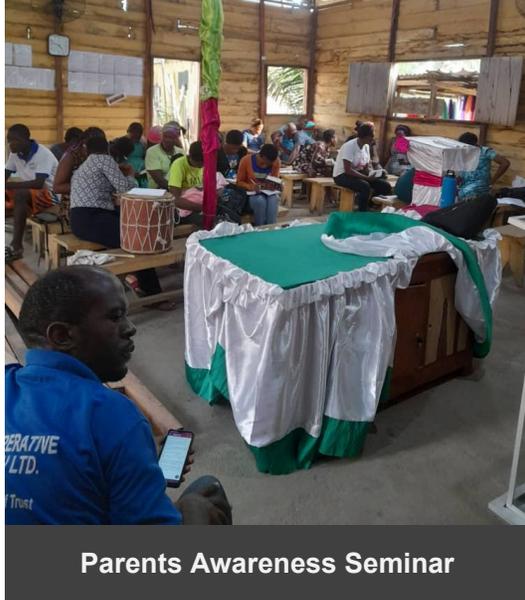
Not having internet for the past 3 months has been one of the most frustrating times since I moved back to Cameroon. I especially have my work disrupted by constant errands to the internet office to get help to no avail. The words of Annie Keary resonate with me. "I find most help in looking at all the interruptions and hindrances to work that one has planned out for oneself as discipline, trials sent by God to help one against getting selfish over one's work" [Annie Keary 1825–1879]. The Lord was gracious to me, and the internet issues were resolved and restored this week on Tuesday. I trust that the Lord is not unaware of the hindrances and frustrations we face. Still, He allows those to build us up in ways that, upon reflection, will serve in accomplishing His purposes in our lives and bring Him glory.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

As the Lord brings me to your remembrance, pray for me and the ministry of CTCC.

1. Pray that I will continue to persevere in all the Lord has called me to do.
2. Pray for the churches involved in the consultation process that the Lord will grant a clear vision to each church as they work through the training materials to set up the steps for family discipleship.



Parents Awareness Seminar

3. Pray for the parents who feel overwhelmed by rebellious children that God's grace will abound to them in their commitment to disciple their children.
4. Pray that the Lord will continue to sustain my strength and direct me to every proper counsel as I deal with each church.
5. Pray for wisdom as I mentor/train Goodness.

Your support and prayers for me continue to be a lifeline as I submit my life to God's will and vision to serve Him here in Cameroon. Thank you for blessing me. I know the Lord will abundantly bless you as you serve Him in this ministry with me.

Your Sister in the Lord,

Emmanuela



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