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“Now if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all generously and without reproach; and it will be given to him”

James 1:5

Father glorify Your name

School and Covid-19

As many nations are gradually clearing the lockdown, Cameroon is coming out of it as well. However the regulations given by the government of Cameroon “are flying out the window”, when it comes to social distancing or wearing face masks, in market places and restaurants.

We were also confronted with Covid-19 cases in our direct social area. Two family members of Claudine, the father of one of our workers and a neighbour were all four infected and had to go to the hospital. They were however refused at hospital after hospital until they arrived at the last possibility. Three of them passed away in front of the hospital and the only one that was admitted died after three days. three of them were buried by the government on the same day they died. It seems that the medical care givers at the hospitals are afraid, as there are not enough protection materials to take care of those who are infected with Corona.

We haven't started the Bible school yet as we cannot guarantee the safety for the students. We are not able to keep the social distancing of 5 feet as our classroom is small. In the mean time one of our students has been put in quarantine and we pray that he will get well, along with his family.

The schools in Cameroon began the first week of June and it is only for those who have to take exams. All the other schools and classes will start in October again.

We are grateful that we all are still healthy and we are able to face the challenges of these difficult times. May the Lord give us wisdom when we have to start Bible school again.

We receive the strength of the Lord!



To Sit Still Or...

We still pray, online, two times a day for the world, Corona Virus, and for other matters. From the second week of June we will go over to one time per day. The reason for this is that the lockdown is partly cleared and people who work for the government, banks and other offices must resume their jobs. This does mean that we will drop our midday prayers.

Over the past several weeks a few young people visited the Bible school and expressed their interest to attend the school. We had good conversations with them and were able to counsel and pray for them as they were struggling with some issues. I am happy that people still show their interest for FIRE Bible School. May the Lord give us wisdom as to when we should start the school again.

There are also other people and friends who are dropping in, who are in need of prayer or want to stay for a few nights; as they have business to do in Douala. We try to help them where we can and trust the Lord for protection.



Public School Project

The micro credit Claudine got for the school project has not yet been released because of the Corona crisis. So she is already three months behind schedule to start building the school and start classes in October. We pray that now in June, the credit can be released and that Claudine can finally start building the school. If so it will still be possible to start the classes in October.

A new idea has recently been given us: our classrooms can be used to have children's Bible classes on the weekends. Thank you for joining us, as we pray about this idea and I will do some research on finding out where we may find the English Bible materials for children.

Sewing Machine Project

The first results are here! We have a beautiful harvest of bed sheets and face masks. In addition, the new sewing machine has helped them to fix clothes, and to sew new ones, as well.

They are so grateful.



China

Ep is back in Kunming. He has rented a 5-room apartment in the suburbs of Kunming. He is living there together with the other workers - all together three families plus Ep in these five rooms! They live close to their jobs, which they all have in this beehive company.

The ministry in the church is going well and is gradually growing. They are all well and in good health! We can all thank the Lord for this.



Points of Prayer

Cameroon

- For the numbers of people infected in Cameroon to decrease. (The numbers of those who are infected is still increasing in Cameroon, and this may be due to the limited amount of protective gear, as well as many people not willing to follow the instructions of the government.)
- For wisdom as to when to re-start the Bible school.
- For peace in Cameroon.
- For Claudine and the public school project, as well as the idea for a Bible class for children.
- For our health and safety.

China

- For the workers for safety on peace in their jobs at the beehive company.
- For peace and protection.
- For the growth and protection of the ministry in the mountains with the churches they are over-seeing.
- For their spiritual and physical health.

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