

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

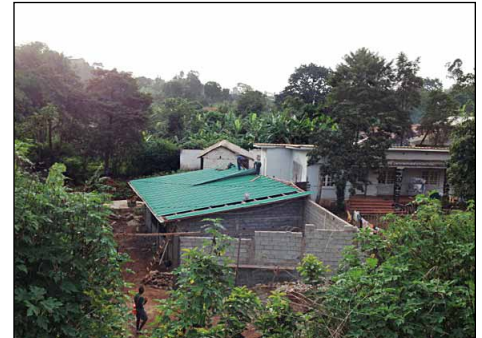
PSALM 96:3

May–June 2017

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for the Barilla family and the work in Cameroon, Africa. It's wonderful to see the development of the building project. Your prayers and gifts have been a tremendous encouragement to God's people in Cameroon and to our missionary team.

Although the building might not look complete from the inside, our people moved into it with joy and much anticipation. The immediate building phase has brought the church to complete the roof over the sanctuary and two small wings. Hopefully the church will begin plans next month to finish the electrical system in the building and start the hookup for town water. Finally, we hope to plaster



and paint the building walls, start the floor by leveling it with an initial layer of cement, and then hang the ceiling under our roofing trusses.

With all the work on-site, we keep praying for the neighborhood. Although the church family has yet to visit many of our neighbors, curiosity about the work site has brought several visitors to the church services on Sundays. Two women from the neighborhood—Beatrice and Karine—attend Sunday's services.



My wife and the kids are doing well. They have been a tremendous blessing to Rachel's family. Thank you for praying for her sister Anne. Over the last month, Anne has made some great progress with her health: she is able to use her hands to work on the computer and can now walk slowly with the use of a cane. Rachel and I miss each other dearly and look forward to joining one another in Cameroon on July 12. Joshua had a recent growth spurt. I cannot wait to see him and his sisters.

Please keep our Cameroon ministry in prayer. Much paperwork has been processed for authorization and the building project. Still, we have so much more to do. After the building is near completion, Thomas and I will visit many of our local authorities to invite them to our dedication service. Please pray for the other two churches in Fouban and Foubot that are hoping to advance their land acquisition and initial building plans.

Last week I had an encouraging visit from Asong, our deacon in Fouban. He was so excited to see the progress of the church building and take back a good report to the Fouban church. I also led the prayer meeting last week at the Foubot church. Both churches are anticipating their opportunities for construction soon. We need wisdom for direction and good stewardship.

Pray for the security issues in the country. One blessing is that the protest and the rioting we saw in the other regions of the country at the beginning of the year have been very minimal these last two months. Apart from some small thefts in our neighborhood, our towns and villages have been calm and peaceful. An attentive, prudent spirit goes a long way with security in Cameroon. We praise the Lord for our neighbors who keep a watchful eye on things for us missionaries. And we praise the Lord for our faithful supporters who guard us in prayer.

Sincerely in Christ,

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