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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in advance! **We are so grateful to the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness to us through this unique year.** As you know, we moved to language school in Québec, Canada, in January. In March, the border between the United States and Canada was closed. Our six-month visas expired the first week of July, so we left our things in the rented apartment in Canada and returned to the States. For the past six months, you have been hoping and praying with us for things to return to normal and for the borders to reopen. Obviously, that has not happened.

For six months now, we have been bouncing from missionary house to missionary house. **We have been studying French seven days a week**, and we have continued live, online classes each week day with our teachers and fellow classmates in Québec. We have less than two weeks of class remaining and then our final exams. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers.

We are grateful for all our faithful partners. Many of you have sacrificed over and above your regular support. By God's grace, and through your sacrificial giving, it looks like we will have enough money, by the end of the month, to pay the balance of all of our language school expenses. Thank you so much! Thank you to all who also sent loving Christmas cards and financial gifts this month. We are blessed!

Not only have I been involved in the informal and formal education of Cameroonians since 2005, and the establishment of the Faith Baptist Bible College in Cameroon (2013), but I have also been working on furthering my own formal education through the years. Mostly by correspondence and all by the grace of God, I have completed two graduate degrees (Master of Ministry, 2011 and Specialist in Ministry, 2014). **On Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, I defended my 291-page DMin final project and was congratulated by the dean and faculty of Pensacola Theological Seminary as "Dr. Ben Sinclair"** (Doctor of Ministry, 2020). I told the folks in our sending church, "Please do not feel obligated to call me Dr. Sinclair. Actually, I am not even a nurse." We look forward to continuing our involvement in the discipleship of both French- and English-speaking disciples.

We are making plans to return to Cameroon in February. Technically, the border is closed to Cameroon. The only exceptions are for Cameroonian citizens and foreigners with a resident permit. Becca and I have valid 10-year resident permits. However, the resident permits of our children expired last year. Please pray that when we apply for their travel visas, the Cameroonian embassy will grant what they need to travel without difficulties or delays.

Please also pray for our transition, arrival, and settling into the French-speaking regions of Cameroon. Please pray that God will provide a good house for us to rent. Pray that Kate will have uneventful flights. She normally suffers with terrible air sickness for the entire two-day trip. Pray that we will finish our formal French studies well, and that God will continue to provide for us as He always has in the past (we are at a 95% support level). Pray for the churches in Cameroon. We are blessed to receive regular updates of the churches continuing faithfully in the midst of war and trials. Please pray for the health of my parents in Indiana and Becca's parents in Georgia. Pray for my six-month checkup at the dermatologist's next month. Please pray that he will give me a clean bill of health.

Finally, please pray for peace, more laborers, and the furtherance of the Gospel in Cameroon. We miss our adopted home country, but we are also nervous about starting all over from scratch in a new region—even as veteran missionaries. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers, partnership, and support. We are grateful.

-Ben, Becca, Drew, Kate, Emma, and Faith Sinclair