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We are officially settled into our house here in Kribi. We have been able to host several guests this past month, and our daughters have invited all of the girls in the church to come this Saturday for a day of fun before school starts on Monday.

One of the faithful men in the church has been earnestly praying for some of his friends to be saved. One day he called me to ask if I could come and talk with two of his friends. We met together and after about two hours of conversation and witnessing, **Aja** bowed his head to profess Christ as Savior in English, and **Moïse** prayed in French. These men have been attending the church ever since, and I try to meet with them for discipleship on a weekly basis. Moïse is preparing to be baptized soon, and has translated my last two Sunday morning messages into French. What an incredible privilege it is to preach the Gospel through an interpreter who did not even know the Gospel just a couple months ago. Praise the Lord!

The entire family has been busy. Becca and the kids are making great progress in school. Drew and Kate are taking dual enrollment college classes online this year. I have been meeting with a private French tutor for a couple of hours every weekday. **My friend and tutor is named Derrick.** He is a rare, nonreligious Cameroonian. I have had the opportunity to share the Gospel with him in French multiple times in the past month. Please pray for his salvation.

Normally, I like to share the mountain peaks of life and ministry in our prayer letters. However, we all know that there is a valley between every mountain. Please let me close this update by asking you to pray for the daily valleys your missionaries face.

As our family prepared to leave the house for the midweek Bible study this week, our neighbor directly across the street entered our yard and started talking with words I could not understand. I told him that I could not understand him, so he started talking and walking toward Kate. This did not surprise me at first because most people know that Becca and the girls understand French better than me, but he kept smiling and walking toward Kate and then finally lunged toward her and slapped her right in the face! I grabbed the man by the shoulders and carried him off our property. The man's wife was screaming at him and other neighbors came out to carry the man to his house. We drove directly to the police station to report the incident. The police immediately came and did an investigation.

We learned that our neighbor had been dealing with some mental health issues for several months. We have known the man for three months and never knew he had mental health issues. The family sent him to a "powerful medicine man." Since returning from his "treatment" this week, he has been mentally deranged. I don't know if he is possessed or insane, but the police told the family they had to keep the man in the house or else. They do not have mental hospitals, and the police rarely incarcerate the mentally deranged here. The police left and the family unsuccessfully tried to keep the man in the house. That night, the man roamed up and down the road yelling and howling all night. About a dozen times through the night, he banged and banged on our metal gate as if trying to break into our house. Our dog would go berserk each time, and obviously, we did not sleep much that night. All of us, especially Kate, were greatly troubled.

The next day (yesterday), several community members (who also did not sleep much) met at the house across the street and decided to bind the man in his room. Their decision reminded me of the man in Mark 5. We still heard him yelling and making strange noises all day, but thankfully, he did not get out at night and we all slept peacefully last night, by the grace of God.

I do not share this testimony to be sensational. I share this testimony to give you a glimpse of a missionary valley. Rejoice with us in the souls being saved, baptized, and disciplined! Pray with us for God's daily grace to preach and glorify Him "among all nations" through the valleys and the mountains (Luke 24:47). Thank you all for your faithful prayers and partnership.

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