

THE YOUNG FAMILY CHRONICLES

CAPTAIN'S LOG: MEMORABLE MOMMENTS OF 2003



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MAY First solo operational mission flight. Eight weekends each year are reserved for flying MK's (missionary kids) from Yaounde, our city which hosts a mission high school, or, returning them to Yaounde after they have spent several weeks of school vacation with their families living out in the bush. On this occasion I flew Bina Ulfers to an airstrip called Touboro, several hours drive from her parents village home near the border of Chad. Her folks are Wycliffe Bible Translators working in the Karang language.



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JULY We welcomed a new member to the family. My mom got married. In July I was



able to travel home for 2 weeks to celebrate the marriage of my mom Charlotte, to Harold Quarles. It was a lovely wedding and a fantastic 2 weeks of visiting, although too short. Congratulations Mom and Harold!

AUGUST Sun whispering a surprise to me. No longer are we a family of four but will be a family of FIVE at the end of March.



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SUN'S PERSPECTIVE

As a mother knows, her greatest worries are the safety and well being of her children. Being here in Africa I often pray for my children's safety and health. So many things can go wrong. I try to do everything that I can to insure their good health and safety. It is amazing how God recognizes my fears and takes the opportunity to constantly show me that my children are under His care. The constant good health of my children is a clear evidence of God's reassurance to me that He is watching out for them. An amazing demonstration of that is the event of the fallen water heater. Imagine a big round water heater that is half the size of the water heaters back at home mounted up high on a wall. We were having



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CAPTAIN'S LOG

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SEPTEMBER Abby's first day of school. We enrolled her in Yaounde's French school, believing it to be a terrific opportunity for her to continue the language skills she began to de-



"School is fun. But I don't know what anybody is saying."

velop in France while she was in daycare

N O V E M B E R
Caleb sheds his dia-

"Go pee pee in toilet. Get my oooowwvnnn bike."

pers...well, almost. When awake, he is doing great. Bedtime is the exception; so we continue with the potty training. Even so, his terrific progress earned himself his first "bike."



DECEMBER Had a little vacation at the beach and at a guest house after Christmas. Daryl thought he would start them early to be the next Tiger Woods.

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problems with our water heater. So a plumber came and the problem was fixed. The day after it got fixed Daryl went out on an overnight flight. I was alone with the kids. Daryl came back late the next day and that night at 1:00AM just when we had finally fallen asleep we heard a HUMONGOUS, LOUD bang. Daryl quickly got up to find out what had happened. The water heater that was mounted on our bathroom wall had just fallen to the floor, cracking the toilet on it's way down and landed on the floor damaging the bathroom tile. After the event I could not stop wondering what if one of the kids were on the toilet when the water heater came down? What if it happened when we were in the bathroom? We only have one bathroom in the apartment. What if it happened when Daryl was gone? All were very frightening thoughts. For days later (even now when I think about it) I am constantly thanking God for His arm of protect on us. It makes me realize that no matter how much I do to try to protect my children there are limits to my protection. Ultimately I need to trust and allow God to protect them. As I always tell my children I love them a lot but God loves them even MORE.



FIRST CHRISTMAS IN AFRICA

What was our first Christmas in Africa like? Well, it was hot, lightless, music-less, busy-less and program-less. Why was it so hard to get into the holiday spirit? There were no indications that Christmas was coming. The stores and streets were not decorated. There were no radio stations that played Christmas music. No reminders of "There's only 5 more days of shopping left." Didn't have any schedule conflicts over which Christmas programs to go to. You miss all those indications that tell you Christmas is coming. The things that we missed the most were

all the nativities scenes that you see all around you, the beautiful homes, trees and streets that are decorated with lights and of course the winter weather, and our loved-ones. Despite being somewhat homesick, we did have a nice Christmas. We attended a Christmas program at Abby's school, did a little bit of shopping, made



Christmas cookies, decorated the tree, had a Christmas dinner where Sun—who has no knowledge in American cooking—was frantically asking people for advise on how to bake

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Dear Abby



Dear Abby: Can you tell me what is the recipe for water-melon? Chef

Dear Chef: It's real simple. Just put

together some water, juice and melon.

Dear Abby: What can you do when your daddy is talking nonsense and you don't want to hear it anymore? Overloaded

Dear Overloaded: Just look away, put up your hand and say "whatever".

Dear Abby: My brother & I wrestle with my daddy all the time but we can never seem to get an advantage over him. What can we do?
Fighters

Dear Fighters: Get your mom in the match. I bet she can show you the weak spots (advantage points).

Dear Abby: I just started school and it is so difficult being away from my mommy. Can't let go

Dear Can't let go: It is difficult in the beginning; but soon you will be making friends & doing lots of different fun things at school. When there is vacation from school, you'll even get sad.



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a chicken and was utterly AMAZED at how a little bit of Lawry's seasoning salt can do such wonders to a chicken. It was quiet and we missed all of the activities, friends and family back at home but we are so thankful for all of you for remembering us and supporting us with your



prayers, packages and financial support. We also did a lot of reflecting on the reason why we celebrate Christmas. Reminded us of that one silent night where there was only one light and a few guests to celebrate the greatest gift to mankind. Uneventful yet lots of joy and thankfulness. Whether Christmas comes with bright lights or the quietness of the night, we pray that all of you had a joyful and thankful Christmas as we rejoice in the gift of salvation.



CALEB'S COLUMN: I SPY

I don't think anybody was really ready for Abby to go to school, except of course Me. They were afraid I would miss her or something. HA! Oh, I have to admit I am happy to see her by lunch-time. But before then, I don't think much about anything except the really great fun I have with Mommy. We do all kinds of fun stuff together. We read Thomas the Train or Franklin books. We practice abc's. Sometimes we watch Veggie-Tales or Sesame Street or Blue's Clues. And on the really lucky days, we get to go visit my dad at his office, or even at the hangar where they keep

the airplane. And sometimes I am there watching when he flies in from somewhere far away. I can't remember all the funny names of the places. Anyway, I think airplanes and trains and boats are really cool. But being the sweet-sensitive guy I am, the thing I love to do the best is to rub Mommy's big 'ole tummy and talk to my new baby brother. Well, at least I hope it's a boy. And you know, Abby is pretty sure it's a girl. We argue about it sometimes. But one thing is for sure. I really love that baby.

Until next time...

C. J. Young



Teachers Needed!

Various Announcements

In our last newsletter, we included our official Wycliffe Family Prayer Picture Card. If you did not receive one, or would like one resent to you, please let us know. It was a fun picture to take, with the airplane Daryl flies in the background. The setting was at the Banso airstrip. This is the home base of our second airplane, a Helio Courier, that serves missionaries and the Banso Baptist Hospital in the mountains of Cameroon's Northwest Province. The airstrip lies at nearly 7,000' at the top, that is. It is a oneway grass airstrip, landing upslope, taking-off downslope. If that isn't interesting enough, consider the dogleg and hump in the middle, the winds and sudden storms that plague the mountains. Please keep in your prayers Dave Carman, our pilot based there. We pilots from Yaounde enjoy these delights once in awhile. But for him, they are daily challenges.

In attempting to be good stewards of our resources, we'll be revising our mailing list. Many of you we hear from, or have heard from in the past year or so. But for a number of others, we don't know if you are receiving or if you still want to receive our newsletter. Please get word to us, especially if we haven't been in touch for awhile. If you enjoy hearing from us, we definitely want to continue sending you our newsletters.

Many missionaries in Cameroon couldn't be here if it weren't for the schooling programs available to help with our children. But, to keep these programs going, we need TEACHERS! Are you a teacher? Or do you know a teacher you could encourage to come join us for a year or two? Opportunities include:

Itinerant teachers to help with our Field Education System for grades K-8. A teacher in this program would teach at the group sessions 3 times a year, and the rest of the year would travel to various villages, to help families with the homeschooling of their children. We also need a coordinator for this program.

Rain Forest International School (RFIS) provides a secondary school (grades 7-12) for missionaries in the Central Africa Region. **Needs at RFIS include:**

- High School: Social Studies, English, Bible, French, Home Economics
- All Grades: ESL, Physical Education
- Guidance Counselor
- Director of Technical Services (Needed for 1 year, beginning summer 2004)

Hostel Parents/Hostel Assistant: Since about 45% of the students that attend RFIS are boarding students, hostel parents provide a home away from home for these students. A hostel assistant provides support to all three of the hostels associated with RFIS.

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Praise God

- Good family health
- Abby and Caleb are adjusting well
- Sun's healthy pregnancy
- Our faithful ministry partners
- Safety in flying, in the hangar and on the roads.
- New ministry opportunities

Prayer Requests

- Continual adjustment to living and working here
- Still searching for the right house
- Continued health and safety
- Healthy delivery for baby #3
- Fruitfulness in our ministries
- Our personal spiritual growth
- Central Africa's deep spiritual and physical needs

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