

Prayer letter of Daryl and Sun Young and family

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Hannah raids the potatoes. ↑

Fun in the backyard. ↓



Abby & classmate Justine. ↑

Come visit our Cameroonian spa. ↓



## “FURLOUGH NUMBER ONE, READY TO COMMENCE COUNTDOWN”

Furlough. What is a furlough for a missionary? It is not like the airlines, where employees are in a state of perpetual lay-off, promised a job when the company resumes hiring.

Nor is it a period of vacation, void of responsibility and contribution.

Then what is it? In the words of Wycliffe USA, its purposes are to:

1. Rest, restore health and recreate following service overseas
2. Refit and “re-prepare” for future service overseas
3. Represent the international missions task
4. Report to your partners and churches like Paul and Barnabas did following their missionary journey in Asia Minor.

In practical terms, decisions about each family are made in cooperative agreement with the family, the leadership in the field entity and the personnel department of Wycliffe USA. It does involve personal time for vacation and travel to visit family, friends, partners and churches. It may, and in our case it will, involve significant time, energy and resources for the preparation (professional development) for return to field service. And often it involves working in or through one of Wycliffe’s regional offices. Our time on furlough will likely include some of that too. More details to follow in our next newsletter.

One thing our supporters should note is that we are still with Wycliffe and still in need of your support.

## THANK YOU

Come visit our Cameroonian spa. ↓



Celebrating 4 with classmates. ↓



# THANK YOU

We are so very grateful for the support we have received throughout our first term as overseas missionaries. First stop was France for French study, then on to Cameroon for service. We praise God and we thank you, our supporters. But we are not the only folks who wish to say thanks. You see, our ministry of missionary aviation transportation helps make possible and more

effective the ministries of many Wycliffe and other missionaries who depend on our Aviation Dept. in Cameroon. Some of these folks wanted to express their gratitude. As you read the following pages you will gain a glimpse into the work we do and some of the ministries being blessed by your involvement with us.



Dear Supporters of Daryl and Sun Young,

I appreciate the recent flights our Aviation Dept. conducted that made it possible for me to go to an area that I had tried twice to visit by other means without success because of a leg injury. Being able to fly meant that I was able to participate with local people in the planning of a program for a team that I will be supervising. Without the aviation program I just wouldn't have been able to do what I needed to do.

In addition to my leg problem, flying was the only way we could fit the activities of three people into a very critically timed framework—Andreas had to fit the visit into his school holiday period, and Mo and I had to fit it into a tight schedule before furlough.

I praise the Lord for this service that you are supporting.

Ron Thwing  
Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA  
Cameroon

During our time in Cameroon working with Baka (Pygmy) people in an isolated village, we had an emergency with our six year old daughter Angie who had been sick with Malaria. The nearest hospital was about 500 km by road. There was no way she would get there in time but we praise the Lord for the help of the SIL pilot who went to the rescue. Missionary Daryl landed on a nearby airstrip and flew us 1 1/2 hours to [unclear] we thought our daughter was doing better [unclear] later we

Dear faithful supporters of Daryl and Sun Young and family,

I want to thank you for supporting the Youngs and the work of Bible Translation in Cameroon. Daryl and Sun have served faithfully over this past term sharing their hearts and lives with those around them. They have ministered to their African colleagues and SIL members alike. Daryl and Sun have ministered effectively among our youth in the SIL community discipling and mentoring the next generation. This term I have particularly appreciated Daryl's dedication and service to the Greater North Region of Cameroon. We started up a new program where we began making more flights to the Northern provinces. The Aviation Department already had a full workload when we started doing this. Daryl did not complain one single time during this new initiative, but joyfully and faithfully flew, serving his God and receiving strength from our Lord for the extra work that was required.

I appreciated Daryl's commitment during the first quarter of 2005. We had a young couple that through serious complications birthed a stillborn baby three months early. The mother needed a blood serum as she was Rh-. This serum was not available in any of the northern provinces where we work; it was only available in Yaoundé, the capital city. In such cases it is important that the mother receive the serum within 72 hours. Daryl was on a flight to Bata in Equatorial Guinea when I called in the flight. Daryl turned right around without a break and flew back to Yaoundé to pick up the medications and get the plane going north. Three and a half hours later I had the serum to give to the family who desperately needed it. This flight was critical for

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he flew us back to our home in the bush. A few days later we  
called him back and he flew us to Yaoundé. There we caught  
a plane to the US where my daughter was hospitalized with  
severe malaria. We praise the Lord for the gift of missionary  
pilots, because it is very important for us missionaries to have  
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Thank you for supporting the Young's ministry in Cameroon.

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perately needed it. This flight was critical for  
the long-term sustainability and emotional  
well being of the translation team. Daryl and  
the Aviation team made this happen at their  
personal sacrifice. This is only one example  
of why I appreciate Daryl and his ministry in  
the Cameroon Branch. Thank you for your  
faithful support of the Young family and  
through them, the Bible translation work in  
Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and Cen-  
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In Christ, Lee Bramlett  
Greater North Regional Director

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Greetings from the village of Ndop! We're Irish, working in NW Cameroon amongst the Bamunka people. We're only at the early stages - still struggling with language learning - but because we are second career missionaries, we came with a ready made family. Three of the kids are with us in Cameroon. They go to school in Yaoundé, the Capital city. Daryl and Sun's ministry is so valuable to us because it means we don't have to make the seven plus hour trip each way to collect and deliver the children around school holidays - on roads that are dangerous as well as long. There's no doubt that the plane is really making a difference to achieving the goal of Bible translation amongst the Bamunka people! Thank you for supporting the Youngs and making their ministry here possible.

Jon and Sandra Blackwell, Wycliffe Bible Translators, UK

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OUR WORK AT THE MEDICAL  
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OUR URGENT SURGICAL

Dear supporters  
of the Young Family

We want to thank you for  
your support, making our ministry  
in theological education for  
French-speaking African people  
A few years ago we considered  
returning to the Netherlands  
because of the advanced results  
of our work. Thanks to Daryl's  
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DR. JIM AND INA SMITH  
BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

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## Praises

- Safety in the air and on the roads in Cameroon.
- A great family to occupy our house in Yaoundé during our absence.
- Safe travel, Cameroon to Atlanta by air, and 6,000+ miles on the road to Calif.
- God's provision of a terrific vehicle, a minivan donated through Wycliffe's Car Donation Program.
- Good health throughout our first term overseas.
- Faithful prayer and financial partners.
- God's Word, coming to language groups in Cameroon that now have it in their mother tongue = changed lives!

## Prayer Requests

- New school settings for Abby and Caleb.
- Ample opportunities to reconnect with family and friends and supporting churches.
- That we'd effectively share about our experiences and encourage our listeners.
- Our need to locate additional financial partners.
- Focus for Daryl as he pursues some advanced training and flight experience in aviation.
- For Dennis Freeland, Daryl's colleague in Cam-

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

If you, your church, Sunday School class, Bible study or home group would like to help sponsor a special project, please let us know.

These special projects are things we need to raise money for that are not part of our normal living/working expenses. For example, we need to replace our 6 year old laptop, Another involves some of the training I will do. Some of this training is paid for by the JAARS Aviation Re-currency Training budget. But some of the training is not, and we will be paying for that as the Lord provides.



MISS OR MISS NOT?  
MAKE YOUR BEST GUESS.



Naturally there are aspects of our life in Cameroon that we miss already. Equally true is the fact that some of the more challenging elements we'd like to imagine differently. Guess which is which.

1. Big, juicy, sweet mangos, cheap.
2. Big, happy, and sincere smiles.
3. Being near the equator we have only two seasons, rainy season and dry season. No winter, spring, summer or fall.
4. Early morning departure after a night of heavy, steady rainfall, the air crisp, visibility endless.
5. Early morning departure when Harmaton conditions exist, reducing visibility at times to less than one mile. Harmaton is the dusty air driven south from the Sahara desert.
6. Papayas, bananas, pineapples, nearly year around, and seasonally we find exotic fruits never heard of in North America; Jack Fruit, Ice Cream Fruit, Mangosteen,
9. Exchange rate of 500 cfa/\$1. (When we arrived in Cameroon it was 680 cfa/\$1)
10. The rooster next door that crows faithfully at 3 am, 4 am and 5 am.
11. French kindergarten and preschool.
12. Avocado tree in our backyard.
13. No EPA or other restrictions on smoking exhausts.
14. The roar swelling from deep within the neighborhood's soul when their national soccer team, the Cameroonian Lions, score a goal in a televised match.
15. The deafening sound of heavy rain falling on our non-insulated, corrugated tin roof.
16. Random water or power cuts for rationing.
17. Cameroonian football championships.

- in aviation.
- For Dennis Freeland, Daryl's colleague in Cameroon who is running the aviation program alone.
  - Our spiritual renewal and growth, for a time of refreshment, that the fruits of the Spirit would inhabit our lives.
  - Some health issues we need to address while in the USA.
  - Safety in our travels throughout our time here.

- 7. Gas prices, almost \$5 per gallon.
- 8. The warm and friendly two handed wave from our African friends.

- 15. The deafening sound of heavy rain falling on our non-insulated, corrugated tin roof.
- 16. Random water or power cuts for rationing.
- 17. Cameroonian gospel choirs singing acapella.

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