



# **Praying in Perilous Times**

Dear Prayer Warriors,

You play a pivotal role in the success of our trips as we rely upon the protection wrought by your seeking the Lord on our behalf. Our missionary journeys are neither sight-seeing tours cloaked in spirituality nor generic "good works" endeavors where the Gospel is "seen" rather than "preached." No, we boldly proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified to all who would listen. As such, the enemy is never pleased once our tickets are purchased and schedules determined.

Just as Paul sent Tychicus to the church in Ephesus to provide updates on his travels so we provide these updates to enable our support and prayer teams to "know about [our] circumstances, how [we] are doing. . .so that you may know about us, and that [it] might comfort your hearts" (Ephesians 6:21-22). To aid you in your prayers and keep you abreast of our ministry situation, I bring three specific areas to your attention with regards to the August Cameroon trip.

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### ***Regional Stability Concerns***

Cameroon is not immune to civil unrest, nor is such unrest unique to this country. A recent article by BBC entitled "Burning Cameroon: Images you're not meant to see" (click [here](#) to view) gives you an idea of this turmoil. On previous trips, we held conferences in and developed close ties with pastors and churches from the affected area. However, travel restrictions prohibit us from reconnecting with these fellow believers on this trip. Please join us in praying for peace, the safety of the team, and for God to keep the rest of the country open to travel.



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## ***Ebola Outbreak Continues***

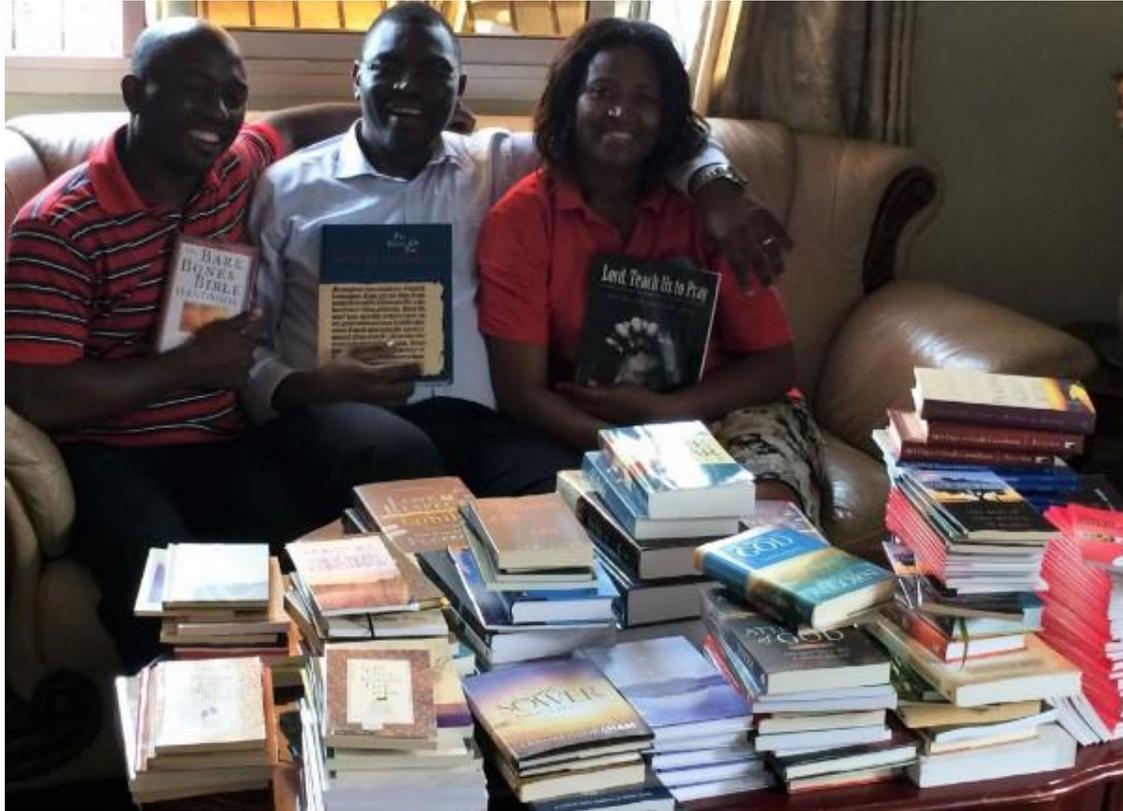
Another Ebola outbreak in francophone central Africa occurred this spring and appears to be coming to a close. Click [here](#) for the latest update from the World Health Organization. Due to heavy travel between francophone countries, the risk remains of this disease spreading to Cameroon. On my recent mission trip to Nigeria, Health Care Agents in protective garb with hand held body heat monitors screened all airplane passengers entering the country. We expect similar precautions to be taken in Cameroon and so rely on your faith and prayers for protection.



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## ***Air France Strikes***

Unfortunately, the summer is the most popular time for strikes in France (click [here](#) for an analysis of the impacts of spring strikes on this airline). Pilots, baggage handlers, air traffic controllers, and more use the increased air traffic experienced during tourist season for leverage on their negotiations. We rely on your faith, prayers and support to see us and our boxes of Bibles and ministry aids into and out of Cameroon safely.



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## ***In Closing***

As always, I close this email with a deep and abiding thankfulness for your sacrificial and effectual prayers which empower and drive this ministry ever forward in the cause of Christ. Perhaps the great missionary the Apostle Paul expressed this sentiment best when he asked his supporters to "with all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. . .that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:18-20)

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