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Boaz in a wheelchair at the hospital with a new cast. This was the first day he was able to go outside after 2 weeks of lying in bed with his feet up in traction — notice the big smile!



Little Ambili is continuing to grow and make progress. His 2nd birthday is just around the corner and just last month he started walking by himself.

## *Life and Ministry Update*

The past 7 months have been full of adventure here in the rainforest. Our team had our share of visitors the beginning of the year, including a field visit by Jennifer Jessee, who has been allocated to the Baka team and will hopefully arrive before the end of 2008 (see reverse side). In April Boaz fell from tree and broke his femur. We made an emergency trip across the country to spend 2 difficult weeks in the hospital with Boaz'

legs in traction. After 3 more weeks with a huge cast that completely covered his leg and went up to his armpits, we found a doctor only 4 hours away that did a follow up X-ray and removed the cast. Boaz is back on his feet for over 2 months now, and we praise God for complete and speedy recovery for Boaz. His limp is gone and he can't even correctly identify which leg it was that was broken! In and amongst all of

these things that have happened this year, we are still slowly and steadily meeting our language goals, building relationships and gaining more understanding of the Baka culture. We hope to complete our Language Learning phase soon and then present a set of chronological Bible stories at our village early 2008. Wycliffe/SIL has completed 40 stories in the Baka story-telling style that we are grateful for and excited to use!

## *Ambili and the Great Physician*

This January the Lord answered our prayers concerning a toddler who was not quite strong enough to "toddle" yet. Little Ambili was born shortly before we arrived in Bakaland (October 2005), and has been sickly ever since. We've taken him on numerous trips to

the clinic. There were times when the nurses didn't think he would make it one more day. Nathan told Ambili's mother that he would pray each day that God would heal him. After being away at a conference for 3 weeks, we saw Ambili and hardly recog-

nized him because he looked so much healthier. His Grandmother said, "It is because of Jesus." Please pray that this will be the first of many great things we see God do among the Baka and that they will be transformed by His love and power.

## Teammate News



Jennifer Jessee with a happy Baka baby. Jennifer lived here for 2 year as a tutor for the Anderton family and is excited to come back and work among the Baka.

We have been here since September 2005 with Barry and Desma Abbott and their kids Brianna (3 yrs) and Brendan (2 yrs). None of us have medical training which hinders our work among the Baka because of their great medical needs. We are excited, however, that we will have help soon. Reda Anderton, a doctor and original member of the Baka team, is planning to

return in 2008 (without her husband who passed away in 2005). Please pray for her as she prepares for this next phase in her ministry to the Baka. She knows that it will be a challenge coming here being a single mom. Noah and Nelson, her 2 youngest sons are coming with her.

Also, Jennifer Jessee is joining our team. She is a nurse who has experience

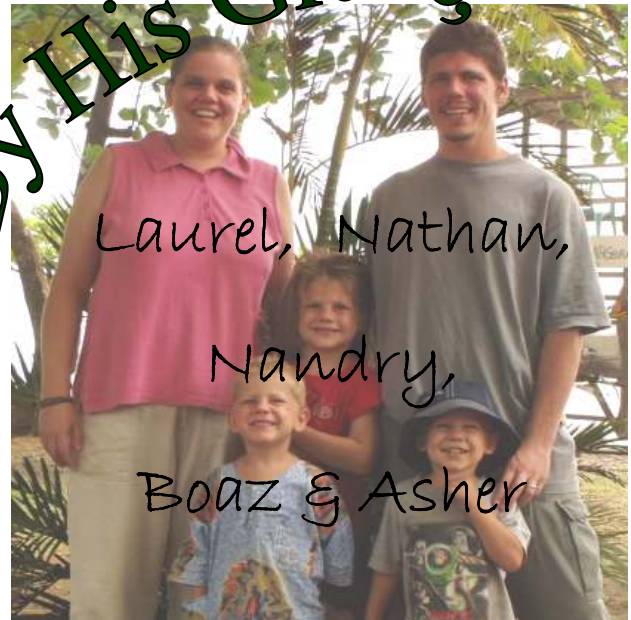
in the ER and Public Health working with mothers and babies. She is currently raising support. She will hopefully join us here in Cameroon in 2008. Pray that she can continue to rely on God through these next steps of preparation. She will be at a missionary training this fall, then on to French school in Quebec the beginning of 2008.

## Prayer Points

- Praise for progress in language learning, and pray that we will reach our goals for the end of 2008
- Pray for Reda Anderton and Jennifer Jessee, that all their needs will be met as they prepare to come here in 2008
- Please pray for us as we find ourselves lacking in support. We are seeking to find churches and individuals to partner with us financially for this ministry.
- Pray for a tutor for our kids. We have a few leads for later this fall. This will relieve a lot of stress on Laurel, and allow her to focus more on ministry. We are also praying about adding on to our house to have an extra room for our tutor or for guests, but we do not have the finances to do so. If you are interested in supporting us in this way, please contact us.

We are online with a new blog: [www.theconrods.org/ourblog](http://www.theconrods.org/ourblog) We also send out brief monthly email updates. If you would like to receive these, please email us and let us know to add you to our list:.

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