



Conrods in Cameroon

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Lifestyle

The Baka love to get together and party. This picture was taken during the day at a special Baka pride celebration that included Baka from 30 different villages. However, most of their dances take place once it gets dark and last until the wee hours of the morning with continuous singing, drumming and dancing. Pray that someday these folks will be singing, drumming and dancing for the joy and glory of "Komba" their Creator instead of for the appeasement of the forest spirits of whom they live in fear.



Shakin' it, Baka style!

Relationships

"So you are here to learn the Baka language? When you go back to the US, what are you going to do with that knowledge of their language?" I'm not sure why this Bantu man was shocked to learn that I wasn't going to do anything with the Baka language in the US, that no one there would benefit from our family knowing how to speak Baka. But I did get to explain why we have committed the next 10+ years of our lives here with the Baka. The task of spreading the Gospel among a people group such as the Baka takes time. One must first learn their language and culture well to communicate clearly when the time for evangelism comes. During this first stage of ministry, along with learning the language and culture, relationship building is the third main goal. Praise God that we see this happening more and more as we are getting to know people personally from seeing them around, asking them questions about their language, taking them

and their children to the nearby clinic when they're sick, trying to provide them work when they ask and sitting with them around the fire. So the question is not what we are going to do with our knowledge when we get back to the states...it's what we are going to do with it here. The answer is that we are going to use our knowledge of their language and culture to share clearly the message of salvation through Jesus Christ with folks that will have come to know and trust us from these many months of living in community. May God bless His work and do what we could never do on our own!



Our neighbors (Nathan in middle)

Where There Is No School Bus

Nandry is in her first year of school at our local village. There are 3 teachers, 80 students (depending on the weather) and it goes from about K thru about 8th grade. Over half of the kids are Baka, the others are Bantu with the exception of one American (Nandry of course). This school functions in French although the kids also take an English class since Cameroon is a bilingual country. This is a huge adjustment for Nandry. She'll spend half the week at the village school and the rest of the week we will homeschool her. We pray that this will be an enriching experience for her, as well as give us all an opportunity to get to know other village kids and their families.



A Few Opportunities

RFIS - stands for Rainforest International School. World Team Cameroon partners with other missions here in Cameroon to run this school for missionary kids. We are looking for willing and able teachers or house parents that are available to serve during a school year or longer. The school is an English school, 7th-12th grade, that is focused on educating MKs in Cameroon to prepare them for college in the States. Please spread the word around to anyone you think would be interested. Contact us for more information or go to the school's website: www.rfis.org.



Can you spot the future RFIS student?

Prayer Points

- Pray for Samba & Nestor, the Baka teenagers who are reading the Bible in French, that they would grow in understanding and knowledge of God.
- Pray that we would learn to listen to God and see what He is already doing among the Baka. Pray that we would have faith and confidence that He can and will use us for His purposes even though we feel so limited in our language proficiency.
- Praise God for providing for our lack of support by the generosity of many people and pray that we would find a few more people to pledge monthly.
- Pray for the health of our Baka neighbors, especially as Tuberculosis is spreading in the village.

Quest - How would you like to leave a lasting impact on a people group by bringing them the scriptures orally? World Team Cameroon is looking for individuals who can commit 2 years to a project like this. There are over 250 languages here in Cameroon, and many of these people groups, including the Baka, would benefit greatly from someone giving their time to bring them a set of 40 Bible stories from Genesis through the New Testament that can be retold for years to come and aid in bringing the Gospel message to them. World Team is partnering with OneStory to facilitate these 2 year projects called Quest. For more information go to www.onestory.org/Quest or write to us and we'll get you the information you need.



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