



# Tooth Tales

A Newsletter of Jack & Jennifer Mitchell

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When we last wrote, we shared details of our trip to the islands of Micronesia and now it's time to report on God's great work in Cameroon, West Africa. We were blessed to be working with long-time friends there and also some new friends in two new locations. Benakuma is a village in the bush that does have a road to it but what a road! It was rainy season, adding an extra level of difficulty to our five hour trip to this first location. Mud slides, craters in the road and driving rain made it quite an adventure to get there before dark. We knew God was with us though because we didn't kill any pedestrians as we slid sideways in the mud trying desperately to stay on the road. But as so often happens, with difficulty comes blessing.



Treating patients in Benakuma

there. Again, God somehow got us up those mud-slick roads to help meet the needs of some pretty desperate patients. Sixty-five people were already waiting when we pulled up to the little medical clinic we were to work in. The number swelled to a hundred the next day as they began lining up at 4:00 a.m. And there were another hundred the last day who had lined up at 11:00 the night before and spent the night on the porch of the clinic to hold their place in line. Another faithful team of African believers proclaimed the gospel each morning before we started clinic and evangelized each waiting patient until their turn came. Again, many professed Christ. What a blessing to see!



Passerby receiving gospel tract



Gospel being shared with waiting patient

We (Jack, Jennifer, dental assistant Nina Minka and nurse Ellen Doyle) worked for four days in a tiny church that the believers of Benakuma had built themselves. With the closest dentist being several hours away, we had no shortage of patients who had been in pain for a long time. While we dealt with one dental disaster after another, our African brethren and missionary Ben Sinclair worked just as hard explaining God's gracious plan of salvation to those who were waiting. We were greatly encouraged as day after day some put their faith in the Lord. One young man who was saved on the second day of our clinics, returned daily to share his new faith with others. Church was packed with visitors on Sunday including the Police Commissioner and the Fon (Chief) of Benakuma, who stayed for a baptism afterwards in the nearby river.

We then had a brief stay with the Sinclair family after returning from the bush and reveled in the comfort of their home before going on (and up!) to Menka. Menka is at 7,000 feet and cooler than Benakuma. Our host missionary, Ty Thebeau, had been in the hospital while we were in the bush but was home and able to host us for our three days



Evangelism in Menka

We are home again, adjusting back to normal (?) life and getting ready to leave on a trip to South Carolina to be involved in the Missions Emphasis Week (Oct. 20th-22nd) at Bob Jones University. Our trip to Southeast Asia, scheduled for the 31st of October is being moved, possibly to December, because of licensing issues with the government of this restricted access country. Please pray that God would move their hearts to allow us to go. In January, 2nd through the 17th, we will be back in Benin, West Africa, ministering among the Dendi tribe once again. We are excited that on this trip we will be working, for the first time, out of the clinic building that GDM Missions is constructing there. There is still finish work to be done on the building and medical equipment to be purchased so we will begin with just basic treatments and some training of potential national staff. This will, however, still be an exciting step for our mission!



Benin clinic building

Thanks so much for upholding us in prayer while we were in Cameroon. Can you tell that we needed it? ☺  
Sincerely in Christ,

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