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“SO WE DON’T LOOK AT THE TROUBLES WE CAN SEE NOW; RATHER, WE FIX OUR GAZE ON THINGS THAT CANNOT BE SEEN. FOR THE THINGS WE SEE NOW WILL SOON BE GONE, BUT THE THINGS WE CANNOT SEE WILL LAST FOREVER.” —2 Corinthians 4:18

Since 2016, Cameroon has been undergoing internal strife that grew out of protests in western Cameroon. Since the conflict began, separatists and security forces have repeatedly clashed, often with civilians caught in the middle. Due to this ongoing conflict, it was deemed too dangerous and costly for Adam* to make the weekly four-hour trip from his home to Mbingo Baptist Hospital for chemotherapy after he was diagnosed with cancer. Instead, he spent several months at the hospital, where he got to know Rev. Kouya, a hospital chaplain who introduced him to Jesus.

It is specifically because of the current crisis in Cameroon—not in spite of it—that many like Adam are hearing and responding to the life-giving message of the Gospel. In fact, the Gospel is moving forward in incredible ways as God uses this conflict to spread His Word to people who otherwise might not have heard the Good News. Much of this is possible in part because of the generous support of

many within the NAB family, churches and individuals like you. Would you consider giving to support the international work of the NAB and help others to hear the transformational Gospel of Jesus?

The danger of traveling in the midst of the sporadic confrontations between government forces and separatists means many of the Mbingo patients remain on the hospital grounds longer, often with nothing to occupy their time. After Rev. Kouya noticed a number of young men in this predicament, he began hosting two Bible studies a week. When the young men told him they wanted to meet more often, he began

adding days until eventually there was a Bible study every day attended by men and women of all ages.

Adam began taking part in these Bible studies in June, two months after he began his lengthy treatment process. A couple of months later, he chose to follow Christ. In October, he was baptized alongside three others from the Bible study. Rev. Kouya said he “was so happy to worship God and was very faithful.” That same month, an X-ray showed his cancer had spread, at which point Adam and his mother decided it was time for him to return home to be with family. A few weeks later, he passed away, resting in the confidence found in the resurrected Son of God.

The stories of people like Rev. Kouya and Adam, of people sharing and responding to the Gospel, are a testament to the power of God to transform lives in the midst of strife. In part through the NAB’s Global Missions Fund, you and I have been an important partner with the Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC) in spreading the Gospel during the crisis. Two members of the NAB Executive Team recently traveled to Cameroon to connect with and encourage CBC leaders. In addition, the Crisis Relief Fund, which the NAB family has generously supported, has assisted patients like Adam, in his case covering the cost of remaining in the hospital during his treatment. This ongoing crisis has not been a roadblock to the Gospel—it has often provided new in-roads for the Spirit of God to work.

* A pseudonym



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We encourage every NAB church to receive a special offering for the Global Missions Fund on Sunday, March 29, and we invite you to join in this ongoing support of where God is already at work, both here in Cameroon and across the globe. Your gift of \$100, \$500, or any other amount helps support the work of NAB missionaries serving alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in the CBC and other partner organizations.



Spring is the perfect time to review your legacy plans and include the Global Missions Fund in your will or estate. If you would like assistance with this, contact Stu Streeter (ssstreeter@nabconf.org) and he will joyfully work with you.



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