

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In every situation give thanks ...

... for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

(1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

Latest Happenings

Cameroon

A new qualified male nurse was recruited for the **health centre** at the beginning of the year after the previous employee resigned. He shows a lot of drive and initiative, which we are very pleased about. More in the main text.

Family

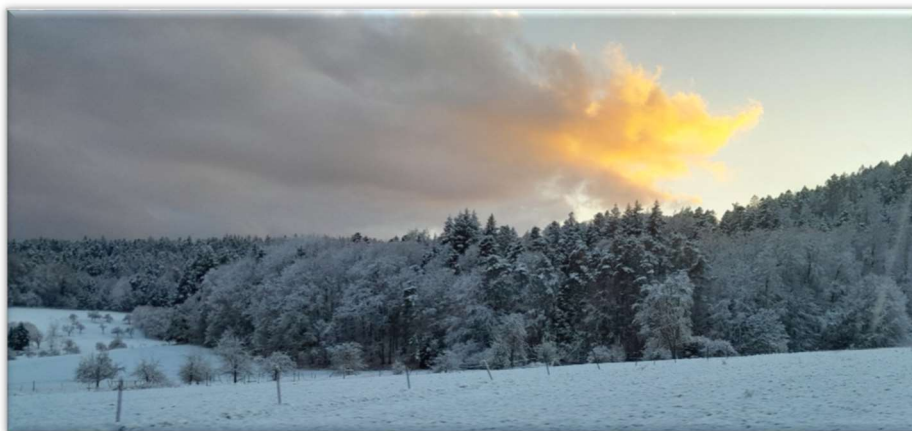
Nathanael is doing well as a national volunteer in our former Bible School in Germany. He is discovering all sorts of manual trades and crafts and has decided to learn the trade of a roofer! We think that's great! **Betsalel** is making progress in his music studies at the SRH in Berlin and is currently looking for a flat to share with a friend. **Joshua** got engaged to Lena in September and they are getting married in southern Germany in July! Very exciting! They are a wonderful couple, we are so thrilled !

Gone home to Father

In our last letter we mentioned the serious illness of **Samuel's big sister Rose**. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to her in September, as the Lord has decided to call her home and we are now looking forward to seeing her again in glory. She left a powerful testimony of a woman of faith !!

Changes on the horizon...

Please read more on page 2 ...



Winterbesuch im Schwarzwald...

Dear friends and mission partners,

Quite a lot has happened since we last wrote - some good news and some not so good news - and we would like to share it with you. To start with, we would like to give you the **latest news from Cameroon**. It is very encouraging that a small NGO has now been founded in France by loyal friends who would like to support this work financially and with active help. It is also encouraging that the new health care worker is taking his work seriously and doing it well, so that new contacts have already been made with local residents in the first few weeks and existing contacts have been strengthened. The centre currently employs 3 people (health worker, administration /pharmacy and cleaning/maintenance). Moreover, André, Samuel's brother, continues to visit the centre regularly to see how things are going. Samuel was able to make another visit in January, this time without a team, but he was there at the same time as another group from France who had also taken his 88-year-old mother along with them. As for the Health Centre, we are confident, because even though it is not yet financially independent, good progress is being made in terms of attendance and services (a few more babies were born there!)

As you read in the column opposite, our **boys are continuing to make their way through life** and we are delighted that they are all doing so well. Please pray for them that they will experience God's blessing and protection on their next stages - and that Jesus will be honoured and witnessed through and in them. Especially **Joshua** who will get married to Lena in the Summer, which will be quite an event, and also **Nathanael** who has to find a place to learn the trade of roofer - and is very brave to do so in Germany, a country he has not really lived in up to now.

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Thank you very much in advance!!

Project Nr. 62 – Familie NJOCK - **Project Nr. 420 – Gesundheitszentrum Kamerun**



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A turbulent year 2024 with unexpected twists and turns...

As we wrote in the autumn, we had a very **difficult crisis in our church last spring**. Here is what we wrote last time:

Our desire was to better understand what the underlying cause of the situation was in order to facilitate reconciliation and healing and to move forward together. Discussions that should have taken place subsequently did not happen due to the holiday period, and it now appears that several active members no longer want to talk to us at all. Some have already clearly stated that they are leaving the church. For others, we see it coming. ... The process of clarification should now continue from September onwards, but this can only happen if the people concerned are willing...

Unfortunately, this clarification process did not take place, and we therefore decided to continue with the remaining brothers and sisters and make a fresh start so that the church could become strong once again and move forward. That got under way rather well, so we thought, but then in early November Samuel was informed that the leadership committee of the Inner Mission had already decided to **discontinue his mandate as pastor of the church in Cholet as of summer 2025** and to stop paying his salary as of January (due to insufficient church contributions). This was no small shock and was met with incomprehension by both us and a good number of church members, as we had just made the decision to start afresh and also decided to forego the salary.

As yet, it is unclear whether another pastor will take over the church after the summer or whether it will have to manage itself. Currently, the church leadership is being mentored in this process by a good friend and actively retired pastor, and Samuel and I will continue to do what we have been doing (preaching, pastoral care, discipleship, Bible teaching, worship, building maintenance, etc.) until the summer. **Please pray** for these brothers and sisters - and for the future of the church in Cholet, which is now no longer in our hands.

Independently of this, our **church in Goslar (Germany)** informed us at the same time that it wished to stop its official role as a sending church in January 2025. This is very sad, but also understandable, and we are very **grateful for 16 years** of faithful partnership and support. The friendly relationship with the church and especially with some dear friends will definitely continue.

We have now had time to digest this new situation and bring it before God in prayer. We have also been able to talk to some friends about our frustration and disappointment, which has been good for us. In May, the two of us will be able to go on a retreat week with a debriefing to reflect on the whole thing once again and look constructively to the future. Some things are not yet clear, but we will initially stay here in Cholet until summer 2026 as Sabine would have to apply for a transfer if Samuel were to accept another position as pastor elsewhere - and so far we don't really know what will happen next and what the Lord has in store for us. In any case, the Baptist Federation of France has not suggested another position so far. We are however confident that our God has further plans and are grateful for your prayers and support. We wish you a blessed spring and are looking forward to hearing your news! Thanks for keeping in touch!!



Sabine und Samuel, mit Joshua, Betsalel und Nathanael



Celebrating an engagement – Trip to the sea – Nath turns 18 – Cousins in Frankreich – Sabine's 4 men



Health Centre – Surgery – Water for the village – Pharmacy – Crossing the river Njong