

How precious is your steadfast love, O
God! The children of mankind take
refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your
house, and you give them drink from the
river of your delights.
Psalms 36: 8-9



Wasserfall Triberg, Schwarzwald

SHORT UPDATE

A new home

We have moved and are very grateful for all the help and the protection during this time. Now we are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the future!

SABINE'S FATHER

We were able to share in a lovely farewell and memorial family gathering for Sabine's father, with only the closest family. It was filled with fond memories and the joy of seeing everyone who was able to attend reunited. Thank you for all your prayers!

Liebe Freunde und Missionspartner!

We'd just like to let you know that we've now arrived in Mulhouse (in the East of France) and that Samuel started his pastoral ministry in the Mennonite congregation at the beginning of August. For Sabine, things will really get underway at the end of August at her new school, where she'll be working again as a German teacher in a "lycée" (highschool or A-Levels equivalent). We'd like to thank you for all your prayers as you've supported us through this transition!!

Health Centre in Cameroon

Alongside our work in France, we are still supporting the village clinic in Koukoum in central Cameroon, which is developing but also facing challenges – both spiritual and material – which we would like to report on briefly.



- The clinic now employs a state-registered (male) nurse, as well as a lady to handle the administrative side and the sale of medicines (both on the picture), and a cleaner. In addition, another person looks after the upkeep of the premises, the bookkeeping is also carried out by a volunteer, whilst Samuel's brother André continues to oversee everything and is in regular contact with us.



- More and more people from the surrounding area are using the clinic to receive medical care and advice. Vaccination campaigns, awareness-raising campaigns and similar initiatives are being carried out in the neighbouring villages, and an ophthalmologist visits once a month to hold consultations.

- In January, three more retired ladies from France came once again with Samuel to provide medical assistance and to support and encourage the local staff.

- The nurse would like to marry his fiancée (who is still in northern Cameroon) and then start a family with her in Koukoum, where he plans to live long-term.

- The village still has clean drinking water from the well.

All of this is very encouraging, but at the same time there are still challenges, and we would be very grateful if you could support us in prayer.



Here are some of the challenges we are facing:

- While at first we had an enthusiastic support from the villagers, we now find that there is a tendency to demonstrate an attitude of "entitlement" as some seek to benefit from the facility or even to sabotage it. For example: services and medicines are taken 'on credit' – and not paid for.
- To help cover running costs, Samuel has, from the outset, planted crops on part of the plot (pineapples, plantains, avocado trees) to provide an additional source of income through the sale of the fruit. We have found, however, that certain people help themselves to the harvest or demand that we give them the produce for free. It is also very frustrating that unauthorised plantings on the land are hindering the growth of the trees, which significantly reduces potential income.



- Unfortunately, we decided to stop working with one of our most dedicated co-workers from the outset, as we are disappointed on how he handled funds entrusted to him and lost trust in him, which is deeply regrettable.
- As the site is also frequented by stray animals, and villagers sometimes use the building without permission as accommodation for family celebrations or similar events, we have now had to erect a fence, which has incurred further costs. As you can see, the gate is still missing...
- It is generally difficult for the villagers to understand that neither we nor Samuel's brother Andrew or any of the volunteers make any profit from the clinic. This gives rise to unfounded envy and strains relations.
- This also affects the health worker and the person who looks after the property, as they are not from the village and are subjected to suspicion and, in some cases, even bullying or threats.



We can overcome these human and financial obstacles through prayer, as they are also of a spiritual nature. Thank you for your support!

Finally, here is another practical matter for which we would appreciate your prayers or practical support: the wage costs for the three staff members (a nurse, an administrative assistant and a cleaner) amount to €300 per month, which we have so far been covering largely through donations. The income from treatments and the sale of medicines and fruit is enough to cover further bills and any necessary repairs, but not much more than that at present. Regular donations, even small amounts, would be very helpful.

Well, this is all for today. Perhaps you might come and visit us one day – or join us on a trip to see the project and maybe even lend a hand. In any case, you are a huge blessing to us through your friendship and every thought and prayer you have for us!

Wishing you all a very pleasant remainder of summer, hoping to hear from you or see see you again soon, with all our best wishes and blessings!

Sabine and Samuel



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