

Christy's Connection

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To Hold:
Grasp, carry,
or support
with one's
arms or
hands

To Hold:
Keep or
sustain
in a
specified
position

From Cameroon to Dallas
Being equipped to equip...that the
world may know the hope we share
in Christ!



Holding On- My purpose in beginning with this title was going to be that I was "holding on." Since I have arrived in the States, I feel like my feet have been on ice, which there is little of in Cameroon. Desiring to hold on to my recent past through my braides, playing some board games I learned there, writing families I worked with, buying books I missed, and telling stories, I felt I was barely holding on!

...I left a caring group of folks in Cameroon (pictured above), and thankfully returned to a very supportive family (pictured on right). 12 days after arriving in MI, I journeyed to Dallas, TX to begin training so I can return to the mission field better equipped. In Dallas I reunited with family I had not seen in years! ...



My little cousin Brodie has grown since I last saw him!

★Back: Dad, Mom, Josh, Me, Joshua, Amy ★Front: Leah, Anna, Micah, Alexa, Elizabeth



So has my Cameroonian sister, Lami...she's expecting a girl!

...I have begun classes, and feel like I am just hanging on for the ride. Well, in looking up the definition of "to hold" I was convicted that I am actually the one being held. My favorite definition is: "Keep possession of (something) typically in the face of a challenge or attack." I am being held by you, in your thoughts and prayers, and most importantly, by God. I pray I can remember this in the days to come, because I don't anticipate my time here getting easier. I miss Cameroon, my family, and my students and their families. However, I am so thankful that I don't have to hold on to anything except the faith I have in the One who is holding me.

Oh, and I'm not homeless! The first week here I lived with my dear Aunt Barbie about 20 minutes away from campus. I have recently moved in with a group of 5 young ladies near the campus in Duncanville, TX. There is a lot of cooking, friendly banter, sporadic dancing, and girl community moments that bring joy!

My classmates are of the highest caliber, and I have learned much from their zeal and commitment to Christ.



"Now write this word...watch my mouth carefully because this word is from the Australian language pitjantjara." Oh, the words I can write!



Can you name these sounds?

a. ϕ b. s

a. voiceless bilabial fricative
b. voiceless post alveolar sibilant (aka: "s")

Did you ever know you didn't know that? Me either!



"All I'm telling you is that reconciliation is a two way street, and I have done my part totally, competely, finally. It is not the nature of love to force a relationship, but it is the nature of love to open the way." Said by 'Papa'-The Shack

I praise God that we have begun a God-sized mission together. What he has in store for us is unimaginably beautiful. I will be visiting friends and churches across the US from late October-December. If you want to meet with me or have me share with your community of believers what God is doing through Bible translation in Cameroon, it would be my joy! Just say the Word!

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." - Phil. 1:3

What am I doing in TEXAS?

I am studying at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics so that I may be better prepared to return to Cameroon as a full time literacy worker with Wycliffe. I felt clear direction in coming here. The struggle to rest in God's plan is constant, but so is his grace. As I searched for peace and joy in being here, God had me sitting in a church listening to a preacher speak about your passion being birthed out of your desire. I realized that I had become so mission focused in Cameroon, that I had lost vision, my desire for Christ alone- My confidence that he is enough.



"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." -Phil. 1:21

Being in God's will had become too hard because I didn't "feel" like I was accomplishing anything "important," and I wasn't "ministering" to anyone. I forgot that God just wants to be my delight. In theory I knew it. In practice, I blew it.

Please visit my website to see what I have been doing the last 2 years, and what I'm doing now:

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