

Facing the Frontlines

FEATURING: DAN AND MELODY GROVE

This year is certainly a year of exciting new beginnings. One of these exciting beginnings is the release of a newly-translated New Testament, thanks to Wycliffe Bible Translators and Dan and Melody Grove.

The Groves have been stationed in Bamalang, Cameroon, and are Canadian Baptist Ministries field staff partnered with Wycliffe Bible Translators. When the translation team arrived in the area in 2000, they started working in the community to create a written alphabet for the local languages so that the Bible could be translated for all to read. This project endeavoured to translate several languages, and, with great excitement, the first New Testament of the language group will be printed this year.

Another new beginning in the Groves' lives is the transition with their daughter, Anna, moving to Canada to start her bachelor's degree at Crandall University in Moncton, New Brunswick. Dan and Melody are very excited for her and look forward to what God has in store for her.



Photo during a session of a read-through of the draft New Testament, courtesy of the Groves: People would read along in their English Bibles or listen as the read-through took place. Discussion occurred to try to get words or phrases both correct and expressed in a manner that was truly understandable for the people.



The next new beginning is that due to recent unrest in the Bamalang area, Dan and Melody have needed to move to another location in order to avoid any harmful incidents. Some missionary families have been relocated for safety reasons. Dan and Melody have been protected during their travels for the translation project, but they have decided to come back to Maritime Canada until December so that they can avoid the conflict.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

God is so good and so deserving of praise for what he has been doing, both in and through Dan and Melody. Some of these items to include in your prayers of praise are:

- Dan's recovery from August 2017 cancer surgery. He is continuing to do well.
- The printing of the Bamalang New Testament!
- Anna's acceptance at university and her new chapter in Canada.
- Dan and Melody's ability to live in Canada during the unrest in North-west Cameroon.
- Safety and protection for Dan and Melody during their projects in Cameroon over the last several months.

In addition to praise, some things to include in your prayers for the Groves are:

- Pray for healing and peace for two of the Groves' co-workers who are

also battling cancer.

- The instability in North-west Cameroon and safety concerns that come with that.
- Anna's transition into university and her readjustment to Canadian culture on a long-term basis.
- Rest and rejuvenation for Dan and Melody while they are back in Canada.
- Continued progress in the various translation projects while Dan and Melody are away from Cameroon.
- Provision of the means to cover unexpected expenses for Dan and Melody's travelling and time away.
- Peace for Dan and Melody as they experience several new beginnings at once.

"There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. *All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.*

So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*"

Romans 10:12-15, CEB

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