

### **December Update: The Civil Ceremony!**

Thank you for your prayers! On Saturday, November 24, Bintou and I signed our marriage license in a unique and memorable civil ceremony. By Cameroon law, the civil marriage certificate must be completed before being married at church. My special Cameroonian friends, the Nnoke's, hosted this event for 200+ people. They truly went over the top to make it an incredible event! It was a joyful celebration and in true African style there was lots of dancing to praise music! It was however also somewhat bittersweet to say goodbye to Bintou at the end as each of us returned to our homes to await our wedding at church.

Thank you specifically for your prayers for my dad. By mid-day, he was well enough to get out of bed and attend the wedding. Only later did we understand the blessing of the Nnoke's offer to host the ceremony in their house because it is clear that he would not have been able to attend had the ceremony been at the mayor's office!

We look forward to writing another update from the church wedding last Saturday. Yesterday, I received a copy of the pictures, 26 gigabytes, so we have lots of sorting ahead!

Thank you for your love, prayers and partnership with me and now Bintou!



