

August Email Update

Dear family and friends,

It's amazing how rapidly August 14th and my departure for Cameroon are approaching. The tickets are in hand, the visa should arrive in the next couple days. Now the hard part comes: saying goodbye to so many friends and memories. Even so, I am looking forward to arriving in Cameroon after nearly 10 years of flight and maintenance training, working to pay debts, applying to and completing a number of training courses with Wycliffe, raising support and learning French. After so many years of preparation, it's quite difficult to describe this new reality. Thank you so much for your prayers for strength and comfort as I say goodbye to a wonderful group of friends, a couple Bible study groups and a church that has truly been a home for me here.

After a year of daily focused language school at either Inlingua or the university, finishing at the university the end of June left me with a much more open schedule. One of my first ventures was to visit the local airport to see what opportunities might exist for learning some French aviation vocabulary. Several days later, I showed up at 7 a.m. for "work" in an aircraft maintenance shop. I was able to spend three weeks working along side of a French-speaking mechanic focusing on this specialized aspect of French.

These last two weeks have been focused on a bit of vacation and seeing a bit more of Switzerland – a practical test of French. Along with a number of friends who are also on vacation right now, I ventured a 3-day hiking trip in southern Switzerland, made an overnight visit to my host family who was vacationing in France and finished with a 4-day bike trip in central Switzerland – a total of 150 miles of biking with one day reserved for hiking. I have included a few pictures below. If you would like to see more, feel free to visit my website (www.petersonfamily.info/robert). Eventually, I hope to label them all, but that is a future project.

Thank you so much for your prayers, support and encouragement. It is really quite rewarding to be able to get around in French and it is going to be so vital for me in Cameroon.

May the Lord bless you,

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Hiking in the Tessin (southern Switzerland)



Lunch break the second day of our bike trip.



Enjoying the setting sun near Interlaken