



News from the Wildauer Family, serving the Lord in Togo and West Africa

Words

Of no surprise to you, I am sure, I have discovered yet again through language learning that words have meanings. Sometimes precise meanings, sometimes very general. We are taught to use words with specific constructions (e.g. sentences, phrases) to help make coherent thoughts. Subject + Verb = basic sentence, though I already broke that rule above in sentence two.

Also of no surprise to you, the debate of the meaning of words rages in the United States. Can words change over time? Can definitions come and go? Indeed, some words do fall into disuse while others are created. Any Scripps National Spelling Bee champion can tell you the usage frequency of the final championship word.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light (Genesis 1:3). The Lord did not think creation into being, nor did He write it into being. He spoke the word, and it was so. All was created by His word - and through His Word - and He declared that all was good. From the very beginning, we have the certainty of His Word, and the Word of the Lord endures forever, now spoken and written. We cannot change it into something we would rather it say. We cannot cut a verse here or there which doesn't appeal to us. Thank the Lord for this, for His Word is complete. The Word declares: "The soul who sins shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). The Word puts to death and brings back to life. "It is finished," Jesus declares (John 19:30), and His Word remains pure. Those words from the cross are what purify you from sin and death. The work of the new creation is found there in Jesus, and you are united to that precious declaration in your Baptism (Romans 6:5).

As our time for language learning in France draws to a close, I am in awe yet again over the need for precision in speech. The Holy Spirit speaks through Scripture with carefully selected words. Thus, preachers and missionaries are to follow His lead and remain faithful in their proclamation with the words they use.

Following the Journey:





Pray For:

- ✠ The students at the seminary who just completed their studies and are going out on vicarage, and the students who will continue studies in the fall
- ✠ The upcoming round of level tests for language apprehension
- ✠ Smooth transition from life in France to settling into life in Togo
- ✠ The right home to become available in Dapaong, and the acquisition of a properly working vehicle
- ✠ The near eradication of the ebola virus in West Africa

Give Thanks For:

- ✠ A brief face-to-face visit from our Area Director David Erber and his wife, Joyce
- ✠ Fresh water on a hot day
- ✠ Sam learning to ride a bicycle

On y va!

On y va (ahn - ee - VAH) = Let's get to it! This is one of Sam's favorite phrases now. He hears me say it when we need to get going. He's heard his teacher say the same to his class. Now, he says it when he wants to get somewhere fast.



We are in the midst of our second round of level tests. Studying? On y va! **We are less than a month away from departing France.** On y va! Pack the bags! We're almost in Togo. A vehicle and a house? Well...not so fast. That will take a bit of time after our arrival.

Please keep us in your prayers during this time of transition to Dapaong, Togo, our field of service. We fly on August 6! We will endeavor to update you along our journey.

Missionary Micah Wildauer

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