

## **January 2012 Newsletter**

### **Jim and Carolyn Brown in Cameroon January 2012**

We've been back in Mbingo for 2 busy and productive months. It's also been a time for us to gradually become more a part of "the family" here, getting to know more of the staff especially during Christmas and holiday events.

There's also been lots of activity in the OR and the surgery clinic. The patients just keep coming from far and near, though thankfully some days are slower than others. For Jim each day is filled with rounds, operating, clinic, and teaching. Carolyn is getting more at home on the Ulcer Ward and doing some colostomy teaching when needed on the Surgery Ward. We both look forward to the time when our work can continue here without interruption.

We're preparing now for our time back in the US. Our flight leaves January 19 and there are numerous speaking engagements lined up. We don't have a return date to Cameroon yet, as it depends on when we have 100% of our support. Currently we're at just over 50% of our required monthly support and 30% of our one-time expenses.

As we change to our new sending organization, ReachGlobal of the Evangelical Free Church in America, and seek to raise our needed support to stay at Mbingo long-term, we want to change our newsletters, making them shorter and more frequent, and linking them to our blog. They will be sent directly to your e-mail address rather than as an attachment. In order to do this, we need your permission. To continue receiving our newsletters, we need for you to either click on this link which will take you directly to the sign-up form: <http://eepurl.com/h4Eww> , or simply reply to this e-mail indicating that you do want to continue receiving our updates.

Our blog address is: [http:// jimandcarolynfromcameroon.wordpress.com/](http://jimandcarolynfromcameroon.wordpress.com/), where you'll find more details and photos of our recent "Surgical Tour" back to 3 Lutheran Hospitals in the north, some patient stories, and recent photos of our house in progress. We were actually moving into the house this weekend, and hope to have it set up for visitors to use while we are in the US, and ready for us to use on our return.

For those who wish to support us: EFCA, 901 E 78th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55420. Checks should have "Brown IMA #1542" on the memo line. Online giving is available at [www.efca.org/reachglobal/give](http://www.efca.org/reachglobal/give) . For any questions, you may contact ReachGlobal at 1-800-995-5358. "Our helplessness is the door to the knowledge of God" from *The Praying Life* by Paul Miller.

Transition is difficult, and there are many things over which we have no control, both in Cameroon and in the US. We often remind ourselves that control is an illusion, and it is our awareness of our need that drives us to dependence on God.

*Thanks for your support and interest in our work.*  
*Jim and Carolyn Brown*