

THE WORD OF GOD -
In Their Hands - And Upon Their Hearts

Weber - LBT Cameroon Christmas letter 2018

A new birth and a wedding

Two life-changing events just touched our lives,
Two new beginnings we have witnessed!
A new child for the baby carriage
And a new family begun with marriage!

Unto us a child was born,
Unto us a grandson has been given.
As Timothy Enoch Weber joins the family
The angels also rejoice in heaven.

Our son Sammy and Kelsey now have three,
Keturah, Caleb and Timothy.
How happy we were to be there for his arrival,
Helping them with transition - and survival!



The Christmas story is about a birth,
The coming of Jesus down to earth.
Christmas is such a time of awe
That God's Son came as a child so small.

“For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.”
The One who is called “Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”
Humbly came, destined to rule as King forever!

Is.9:6-7

Jesus fulfilled His Father's plan,
He obeyed all that God desired.
On the cross He suffered and died
To fulfill for us all that was required.

Now He lives to prepare for us,
The place where we will live together. (Jn 14:1)
When the marriage feast is ready
We will be united with Him forever!



Ten thousand miles we had come,
For the special celebration,
As our daughter Sarah Joy
Joined in marriage to Nathan!

Our daughter Sarah, dressed in white
Prepared as a bride, radiant and bright,
Walked down the aisle on her father's arm,
To be given to the waiting groom.

They said their vows, and committed their lives
To love and serve each other.
Sarah and Nate, two lives knit into one,
Now to live in Christ together.

We see a glimpse in Revelation twenty-one,
Of the coming marriage of God's own Son.
The Holy City, the New Jerusalem,
from Heaven comes down,
This is God's people, His Church,
His joy and crown,
Beautifully dressed, prepared as a bride,
For her Husband's joy and pride.

(Rev.21:2)

Emmanuel, God with us, we are not alone,
God has made us His very own.
All things then will become new,
We will be His through and through.

No more mourning, sorrow or tears,
No more pain - and even death disappears!
For the things of the past will have passed away,
And everything new will come to stay.

“If you overcome, remaining faithful to Me,
This is what your future will be.
And I will be your God to adore,
And you will be My child forevermore.”
(adapted from Rev.21:3-7)

On Christmas we celebrate again His birth,
But the Marriage is still to come for us on earth,
When we will live with Him forever,
With all Christ’s people united together.

The wedding feast is not yet full,
There still is room for others too.
“Lord, send us out to call the great and the least
To join us in the eternal wedding feast!”



Son Nathan, Hannah and Zeke were also at Sarah’s wedding as best man, matron of honor and ring bearer!

Dear Praying and Praising Partners,

We have recently enjoyed family time, including a short interlude in the US. We are also trying to keep up with ministry needs in Cameroon.

Join us as we thank God for:

Recent family events;

- New birth! Timothy joined us September 19th
- Our daughter Sarah Joy and Nathan Larson were united in marriage on November 10th

Continuing progress in Cameroon

- The Bible House construction is progressing well
- As Dwayos hear the New Testament recordings in their language, more are drawn to Jesus
- Joan’s computer, not working since May, was serviced in the US and is working again!

Thank you, again, for your continuing prayers and on-going financial support through LBT, making this ministry possible! We need your prayers! We will share more about the ongoing work in our next letter, next year!

Please continue to pray with us for:

- Travel mercies, as we continue to travel and transition for the rest of 2018
- Continuing health and renewed strength as we move forward in ministry in Cameroon
- God’s Spirit to guide and empower those who translate and make available God’s Word
- God’s guidance in training and identifying effective Dwayo translators
- Ongoing progress in preparing the Vute and Kwanja (Ndung dialect) lectionaries
- Ongoing work on the Bible House, with volunteer help from Bill and Freda Klassen of Canada

*May your reflections on Jesus’ birth
and on His return for His bride
be meaningful!*

*May God bless you this Christmas
and coming New Year
abundantly in Jesus!*

*In Christ’s Love,
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