

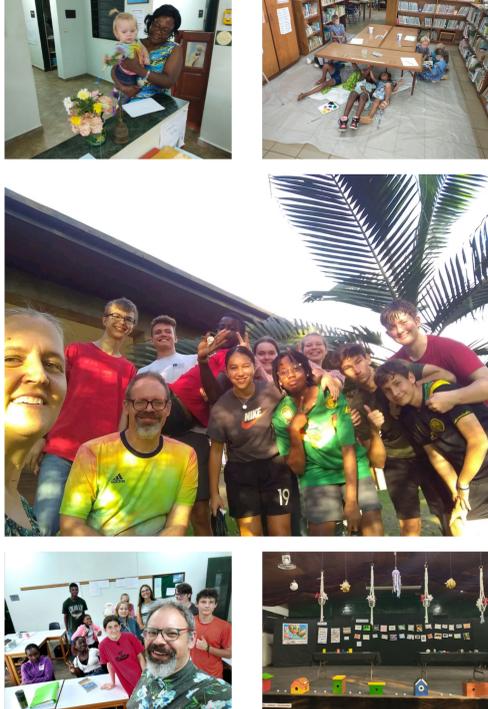
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### Semester 1, complete

Hello, Happy New Year! Semester 1 was FULL... Here's a quick photo tour. The first photo set includes:

- Cora greeting one of her many school friends, our secretary.
- Sarah's elementary students experiencing what it was like to paint the Sistine Chapel.
- Andrew with the worship team.
- Andrew with his Bible 9 class (he has 2 more classes).
- The school art show.



The second photo set includes:

- Students painting stairs in the library, an extracurricular acrobatic art project.
- Cora and Andrew having "tea" in his office.
- A Cameroonian craftsperson explaining traditional embroidery to Sarah's middle school class.

And that will end your tour of semester 1. So yes, full!

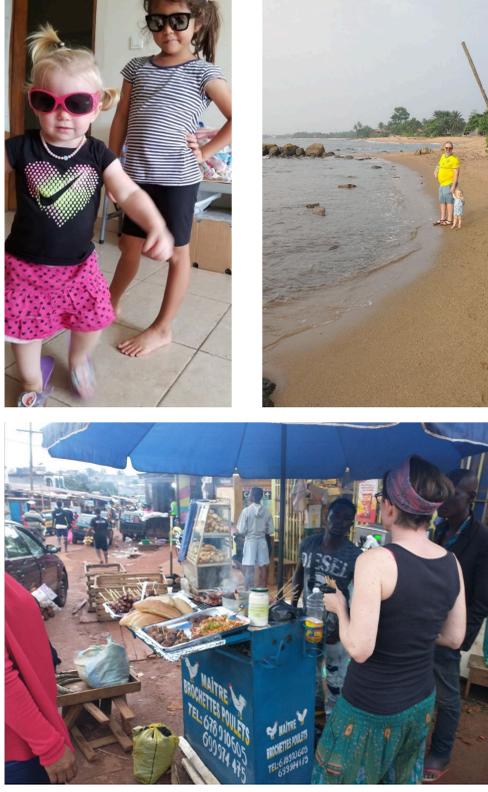


### Life out of school

Work is pretty consuming, but we do enjoy some downtime... usually watching/laughing at/playing with **Cora!** Here, she's learning about dress up from our very cool next door kindergartener.

One hard thing about being here is that there isn't any easily accessible green space for hiking, one of our favorite rejuvenating activities. That made it extra lovely to get to spend some days of Christmas break on the **coast!**

And, everyday tasks can be a fun adventure, like picking up **shishkabobs** from the guy at our nearby intersection. We enjoy the varied city sights & colors.



### Featured family!!



We'd like to start sharing with you a little about the work we're supporting by teaching at RFIS. We've asked a few families to help us out with information about their work and how RFIS helps their family.

So this time, **we're presenting... The Parkers!** Sarah has taught art to the elementary kids and the middle school/high school kids. Andrew has had the older two in Bible classes.

Brian works with several **translation teams in the Central African Republic** who are close to finishing their New Testaments. He runs quality checks and helps them prepare their translations for typesetting and publication. He also occasionally facilitates workshops in both CAR and Cameroon for language groups that are just starting the process—helping design alphabets for unwritten languages and studying how the languages work to lay a solid foundation for future Bible Translation.

Rachel works part time in the **CAR Prayer and Communications department**, keeping their prayer partners up to date on what's taking place "on the ground" via print publications, Facebook, and weekly blog posts.

She says, **"Without RFIS, I don't think our family could live and work in Africa at this time.** I've homeschooled our kids in the past, when we lived in another location where there were no good schools available. Now that we have three kids in secondary school plus four in elementary, this would no longer be possible for us. RFIS challenges our kids to excel, and gives them opportunities they wouldn't have with homeschooling."

So thank you for partnering with our Wycliffe ministry... as we serve these students... as their parents serve translation teams and prayer partners! **May God be glorified in it all!**

**Praise!**

- ☆ We completed the first semester, teaching valuable content and building relationships with students
- ☆ Cora has adjusted well to the new schedule... and is so fun!!
- ☆ We got to see the ocean and rest over break.

**Prayer:**

- ☆ For wisdom and energy for our teaching... We both have new classes this semester and feel a bit daunted. And it's often hard to find a good work/rest balance.
- ☆ For Andrew as he plans and leads high school retreat in February.
- ☆ That God would draw us close to Himself, each other, and the community He has for us here.
- ☆ For Cora's safety and growth.

Thank you for your care and prayers,

*Andrew & Sarah*

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