

## ***Kids' Evangelism Explosion in Africa: January 2007***

The year is off to an exciting start after an unforgettable Christmas with Steve's family and friends in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Hope you all had a blessed Christmas and that the New Year will be filled with joy.

We have been praying for open doors to *Kids' Evangelism Explosion* in Central Africa and then it happened. The request came from church workers in Cameroon who have recently held a rally with 5 000 children in a Christian Sports Outreach headed by Lucien Bale, our *Evangelism Explosion* Director for Cameroon. They now want to follow up and help disciple these children. *Kids' EE* is a great way of equipping children to share their faith with family and friends and to grow spiritually.

We will be presenting two *Kids' EE* clinics for church workers in Yaoundé, the capitol of Cameroon, one in English (February 19 to 22) and one in French (February 26 – March 1) Sherry Elston, a good friend of mine from Texas will co-teach the first clinic. Sherry is a treat. She is full of energy and has a great sense of humor. (Anyone working with me needs a sense of humor, for sure!) Lucien will lead the French clinic. He is currently translating the materials into French. We can't wait to meet him and to work with him. These will be the first *Kids' EE* Clinics in this Region of Africa. Your prayers are much needed and appreciated.

How wonderful to be partners in bringing the Good News to children all over Africa. I realize more and more the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission, especially after seeing disturbing documentaries on Darfur and the Congo, and movies like "*Blood Diamond*", "*Hotel Rwanda*" and "*The Constant Gardner*". I realize that we can not let our emotions drive us, but we can not help but be passionate about trying to help people suffering senselessly, because of the greed of mankind or just basic human nature. We may not be able to change forms of government or entire cultures, but the Lord can change people's hearts and lives for ever. I believe that everything we do in love and obedience to the Lord, how insignificant it may seem at the time, will have lasting results, if we live by faith and not by sight.

Steve is great about supporting *Kids' EE* and my work in Africa. He is concerned about me going off to far away places when he is not able to come with me because of his flight schedule. He even wants me to be fitted with a Global Positioning System and an International Mobile Phone so that he can track me in case of emergency. But, thankfully, he knows that I'm in good hands, no matter what. I still marvel at God's grace for giving me such a wonderful husband, realizing that statistically my chances of being killed by a terrorist were much greater than my chances of marrying a man like Steve. Now, that is amazing grace!

Lots of love and blessings,  
*Elise*

***"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."***  
**Hebrews 11:1**