



Dan (L) and Melody (R) Grove and daughter, Anna

Who? Dan Grove is from Bramalea, Ontario, and Melody grew up in Campbellton, New Brunswick. Dan served for four years as the regional director in Atlantic Canada for Christian Service Brigade, and he and Melody pastored churches in New Brunswick for six years before entering international service. They have two sons, Samuel and Caleb, and a daughter, Anna.

When? The Groves began their ministry in Cameroon in 2000.

Where? The Groves are based in Bambalang, Cameroon.



What? Dan and Melody are Canadian Baptist Ministries Strategic Associates, and are seconded to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are helping to put oral, unwritten Cameroonian languages into writing. They also are developing a literacy program and working with a team of nationals to translate the Bible into local languages.



Caleb Grove

Dan writes, "Son, Caleb, has been a great help to the people of Mbissa, and has made a good start at helping them begin to have a reliable source of electricity. He is also training a few young men to carry on some of the work while he is away at university.

"When I look at our 2001 Toyota Hilux truck which has [travelled] a quarter of a million miles—what do all these miles and years represent? These miles represent our family going back and forth from Yaounde to Bambalang for our kids' schooling. They represent trips to visit the seven different language-group teams that are translating the New Testament, and the other three languages we are encouraging to use the [portions of Scripture which

they already have in their language], or building vision to start the translation work [in the Babat and Babessi languages]."

What else do the miles travelled with the help of the truck represent to Dan? Trips to hospitals and clinics with sick and sometimes dying people ... loads of people going to weddings and funerals (up to 23 people, either in the truck, on top, and on the bumper behind!) ... the work of delivering needy people where they need to go ... and, the miles also stand for the gifts and partnership of Canadian Baptists.

Dan says, "To me a vehicle is a tool to be used as a good steward and it has been instrumental in all the things we have been able to see and do here in Cameroon these past 16 years or so. May the next 10,000 kilometres have as much impact as the first 100,000, 'til the whole world knows!"



Caleb training some local men

Why? As John the Baptist came, he helped, not by telling people to be perfect in order for Christ to accept them, but rather that they should turn to Jesus to receive him. Bringing the Bible, God's Word, is preparing the way for whole people groups to be ready for the coming of the Jesus, the King.



The Groves' truck

Prayer Requests

- for Caleb as he works on his master's degree at the University of New Brunswick; pray that God will supply all that Caleb needs.
- for Cameroon, in particular, the North West and South West regions which are experiencing unrest. May God stretch out his hand over Cameroon with a new peace that passes all understanding, a spirit of communication and compromise, and a sense of solidarity.
- for the various translation teams working in Cameroon to translate the Bible into native languages, as well as for the continuation of literacy classes in the region.

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