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In This Edition:
The LINK to Patrice and Nadege info that didn't work last time
How do we steward your donations?



When you become a partner with ReachGlobal or ATNA, your donations are received and stewarded through an accountable and trustworthy process.

Here is a [link to the brochure](#) about Patrice and Nadege moving to Maroua. (I tried to give you access in the last newsletter, but the link did not work.)
And here is a [prayer card](#) for their family.

What happens to your money?

Someone asked me recently, "How does it work if we want to donate to your ministry or to Patrice and Nadege? Where does the money go?" It's a great question and one that we have not reviewed with you, our partners in some time.

First of all, it's God's money. But that's why we're even more concerned about what happens to it. We are stewards of God's resources. Right? So, here's what happens.

When you send funds to ReachGlobal, they are received by ReachGlobal's donor services staff. The donations are then deposited into the account that you have designated. If you designate **#2006** or Ryan/Kristin Gerbrandt, the funds are credited to our Individualized Ministry Account (IMA). As ReachGlobal missionaries, we can access an electronic version of our IMA to view recent giving and balance information. ReachGlobal automatically draws funds from our IMA for our monthly paycheck and other monthly expenses like health insurance. Each month, we also submit our reimbursement requests for ministry expenses. These requests must be approved by our supervisor and our divisional business manager before ReachGlobal transfers funds

from our IMA to our personal bank account. Here are a few examples of reimbursable expenses: printing new prayer cards, mileage for ministry use of our personal vehicle, printer paper and toner, etc.

If you choose to invest in the Tchagang's Move to Maroua ministry, those donations follow a similar path. Because the Patrice and Nadege are not ReachGlobal employees, but are official national partners, we have established a Project Account (not an IMA) for their ministry. Funds designated for the Maroua Move project (**#2200-54611**) are received by Donor Services and processed to that project account. Ryan is the supervisor for the disbursement of these funds; they are only released to the Tchagangs at Ryan's request. This allows donations to this project to remain securely within the ReachGlobal account until they are needed on the field. We have set a budget of \$50,000 for the two-year Maroua Move project. The Tchagangs obviously do not need all of this at the beginning of their time in Maroua. We will approve a certain amount for their move and setting up their home and office. Thereafter, they will receive a monthly allowance for living expenses. The Tchagangs will need to account for ministry expenses that they wish to have reimbursed.

All donations to ReachGlobal or EFCA are tax-deductible. When you give to the Gerbrandts (**#2006**) or the Maroua Move (**#2200-54611**), you will receive not only eternal benefit, but USA tax benefits. Several of our donors have also been taking advantage of extra tax advantages by donating their Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) to a ReachGlobal missionary or project. For more information, you can call Lisa Theurer at 952-853-8434 OR [CLICK HERE](#) for a document with instructions that you can use along with your financial advisor. Just be sure to *include the ReachGlobal account number* for the missionary or project in which you wish to invest.

Thank you so much for your partnership in our ministry! If you have further questions, please let us know. Together, we can be confident in our stewardship of God's resources and our investment in His kingdom work.



Patrice and Nadege in front of EFCA ReachGlobal headquarters

PRAISE AND PRAYER

- Thank God for two great church visits with Patrice and Nadege in MN. God is connecting them with some excellent partners. Pray for continued connections in the weeks ahead. Pray for God to provide both monthly support and special gifts.
- Pray for Kristin. She is currently the acting director of RFIS due to the temporary absence of the Interim Director. Continue to pray for excellent teachers and support staff for RFIS and Greenhouse, the schools for our missionary children. Pray for innovative solutions to educational challenges.
- Pray for Ryan and Kristin (and the kids) as they are away from each other. They decided to extend Ryan's trip until May 18th so that he can help introduce and drive Patrice and Nadege from town to town.

Thank you! You're the BEST!

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In This Edition:
**Patrice and Nadege are coming to America and moving to
Maroua!**
When God Moves...
Praise and Prayer



The Tchagang family in their travel clothes during their vision trip to Maroua (left to right: Patrice, Princess, Mophet, Nadege, Travis).
Pastor Bello, their primary partner in Maroua is in the middle with the red shirt.

God is Moving!

Patrice and Nadege Tchagang are coming to the United States. Their visas were granted, not just for the 6 weeks we asked for, but a full year with multiple entries. The funds were provided for their travel and their preparations by God through His people. Many prayers have been answered in ways that make it quite clear to us that God is moving!

When? *The Tchagang's will arrive in the USA April 20 in Minneapolis, MN. They plan to return to Cameroon June 8.*

Why? *God has been working in the Far North of Cameroon through Patrice for the past several years. Recently, many pastors began asking Patrice to send someone to live with them to train them. After much prayer and counsel, Patrice and Nadege believe that God is calling them to move (with their children) to the Far North city of Maroua for a period of two years. Patrice and Nadege have the theological training, the practical experience, the character, and the calling. However, most of the churches of Cameroon*

do not have the vision to reach out to the Muslims and are therefore unwilling to financially support this ministry. This is where the global church has an opportunity to be the body of Christ.

What do they need? *Based on their vision trip research, we believe that \$25,000 per year (for 2 years) will meet their family and ministry needs. They also need more prayer partners. This is a seriously front-line mission.*

How can you help?

- 1) *pray for their trip and support needs;*
- 2) *become a partner with a commitment to pray and/or give financially.*
- 3) *host a gathering, whether on a Sunday morning at your church or an evening in a home, we are searching for the people God is calling to partnership with the Tchagangs;*

Next steps?

- 1) *for more information, click [HERE](#) for a brochure or contact Ryan at ryan.gerbrandt@efca.org*
- 2) *give now at <https://give.efca.org> (designate for **Maroua Move Account #2200-54611**)*

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. I can't wait for many of you to meet my dear friends, Patrice and Nadege.

Current Schedule:

April 24—Living Hope Church, Edgerton, MN
May 1—
May 8—
May 15—Morris EFC, Morris, MN
May 22—
May 29—
June 5—

Contact Ryan at ryan.gerbrandt@efca.org to schedule your visit with Patrice and Nadege.



Far Right: a new follower of Jesus Christ, being trained by Patrice and his team to make disciples among Muslims. He was offered the leadership position in a mosque if he would return to Islam. He says, "I am finding everything I need in Jesus and His people. Islam never loved me like this."

(left to right: new team member, George Berry, ATNA leaders Jones and Patrice, NB--new believer)

When God Moves...

When God moves, you may not know if, may not feel it, may not perceive it.

When God moves, it may feel like the worst day of your life, but it is not.

When God moves, He surpasses our comprehension. He explodes our paradigms. He breaks chains. He heals. He breaks and buries and resurrects.

When God moves, it is for our good and His glory. And it is always just right. Because...

When God moves, it is God moving—and God is only good, always wise—not like we think of as wise, but completely wise, knowing everything pertaining to everything and understanding what is best in every circumstance and how to accomplish it perfectly in just the right season and way.

When God moves, it is Jesus moving—the self-sacrificing lion become lamb for a wretched race created with intrinsic worth made vastly more valuable because of the purchase price—Jesus' blood. Jesus, the one who sacrificed not only his mortality, but also his life prior to incarnation because of love. So when

God moves, it is love that moves, for God is love.

When God moves, it is Holy Spirit moving—applying truth and power by inhabiting his people, Holy Spirit permeates our beings with divine presence and promise and power in

the now and the after now and the forever. For when God moves, He comes near, nearer than any other can come, to do more and better than any other can do.

When God moves, you may not know it. You may not feel it, may not perceive it.

But sometimes... you do.



The ones I (Ryan) left behind...But...I'll be back!

PRAISE AND PRAYER

- Praise God for a safe trip for Ryan to the USA and an extremely successful surgery for Daniel. Dan is rehabbing incredibly well. God is at work!
- Praise God for protection for Kristin, Anna, and Mercy. They are troopers—living in Cameroon without Dad! They do enjoy getting to watch Hallmark movies and such without Dad around!
- Praise God for granting visas for Patrice and Nadege. Pray for all of the short-notice appointments to get setup and for safe travel for them on April 19-20.

- Pray for the support that is needed for Patrice and Nadege to move their family to Maroua as missionaries to mobilize and equip churches to disciple Muslims to Jesus Christ.
- Praise God for the Berry family who has accepted our invitation to join our team in Yaounde! Please pray for them as they seek the partners God has for them in the States, before moving to France for a year of French study, and finally arriving in Cameroon.
- Continue to pray for excellent teachers and support staff for RFIS and Greenhouse, the schools for our missionary children. Pray for innovative solutions to educational challenges.
- Pray for Ryan and Kristin (and the kids) as they are away from each other for more than a month. It's good for Ryan to be with our stateside adult children, and God is good, but it's not easy.

Thank you for being such gracious, generous, and faithful partners! Thanks for your prayers! Thanks for your financial support! Thanks for your encouragement! You are the best! God bless you!



Daniel and his shaved knee were ready for surgery. Thanks for your prayers! God has been answering! His rehab is going amazingly well!

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