

SIL Cameroon Branch Tribute

The SIL Cameroon Branch has lost a colleague, but even more, a friend. It is true, for two years Steve worked tirelessly in the East province, a place where very long trips on crowded bush taxis and long walks are the norm. He taught many courses there, helped set up classes, consulted and encouraged many Cameroonians. He has left a legacy that is going to last for a long time. But all of these work-results are not what we will remember most. We will remember above all the ease with which he built relationships. And that is why so many of us, both Cameroonians and expatriate missionaries, are hurting. His good friend and Cameroonian colleague, Gideon Noussi, who would have picked him up at the Nigerian border, wrote the following: "Steve believed in my mission. Right now I wear a pair of shoes he gave me two months ago, the battery in my computer comes from him, my voice recorder was brought to me by Steve. He believed in our mission, invested his own money in it and it is when he came to visit us that he died..." Gideon is only one among many in Cameroon who have lost a friend. We will miss him! Please know that many of us are praying for Nicki, whom we know well, and his family.

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