



NEWSLETTER

# Sinco en Roelie ter Maat

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### Rain Forest International School

Started in 1991 by SIL/Wycliffe Cameroon to provide international secondary education for children of missionaries in West Central Africa - Cameroon and surrounding countries.

Info: [www.rfis.org](http://www.rfis.org)



We know that God called us to teach mission kids, to help the parents bring the good message of Jesus Christ in the tribes.

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### Seconded to

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Yaounde - Cameroon - Africa

**Financial support** can be given to the Dutch bank account

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Our (Dutch) site [www.sinco.nl](http://www.sinco.nl) will keep you informed. Have a look! (Use Google translate)

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## RAIN FOREST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

*To Him who is able above all things to do exceeding abundantly what we ask or think, to Him is the glory in the assembly in Christ Jesus, to all the generations of the age of the ages. Amen.  
Ephesians 3: 20-21*

**The doors have been opened to serve God in the mission at the Rain Forest International School (RFIS) - Cameroon - West Africa!**

We thank God with all our heart that He opened this way! Our prayer is that we may be a blessing for the students and this mission field.

New Tribes Mission accepted us for a second term as "associates" and seconded us for these first years to the mission work of SIL at Cameroon.

The Rain Forest International School started in 1991 to provide secondary education for the children of the many missionaries in this part of Africa.



Just like Papua New Guinea hundreds of languages are spoken here and many Wycliffe Bible translators (on the field known as SIL) work here to give these people the Bible in their own language.

Also the children of other missions and related organisations attend our school. Altogether about 90 students. Our task will be this first year to teach chemistry and biology, next to some responsibilities in

the fields of examination and discipline. This coming school year starts July 25th with an introduction followed by the lessons in the beginning of August.

Sinco will travel ahead to start his work at RFIS, but Roelie will stay in Holland for one more month, for Gideon will get married in the beginning of September. After the wedding we will travel together to Cameroon.



**Arial view at RFIS. Google Earth coordinates:  
3°48'5.55"N / 11°33'18.68"E**

The Rain Forest International School is situated at the edge of Cameroon's capital Yaounde, a city with more than 2 million inhabitants.

The staff of the RFIS lives in this capital. Also for us a place is prepared in this capital. We hope it will be at the edge of the capital as well, close to the school.

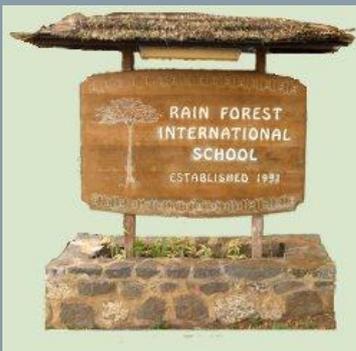
Roelie hopes she can make a garden again!

One team  
One goal:

Reach the unreached  
with the good message  
of reconciliation  
with God  
by Jesus Christ.



You are a part—a gear—in  
God's work worldwide!



A new school  
and new students!



### New Tribes Mission

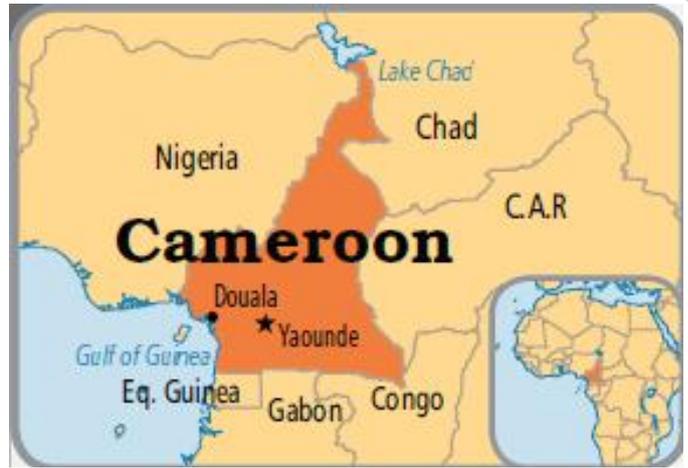


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## Cameroon

Cameroon was a German colony from 1884-1919. After World War 1 it was divided in an English part (West-Cameroon) and a French part (East Cameroon). After 1961 it became a republic with capital Yaounde in the French part.

French and English are the official languages. English is the standard language at RFIS. Cameroon has nearly 280 ethnic groups. It is more than any other African country a multi-ethnic country. Together with the languages in neighbouring countries like Nigeria, Chad,



Central African Republic, Congo, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea there are more than 1000 languages spoken! Cameroon is a good central place amidst all these languages for this international RFIS mis-

sion school. Cameroon enjoys relatively high political and social stability. The government recognises the authority of traditional chiefs, fons, and lamibe to govern at the local level.

## Personal

We enjoy our children and grandchildren. We are surprised and thankful how God cares for us in providing housing and transport.

Till the end of July we live in a lovely bungalow at the edge of a forest in the most beautiful area of Holland. A place of rest with all the facilities to have guests, children or grandchildren over.

Other people provided a wonderful car - the best we ever had.

Roeland and Ruth expect their first child halfway June. Exciting!

Wietske and Manuela will graduate from college in



A good time with our children.  
Front: Gideon en Jaimie, right: Ruth and left: Manuela.

June/July.

Gideon and Jaimie (from Taiwan) will get married in September. Sinco will work in Cameroon by then, but will

buy a return ticket for some days for the wedding. Roelie will stay in Holland till after the wedding. Together we will return to Cameroon.

## Prayer and praise

We thank God for His wonderful care for us. We trust Him to find our place in Cameroon and serve Him to His honor.

We are busy with all kinds of administration, vaccinations, tickets and visa for Came-

eroon. We wonder how life will be there and who will be our colleagues. We pray for a good team in which we complement each other.

We also pray for Roelie to find a place that fits her possibilities.

May God bless you all.

Receive our greetings,

*Sinco and Roelie*