The YES Program has been a great source of gratitude and inspiration for us since we saw what it did to the life of our son, Joseph. His selection into this program came to us like a blessing from God because we could never afford to provide him with this experience. When we first received the call that he was preselected, we were first sceptical because we did not know such opportunity could exist in Cameroon. We spoke with the child and we just decided to attend that meeting to hear what it was all about. We attended the meeting and when the coordinator explained to us the program, we decided to encourage our son and support his participation. He worked hard and was able to succeed the as a finalist.

Our next fear was when the journey was approaching. None of us had an idea about the U.S. and him as our last child, we did not know whether he could cope or not. He is the one that assured us that they received a lot of trainings on American life and families that he feels prepared for the journey.

His departure was a mixture of joy and sadness because we were very proud of him but at the same time we were missing him already. His stay in the U.S. enabled us to connect with many Americans (his host family, coordinators, siblings and some friends). Even though language barriers posed a great difficulty to communication, we were at least able to share greetings from time to time.

Seeing the way the YES Program changed the lives of our child since 2012, we will lack words to express all what is in our hearts. All we can just say is to express our gratitude to Mr. Donfack and all the team of the YES Program here in Cameroon and abroad, and to the Almighty God. We will forever be thankful.

From YONKAM Moise and BANEKO Odette Epouse YONKAM

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