

# ODYESSY 2011



The teachers offered a week long English class... by the end of the week, they had 50 students arriving every morning.

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## Yaounde, Cameroon, Africa

The Grand Island middle school teachers spend 19 days in rural Cameroon, Africa. Focusing on how the perception of education and socioeconomic status effects learning, the teachers made comparisons to their Grand Island students.

The trio traveled gullied dirt roads into the Bansa and Fulani homelands where they were guests in the homes of the farmers and herdsmen. A week long English course offered them a chance to help local students develop their English, for many a third language. The teacher's struggles with the local languages deepened their understanding of difficulties faced by students learning in another language.

Keri, Geri, and Denise felt like honored guests and left with memorable experiences that they wish to share throughout this school year and the years to come.



