## Africa Fleet Mercy 2018 Cameroon



## 25 Feb 2018 Postcard 2



Tonight was a special treat – Dinner with the folks who have been screening the patients I have been operating on. Therese and Saul Loubassa, Larina Brink, and Jean-Francois Checkony are shown with me going out to dinner. Let's see. Saul is from Congo, Therese from Norway, Therese from Michigan, and Jean-Francois is from Benin. We went out to a Congolaise restaurant. My treat. "I don't eat Beef" said I. "No problem" said Saul.



Just like you, I couldn't read the menu on the way in the door. Inside was inviting.



Still couldn't read enough of the menu to order, so I asked Seth to order for us.



First the veggies: Fried and boiled plaintain, and boiled Cassava. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cassava</u>. Cassava is the tannish colored food that looks sort of like scallops. The plaintain is a banana like fruit that requires cooking. All three delicious.



Next, what to drink. Coke? No problem. Fruit juices? Pineapple and Orange juices tonight. How about some still water? Great.

Time for entrees.



Sure, we'll try anything.



Top: Boa Constictor (yes, the big viper). Lower right: Porcupine (called Porky Pig !!!!) Lower Left Pork.



So good we ordered a second round!



Finished with Ice Cream. I had Obama (yes, chocolate and vanilla swirl). We spent the evening talking about our homes and hopes.

Yes, Boa Constrictor. Saul told how the big ones would take three people to haul to the market.

Thanks for reading, and be grateful for clean water. Joe Miller 21 February 2018 jmiller@eyes.arizona.edu