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NOUVELLES DU CAMEROUN

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Two thousand and twenty two is recorded as a very successful year for Camwork: The Douala outreach concert, the church plant in Yaoundé, The 4 fields discipleship trainings, The teaching in Bible schools, the trip to Uganda, The lectureships in Bonaberi, The YEP-VBS expansion, the recruitment of more workers, the furlough mission in the USA, the purchase of a plot of land for the church in Bomono, the extra partnership gained, the coming up of the Cameroon Dreamt Center and the work on the Bassay house.

Cameroon greetings and blessings to God's people throughout the world! The strength for mission, and the desire and ability to support God's work is from God himself. Let the glory be given back to Him for what He has done, is doing and will do for His church and the people He created, wherever they are found.

This edition is a recap of 2022 activities with highlights on those that were left out in the previous reports.

SAVING SOULS:

BAPTISM

"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were saved." Glory to God, 13 souls have been added to the church in Bonaberi this year. But the influence of Camwork goes beyond Bonaberi (Leadership training, radio program, 4 fields discipleship, church plant, etc.) and souls are being added regularly in the body of Christ. It is true that immersion is one thing and to really surrender to Christ is another thing. May God bless and keep all those who are committing daily throughout the world to a life of covenant relationship with Him. In the picture below, Robin Foba is being baptized. He came



that Sunday 30th October 2022 to visit with his cousins who live with the Bassay and was convicted that same day by the Gospel of Christ. He has been searching and Christ granted his wish.

THE DOUALA OUTREACH CONCERT

The activities of Camwork and the church in Bonaberi began last year with an outreach acapella concert in Douala. The goal was to praise God and

enjoy His presence but at the same time inspire unbelieving invited friends and relatives. It was a great success. Though no one was baptized, the seed was planted of which one (Stella) gave her life to Christ in December.

THE MOUNGO ZONAL EVANGELISM

This monthly evangelism campaign is a three day event in Louis's home county. The first goal is for the 8 congregations involved to put their strength together in reaching out the lost by rotating from one village to another. The second goal is fellowship and mutual encouragement.

In almost every Moungo Zonal Evangelism, Louis handles the men's class while Linda teaches the women and they both teach on parenting. This effort is always rewarded with a few baptisms with a total of 18 converts in 2022. The Camwork PA system and generator are always helpful for public preaching and electricity.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

"What The Bible Says" is the Camwork Radio Program that is held in Radio Bonne Nouvelle Douala, every Sunday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm Cameroon time. The radio program runs simultaneously with the Facebook live stream on the Camwork's Facebook page.

The present team is made up of Louis Bassay, Missango Franklin (coordination), Rex Afon (main speaker), Linda Bassay and Marvis Nyuydze.

There has been positive feedback from the public with at least two callers per week. Calls are generally for questions and for clarification. The main aim is to reach out to as many people as possible with the gospel of Christ and make more disciples. It is also an opportunity to invite the listeners to enroll in World Bible School. This far we have recorded 7 English students and 10 French students



STRENGTHENING THE SAVED

A NEW PREACHER IN BONABERI

On Sunday 16th October 2022, Tembeng Christian was appointed by the Church leaders as a new preacher of the Bonaberi congregation, though Louis still has the lead position.

Louis took note of Christian during the church plant he led at Mbango in East Cameroon, though he is from the Mbanga congregation, about one hour away from Douala. Christian still lives in Mbanga but will move to Douala in August 2023.

He was first called up by the Bonaberi congregation for a three month Internship. The latter was to equip him on how the Bonaberi congregation operates and also to get him acquainted with members of the assembly, since the congregation already had plans of bringing another preacher to share the pulpit with Louis and Ndenge Gerald. This is because Gerald got a new job out of town (Yaoundé) and Louis as a missionary needs more time to work beyond Bonaberi.



LECTURESHIPS IN BONABERI: HOME OF CAMWORK

Annual Youth Forum: From the 12th to the 15th of April 2022, the Bonaberi Church hosted the Annual Youth Forum (which also doubled as the 25th Youth Forum Jubilee) with 420 participants, 41 congregations represented. One baptism was recorded. The theme was "FELLOWSHIP" with an emphasis on both vertical and horizontal communion. One of Camwork's goals is to take advantage of existing forums to inspire the church in Cameroon. Louis uses his position as one of the coordinators of the youth in the country to do so.

Annual Preachers' Forum: This leadership gathering also took place in Bonaberi in 2022, May 26-28, with Louis as the host minister. The theme (*Pulpit Minister: Contextual Understanding and Execution of the Ministry*) was centered on better ways of doing church work in Cameroon with multiple panel discussions on DEAL: Duty, Ethics, Authority and Leadership. 103 preachers attended from 55 congregations.

Annual Lectureship: Each year the Churches of Christ throughout the country gather in one location under the label Annual Bible Conference. The first aim is to look at the life and functioning of the church at national level but also to share the word of love, peace and hope of Jesus Christ with the host town.

The Bonaberi congregation was able to host about 400 participants from 91 congregations in her auditorium, where they fellowshiped for 4 days (November 24-27, 2022). This year's theme was Uplift: Uplifting God's Ways in every Way.



BONABERI FOR CHRIST
NOVEMBER 24-27, 2022
YOU ARE INVITED

Each year the churches of Christ throughout the country gather in one location under the label Annual Bible Conference. Their first aim is to look at the life and functioning of the church at the national level but also to share the word of love, peace and hope of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the host town. In our today's society, what drives most people towards God is the quest for Health, Protection and Prosperity thus filling our churches with people who have no relationship with Jesus. There is only one way to be happy in Jesus which is to trust and obey by doing God's things in God's way.

We will be gathering at
 Ngwele - Carriere, opposite Stade Washington
Theme: Uplifting God's Ways in Every Way
 Guided by Titus 2 :1-14 and Colossians 1:28-29

Louis Bassay
 Host Minister

Windle Paul Kee, Mbouda
 Friday 25 Nov 2022, 7pm - 9pm
 For how long will Christ wait for you?

Etho Jean Claude, Douala
 Thursday 24 Nov 2022, 7pm - 9pm
 Does God have a place for you?

Greg Esouwe Elangue, Wolutu - Limbe
 Saturday 26 Nov 2022, 7pm - 9pm
 What do you know about the Love of God?

To receive a Free Bible Correspondence Course, use the phone number or link beside

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The inspiration came from the book of Titus 2:1-14 and Colossians 1:28-29. Four souls were added to their number during this lectureship. It was also a time to celebrate 30 years of existence of the Bonaberi congregation that Louis has been serving since 2001.

THE WORK IN BAFIA

Gabriel Lowe is a graduate of the Bear Valley Bible Institute Cameroon Mbanga Balong. He is also one of the preachers Louis trained on the 4 Fields Discipleship Multiplication Training. He is blessed with the zeal of church planting and has so far planted four congregations in the Center region of Cameroon in the Bafia area, about 6 hours away from Douala. Camwork is happy to coordinate his work and equip him with some essential working tools. He is not financially supported and relies entirely on his farm work. Once in a while Camwork provides some funds for his farm and some money for his discipleship training program. Bear Valley bought him a motorcycle and occasionally Camwork provides some money for gas. Please pray for this committed man of God.



THE PLOT PURCHASE IN BOMONO

Bomono ba Mbengue is Louis's home town and the congregation where he found the Lord in 1990. For over three decades, this congregation has not been able to secure either a piece of land or a church building. This congregation has always been worshiping in the hut below until the plot of land was taken away by the landlady



and the hut destroyed so she can erect a better structure for business purposes. The congregation was stranded and started worshipping at the late preacher's home. The conditions were so pitiful that one could predict the end of this congregation. At this point, Camwork, who has been providing some support to the resident evangelist, decided to pair him with another evangelist, Mbouegueu Justin who lives in Douala and goes to Bomono every week.

During the Bassay furlough in the USA, The Lord put in the mind of a family to bless Camwork with a check of \$10,000. From this money, \$8500 was used to purchase a piece of land (25m x 20m) in Bomono. Building construction will begin in 2023. This plot was bought from the village chief. In the picture above, he is handing the contract to brother Jean Claude, the president of the Board of Trustees of the churches of Christ.



The Bomono chief handing the church land-certificate to bro Jean Claude

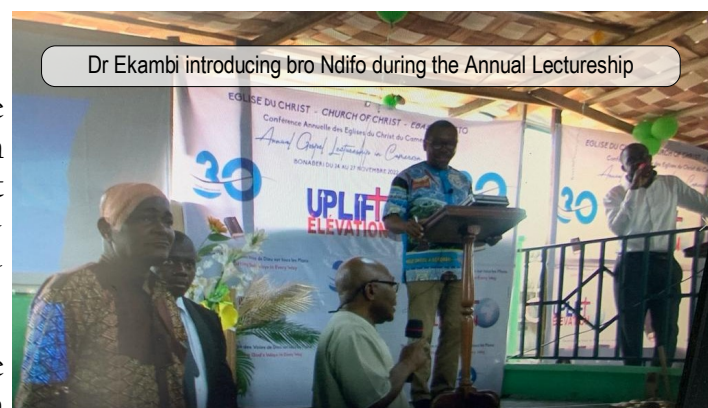
RELIEF AND SUPPORT TO THE VULNERABLE

Funds from regular Cameroon supporter Louise Clement, the ladies at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Van Buren Arkansas and the Cloverdale church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas have been of great help to some Christians to meet their health, educational and sometimes provisional needs.

During this period brother Louis Ndifo of the Bonaberi congregation had a successful brain surgery in Yaoundé. He is now doing great. Four Internally displaced (IDP) College Kids from the politically unstable area of Cameroon received financial and material aid. One IDP single mother with four kids from the Bonaberi congregation also received financial aid alongside two high school kids (orphans) from the French speaking area.

Bosseme, a 14 years old daughter of one of the preachers from the politically unstable area, was hospitalized at the Laquintinie hospital in Douala. She was diagnosed with acute Leukemia. Camwork together with some brothers and sisters raised funds for her hospital bills. Unfortunately, she passed on to glory on Sunday the 6th of November 2022. May her soul rest in peace.

At that same period, the preacher of Ngodi Bakoko church of Christ in Douala lost his house and belongings in a fire incident. Camwork gave some financial aid towards the reconstruction of his house but much money is still needed. Presently he and his family are lodged in the church building.



Dr Ekambi introducing bro Ndifo during the Annual Lectureship

4 FIELD DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

CAMWORK was successful with hosting Five 4 Fields Leadership and Church multiplication Seminars in Buea, Douala, Kombe, Mbanga, Yaounde, with an Average number of 20 participants per location. The seminars run for 3 days from 9:00am to 4:00pm covering eleven tools. The sum of XAF2000 (about \$4.00) is given to each participant each day for food support. Over a hundred leaders have been equipped. Hopefully, these participants put their training in practice for the glory of God. 4 Fields is led by the Gospel Chariot Mission (GCM) with the main base in South Africa. Presently Camwork is working toward raising funds for a Gospel Chariot that will serve Cameroon and Central Africa. Learning how the chariot works is the reason Louis and Linda were invited by George Funk (GCM director) to Uganda for a two weeks mission.



TO STRENGTHEN YOU NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED

Praise be to God for traveling mercies! The Bassays returned to Cameroon from their furlough trip in the USA on October 14 2022, safe and in good health. The Bonaberi church is grateful for what brethren in the U.S are doing for the church in Cameroon through Camwork. They appreciate the gifts (communion set and projector, microphones, etc.) the Bassays brought back. They also received with joyful hearts the special greetings from the Cloverdale church, thanks to the special video taken by David Burt, one of the elders. This furlough period gave the Bassays the opportunity to be strengthened as well: all the words of affirmation, meal train, worship, Harding lectureship, fun and above all, prayer meetings, were refreshing.

SERVING THE SOCIETY:

THE REUSABLE SANITARY PAD PROJECT- RSP

In November 2022, the Bonaberi women worked on a 2000 reusable sanitary pads project. This project was sponsored by the International Healthcare Foundation. These RSP were distributed to about 130 women during the Annual Gospel Lectureship in Bonaberi and to some women in the prisons.

VISIT TO THE PRISON

On Tuesday 20th December 2022, Camwork visited the Mbanga female prison. There were 13 inmates and a 9 months old baby boy. Some items shared with these inmates include; soap, garri, sugar, roasted ground-nuts, reusable sanitary pads, yogurt and *ovaltine* for the baby. Soaps were given to the prison wardens.

YEP - VBS

On Sunday 20th November 2022, Camwork and some facilitators of the YEP/VBS team had an evaluation meeting in Bonaberi, where they discussed the success and failures of the 2022 session. They also talked about how to do things better next time. There were fifteen participants representing all five locations. The next meeting will be on April 2nd to plan the July 2023 edition.

BOOK CLUB

Camwork's Book Club is a reading group made up of kids aged 5-12, who read and talk about books based on a particular specialty or topic but mostly biblical books. Our book club this year was held in Bangangte (a town in the West Region of Cameroon) and ran for a period of 1 month (August). The program ended on the 28th of August 2022 with a total number of 49 kids (19 girls and 30 boys) participating. About 107 books were read. This book club, just like the YEP-VBS program, has led to many unbelieving parents sending their kids to Sunday school.

CHALLENGES:

1. John, the librarian, moved to a new town, leaving the Library vacant. Louis and Linda are working on getting a new librarian.
2. Gerald, Louis associate preacher, got a better job out of town, which means more work for Louis in the interim.
3. The radio program moved from Dibombari FM to Radio Bonne Nouvelle, slowing the plan of establishing a new congregation in Dibombari. The transfer of the radio program from Dibombari to Radio Bonne Nouvelle was because of recurrent technical issues that the radio had been facing for a long time mainly in the area of maintenance.
4. Handling the activities of Camwork during the absences of the Bassay, especially YEP-VBS and the Radio program was challenging but not impossible. Praise God for filling in the gap with reliable workers.
5. Many mechanical incidents with our truck lead to delay in some missions and extra expenditures.
6. Transportation of kids during the YEP-VBS remains the biggest challenge. Louis and Linda are hopeful to raise \$20,000 for a used bus for transportation of kids and facilitators during VBS and the Kerusso Experience, short/long term missionary visits, national youth gatherings, monthly lectureship, etc.



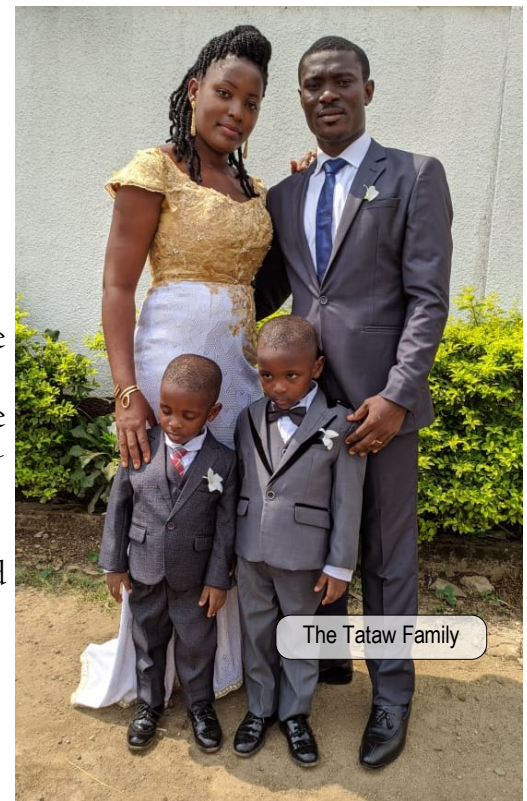
2023 PERSPECTIVES:

1. SAVING SOULS

- 1.1. Host 50 radio broadcasts
- 1.2. Record 50 WBS students
- 1.3. Sponsor monthly Moungo Zonal Evangelism
- 1.4. Do a weekly personal evangelism

2. STRENGTHENING THE SAVED

- 2.1. Spend only two weeks in Bonaberi every month in order to have a better national ministerial impact
- 2.2. Complete the babies and coming of age curriculums (Noble Age 5 and 6) for the Sunday school program in Cameroon and beyond.
- 2.3. Come up with the Central African 4 Fields discipleship training
- 2.4. Come up with an outreach/growth schedule for Bomono (and the Moungo Zone) and Bafia
- 2.5. Organize a ladies seminar during the 8th March celebration
- 2.6. Expend Yep-Vbs from 6 to 8 locations
- 2.7. Host the second edition of The Kerusso Experience
- 2.8. Host a preachers' workshop in July
- 2.9. Welcome the USA - CMR short term mission
- 2.11. Teach in 3 preaching schools in Cameroon
- 2.12. Recommend and follow up the next Cameroonian family at Harding University: the Tataw family (Stephen, Eunice, Jason-Fred and Nathan)



3. SERVING THE SOCIETY

- 3.1. Provide a water pump for the well in the Bonaberi church premises
- 3.2. Come up with Women's day and Mother's day outreach programs
- 3.3. Schedule a medical outreach (Washington Bonaberi, Bomono, Souza, kake, Kompina, Mujuka)
- 3.4. Schedule two prison visits: New-Bell and Edea
- 3.5. Set up a Day-Care
- 3.6. Mobilize brethren in Cameroon and abroad toward the creation of the Cameroon Dreamt Center (details in the next edition)

GRATITUDE:

TO GOD THE FATHER

This work and plans are nothing without the love of God, the grace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. It is not about the Bassay and team but about God

TO SELFLESS BRETHREN

"Grand merci" to the Camwork advisory committee, the Cloverdale family and all our partners. Thanks to the Harding community for Lori-Angela's admission (double major - Software development and Mission); the continuous support to the internally displaced and underprivileged from Louise Clement, not forgetting those who are anonymously sponsoring this ministry opportunity.

Thanks for the many prayers and encouragement!

One more thing: let brotherly love continue!