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NOUVELLES DU CAMEROUN

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This report carries information about the activities of Camwork from the month of January till July 2023. It is focused on:

1. the Bassay special January in USA,
2. the teaching at the Bear Valley Bible Institute, Wotutu Cameroon,
3. the leadership seminar led by Jim Corner,
4. the ongoing radio program,
5. the visit of brother Bessaho Fils from the USA,
6. the 8th March International Women's Day,
7. the teaching in the online Stratford gospel outreach in London,
8. the evangelism campaigns,
9. the reusable sanitary pads project,
10. the leadership seminar in Molyko Buea,
11. the review, printing and distribution of the Noble Age - children curriculums,
12. the short term mission in Cameroon from Cloverdale and Harding University -YEP/ VBS and preachers' workshop, and
13. A few upcoming events.

Cameroon greetings and blessings to God's people throughout the world! A recap of 2022 activities with highlights on those that were left out in the previous reports was recently posted on the Camwork website. Click the following link to take cognizance with this special content (RP#10): <https://camwork.org/reports/> or go straight to the PDF file through this link https://camwork.org/media/report/RP10_Camwork_Report-2022_RECAP_ZH7gHLF.pdf.

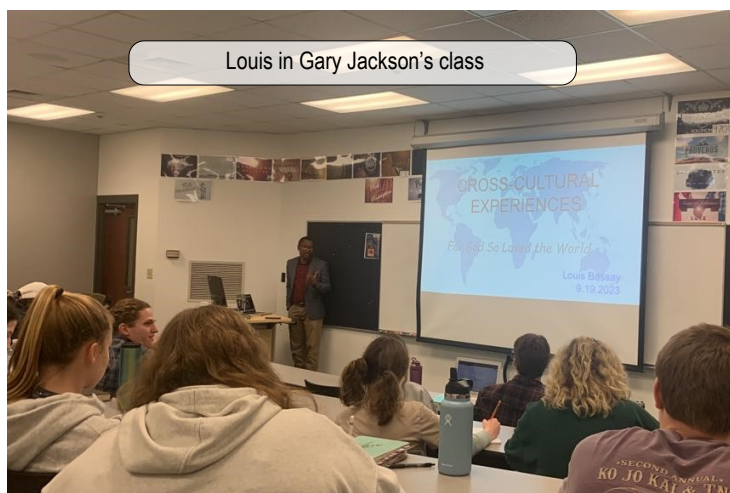


There is a constant battle going on between the kingdom of Darkness and the Glorious Kingdom of God. No child of God should be left indifferent and Cameroon Mission Work and the Bassays have all hands on deck.

SPECIAL JANUARY:

The beginning of this year was special for many reasons: Louis and Linda traveled back to the USA to set up Lori-Angela at Harding. They left on December 25th and returned to Cameroon on January 31st. The transition was very challenging but she is doing great, surrounded by good Christian men and women.

During that period, Louis was privileged to share some cross-cultural experiences with Harding students, in professor Gary Jackson's class.



Louis in Gary Jackson's class



Lori-Angela's first week at Harding

Louis also had a moment of encouragement with the Equip Program (former CAMT). He was happy to share the work in Cameroon before some of his professors while encouraging the current students on the beauty of preaching and bringing people to Christ.



Louis speaking at the Equip program

Another great blessing of this January was attending the Medical Outreach in Dallas, organized by the International HealthCare Foundation/African Christian Hospitals. Louis and Linda are thankful to Jerry and Dianne Myhan from Searcy who paid for their participation and to Oneal Tankersley for the transportation. While in Dallas, they were lodged by Jim Corner, a missionary working in Cameroon for almost two decades. This seminar was a great eye opener to how Camwork can be involved in medical mission in the future.



Jerry Myhan speaking at the medical seminar



Louis and Linda visiting with Owen and Sheila

This trip also provided an opportunity to make new friends. Through Owen and Sheila Dean from Pleasant Valley church of Christ at Van Buren, AR the internally displaced in Bonaberi have received some financial assistance.

The Bassays were also opportune to meet with the Laurel, MD Church of Christ and held discussions on the continuation of the Cameroon Connection Project that was on a hold due to some internal issues within the congregation. While at Laurel they were so happy to be reunited with Renee Wharton. Her husband, Paul, was the initiator of the Cameroon Connection Project.



Louis, Kwesi and Steve at Laurel, MD



Louis and Linda visiting with Renee

Furthermore, the Bland's family from Searcy and the Mulberry Church of Christ in AR blessed the Bassays with goods to be shipped to Cameroon. This is to help with the Camwork children's programs and the day-care project in view. These items were driven by Louis and Linda from Searcy to Maryland in a two bedroom U-Haul truck. Unfortunately the shipping conditions to Cameroon are too expensive at the moment but they are hopeful they will be shipped before the end of the year.



Louis and Doelas at Mulberry



Goods arrived Waldorf, MD



Linda in front of the Mission House

Finally, Louis and Linda were delighted to stay as first occupants at the mission house. Special gratitude to the Blands who worked tirelessly for the success of this project.

SAVING SOULS:

EVANGELISM CAMPAIGNS

Camwork is involved regularly in a three days lectureship organized by the Churches of Christ in the Mounjo zone littoral region. They are brethren from 8 congregations, who all come together to discuss more on how to better spread the word of God and how to better grow and manage their congregations. On the 24th and the 25th of March, Linda and Louis attended this lectureship in Kake village. Linda taught the women in the women's corner about "Submission." Louis had a public address on "How much information do you need to know about Christ", and also taught in the men's corner on "Causes of the absence of Eldership in Cameroon."

Last June, brother Jim Corner from Buckingham Road Church of Christ in Dallas, led a Campaigns in Cameroon. Louis was part of the team and of the success story of seeing people being added to Christ

AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER

The overall goal of Camwork is to see souls added to the Kingdom. 12 have been added this past seven months. Just Florence is in Bonaberi and she is already working with Linda in her Sunday babies class. The credit for these conversions goes to many but to God most especially. Continuous prayers for all Camwork prospects including those studying online via WBS



Caled and Louis (Interpreter) teaching



God is giving the Increase



Florence being presented to Bonaberi after her baptism

STRATFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

On the 18th of March, Louis taught in the Online Gospel Outreach organized by the Stratford church of Christ in London. The theme of this outreach was "TELL ME OF HEAVEN." He spoke on the topic "What and where exactly is Heaven" drawn from Philippians 3:20-21.

It was an honor for Louis to teach alongside Dr Tim Westbrook, one of his Bible professors at Harding university. They had an audience of more than 50 screens.



Franklin, Jesse, Louis and Linda on air

THE ONGOING RADIO PROGRAM

The Evangelism Radio Program is held every Sunday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in Radio Bonne Nouvelle in Douala. There is also a live broadcast of the Program on Cameroon Mission Work Facebook Page.

Dr Jesse Robertson from Harding University was on air on Sunday the 16th of July. He spoke on the Origin and the authority of the Bible. The seed is being planted every week. There is positive feedback from the audience as they call to ask questions or comment. God will give the increase in due time.

STRENGTHENING THE SAVED

JIM CORNER LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Jim Corner (Buckingham Road, Tx), with Don Corner (Pullman, WA) and Louise Clement (Lubbock, Tx) led a two weeks Leadership Seminar in Cameroon. Linda worked with Louise in training some Anglophone

and francophone ladies on ways to make the children's classes more interesting and rewarding. She used this opportunity to speak more on how to better teach the children with the use of the Noble Age curriculums. Louis was involved as a French and English interpreter.

ENCOURAGING VISITS

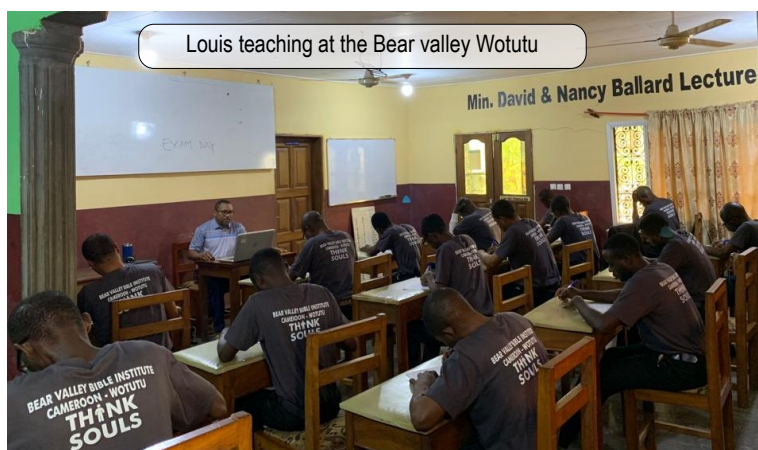
On Sunday the 26th of February, Sister Louise Clement was in Bonaberi and taught one children's Sunday school class. She also visited with the Bassays Family. On Sunday the 5th of March, Brother Jim Corner visited the Bonaberi Congregation as well and handled teachings in both the Bible class and Sermon. Also on Sunday 26th March 2023, Brother Bessaho together with his elder brother and two sons, visited the Bonaberi congregation and Bro Bessaho taught in the Sermon. Bessaho Lincoln is from Broken Arrow in Oklahoma. The Bassays and the Bessaho (Cameroon origin) came in contact through the display table Camwork had at the Benson Auditorium during the 2022 Harding Lectureship.



Brainstorming: Linda, Louise and the French teachers



The Bassays and the Bessahos



Louis teaching at the Bear valley Wotutu

TEACHING IN THE BEAR VALLEY INSTITUTE WOTUTU

Louis and Linda spent a week (13th to 17th February) in the Wotutu Bible Institute teaching both the Bible school students and their wives. Louis taught on the topic Godhead (Trinity) with the students while Linda taught their wives Basic Bible knowledge like The books of the Bible, The Apostles, etc.

THE YOUTH FORUM

The Annual Youth Forum of CofC Cameroon took place in Limbe Mile One located in the South West Region, about 2 hours away from Bonaberi. It ran from the 13th to 16th of April. The theme was Humility. Louis and Linda led the delegation from Bonaberi made up of 10. While in Limbe Louis led a round table discussion on the topic—"HOW HUMBLE ARE YOUR CHOICES" while Linda was a panelist in the discussion. Bonaberi took the third position in Bible quiz. 5 souls were baptized during this youth forum.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR IN MOLYKO

Louis and Linda led leadership seminar in Molyko in the South West region on the 5th and 6th of June. This was upon request of the congregation for Louis to help the brothers on sermon preparation and presentation while Linda trained the ladies on children's Bible class preparation and presentation. 15 men and 12 women attended.



Louis: Class on sermon preparation and presentation



Linda teaching the Molyko ladies

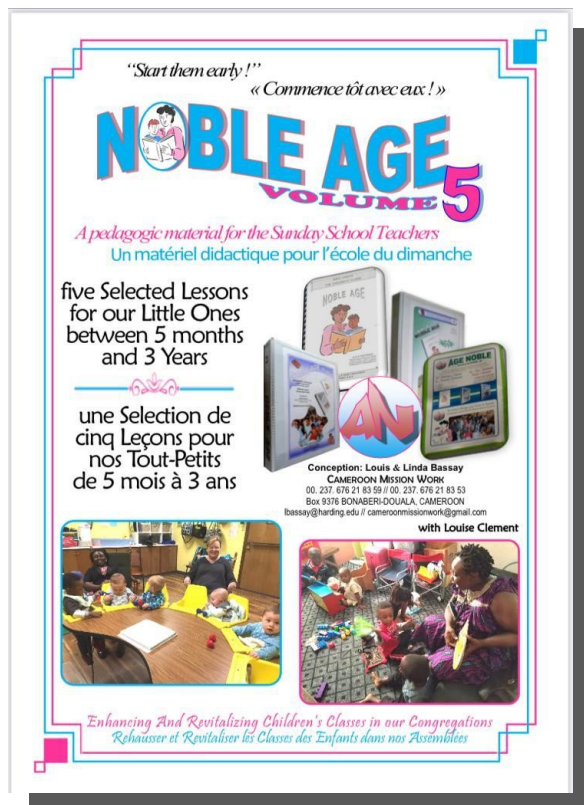
Both Linda and Louise Clement have taken some time to review the Noble Age 3 and 4 curricula. Gladis Missango is doing a great job helping to translate the curricula to French. In the past this was done solely by Louis. It is great to engage other workers in the Kingdom.

Noble Age is a series of curricula (6) and videos (2 DVDs) for Sunday school classes produced in the African context by Louis and Linda since 2010. It is being used all over Cameroon and some congregations in other countries like Chad, Swaziland, Haiti, Madagascar, Britain, etc.

In the month of June, brother Jim Corner sponsored the printing and distribution of a total of eight hundred copies. They were distributed on June 24th during the National Bi-annual ladies' seminar of the churches of Christ in Cameroon. Two hundred copies have been distributed already. The ladies were very happy to receive these curricula as most of them from the restive regions lost their first copies while trying to escape. The rest of the copies will be distributed in November during the National Annual Gospel Lectureship.

NOBLE AGE: CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM

Linda is done with the Babies' curriculum. Louise Clement helped with editing and Louis with the structuring. The ladies in Cameroon are excited about using the babies curriculum to teach babies Sunday school classes. Before now, the churches had no curriculum for children below age three. In the foreword, Linda acknowledged how coming to America and attending the Cloverdale children's class inspired her.



SERVING THE SOCIETY

SOCIAL- MEDICAL OUTREACH

The International Women's Day is an occasion celebrated worldwide in order to recognize the progress made towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment but also to critically reflect on those accomplishments and strive for a greater momentum towards gender equality worldwide. This celebration takes place every 8th March, and the theme for this year was "For an inclusive digital world: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality"



Linda addressing the Ladies

Many women misunderstand the real reason for this day and instead get involve in fiendish activities like; drinking, night clubbing, fighting with their husbands if they don't receive money for the women's day clothing, abandoning their husbands and children etc. Camwork therefore came up with a program on this day which brought the women in their neighborhood together in order to reflect and talk on what God requires of them.

On the agenda was: Welcome and appreciation of the ladies by Louis Bassay, Presentation on Women and technology: Working towards positive achievements for the benefit of the family and the society by Linda Bassay, Singing, prayers and intercession for families and the country as a whole by Ngnipibzi Solange, Health talk on Community health by Dr. Ekambi, Dinner and gifts of earrings to appreciate the ladies for all they do in nation building. There were 80 women in attendance.

REUSABLE SANITARY PAD PROJECTS

From January to July, Linda together with some Bonaberi ladies, have produced and supplied 14,325 Reusable Sanitary Pads (RSP) in three different orders placed by a Non governmental Organization (NGO) operating in Cameroon. Through this work, most of the women involved in the project are able to earn some money to assist their families. Some made up to \$180 in every order.

The ladies use some of their profit to assist other sisters in need in other congregations. They also bought flowers and flower jars for the Bonaberi church.



Fellowship time after the Seminar

2023 SUMMER MISSION

Camwork hosted its first summer mission from Harding University and Cloverdale from July 6 to 23, 2023. They were led by Chris Lowe and Dr Jesse Robertson and were 12 in total: Kim Toye, Amanda Toye, Camryn Sivia, Jillian Sivia, Bennis Okai, Mia Whittington, Taylor Flewellen, Anna Robertson, Jenna Lowe and Anna Lowe. Their work and presence was a great blessing. They were involved in the activities below. Details and more pictures will soon be uploaded in the Camwork website.

YOUTHS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM/VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (YEP/VBS)

This program is for children between the age of five and fifteen to keep them constructively busy during the long summer break while teaching them to love God and love others. It usually takes place in the month of July. This year's YEP/VBS has been special with the visit of a team of 12 from Cloverdale and Harding. The theme was "I AM INCREDIBLE, I AM SPECIAL" taken from Psalms 139:14. It ran from June 26th to July 21st in seven different locations: Bonaberi, Cite de la Paix, Kongwe, Mudeka, Tiko, Buea, and Muea. The eighth location - Bangangté kicked off on Tuesday the first of August and will close on Sunday the 26th.

Activities carried out include Bible studies, crafts, games, cookery, environmental education, drama, poems, memory verses, sex education, children's rights and duties. About seven hundred kids participated.

During the closing ceremonies parents were invited to attend the local church and the gospel was preached, gifts of school supplies were given to the kids and a meal provided. The team from the U.S was very helpful especially with the crafts that tie with the theme, lots of games and preaching at the closing ceremonies. Camwork is looking forward to working with a team again next year. Camwork is hoping to make this an annual mission event.

PREACHERS / LEADERS WORKSHOP

This program was the first of its kind in Cameroon. Camwork took advantage of the coming of brothers Dr Jesse Robertson and Chris Lowe to start this initiative. Jesse taught on the prophets and introduced the



Yep-Vbs closing in Mudeka

inductive style of preaching to the 100 leaders and preachers from 45 congregations. Chris taught a lesson on Stewardship and Dr Ekambi taught a lesson on ministerial planning.



EXTRA ACTIVITIES

This summer mission team, even though they had a very tight schedule of the YEP/VBS and the preacher's workshop, enjoyed a little down time to visit the Bona'anja-Siga Bonjo village which is a representative of the Douala culture, the Seme beach at the coast of the Atlantic Ocean in Limbe and the Bassay's farm, where they harvested some fresh corn and groundnut (peanuts). They also visited some high ranking government officials, including the representative of the head of state in Bonaberi - more pictures soon :).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Camwork is looking forward to the Kerusso Experience and the Summer Youth Retreat in August. Louis and Linda will be teaching at Bear Valley French preaching school in September while working on Noble Ag 6 (Coming of age) and preparing for the Annual Lectureship

GRATITUDE:

God also enable the Bassays to have their house habitable (not the mission part) on time to house the summer mission team. Thanks for the many prayers and encouragement! Hola to Cloverdale, to the Harding Community, to Mulberry, Agentia, Northside, West Bexar, Southside, Sheridan, Lubbock, Van Buren, Laurel, and to YOU! In all of these challenges are inevitable. More on that in our next report. To God be the glory!

One more thing: "let brotherly love continue!"