



HIGHLIGHTS

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Community Awareness & Development Association Cameroon

2014

Enlarging Our Tent. Maximizing Our Impact.

Dear Friends & Family:

Yes, another late newsletter!!! I again apologize for our long silence. Newsletters are an important part of what we do and keeping you informed. Unfortunately, we are short-staffed. It is challenging to sit and write when you are always on the road and on the go, however, this is something that needs to be done often! I am hoping to send out at least three newsletters this year!

2014 got off to a fast start! We have been to **more than 15 towns and villages**, consulted **more than 200 inmates** through our medical outreach, done **six medical surgeries** on inmates, held **two major evangelistic crusades**, strategically **planted a new church** in the Damas area of Yaoundé (and working on a new church plant in Mendong in Yaoundé), **distributed 70 glasses**, **over 750 patients** administered to and **over 3,000 prescriptions**, **over 1,000 farmers** ministered to through our agricultural outreaches, **over 300 meals** given in prison, **over 250 Fulani Muslims** ministered to, **more than 200 decisions** for Christ, and **more than 30 team members' lives changed**. Welcome to 2014 & BFL Cameroon!

Although we are more than 25 weeks into 2014, you still deserve to know how grateful my team members and I are for what the Lord did through you in 2013. And yet, words fail me in my effort to fully and accurately express my gratitude. In the next two pages, Asanga Fon has attempted to highlight some of the happenings of 2013. All of these were possible as a result of your prayers, both giving and going. May God continue to use you as we begin a new year to accomplish for His glory what no one will be able to explain except in terms of the Supernatural.

As I write, I am reminded of what Jesus said in John 5:19:

"I only do what I see the Father doing."

Building a ministry is not about what we want to do for God, but what He instructs and what we see Him doing. More than a

structure, I believe God is calling us to:

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide; do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." -Isa 54:2

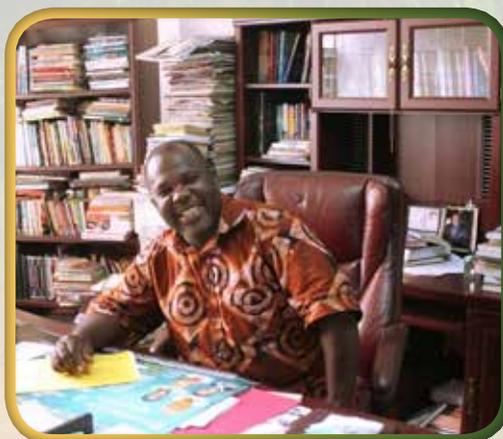
To expand Bread For Life's vision to more effectively evangelize, disciple and empower those God has called us to serve, I sense Him calling us out of our safe zone... to take a risk... to believe Him for the "impossible" for something greater and larger than man's ability.

One of those areas we believed God last year was in the purchase of over 250 acres of land. This land is strategically located among the marginalized Baka Pygmy community of East Cameroon. It will serve as a regional base for BFL and other like-minded ministries. I envision the creation of hundreds of much needed jobs through our agricultural efforts - Beulahland Farms, a youth camp and much more. This base will also help generate much needed income within the country while simultaneously providing ministry opportunities. We recently hired five young men to begin the land preparation process! We will need sponsors to help us in developing and transforming this forest land. We estimate a little over \$200 to fully develop an acre.

The return on this initial investment will be exponential - both in dollars and in lives saved. Would you join us in 2014 as we continue to take Jesus' unchanging message to a rapidly changing continent through words and practical deeds?

Serving Him with you,

Ernest Ehabe



Ernest in his office in Yaounde Cameroon

"It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; Who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." - President Theodore Roosevelt. Speech at the Sorbonne, April 23, 1910

As we take a retrospective glance through 2013, our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord for the achievements registered, challenges encountered and the prospects ahead. We are also thankful to our faithful donors who stood with us all along and gave bountifully to Bread for Life and its ministries. Our gratitude also goes to our team of indigenous staff, volunteers and short term missionaries who worked tirelessly, crisscrossing towns and villages across Cameroon to address spiritual, social and economic plights. Below is a small account of some of the events that unfolded.

SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAMS

We received four short term mission teams in 2013. The first was a team of (number) from Jacksonville, Florida, USA with whom we undertook some agricultural and medical outreaches in Dimako, Tombel and Muambong through the months of January. Next was a team of ten persons from West Conroe Baptist Church who came in October. The team comprised an eye specialist and a dental hygienist. With them we held a one-day health outreach for custom officers at the Directorate of Customs, a one-day health outreach CDC Cottage Hospital in Tiko and a two-day health outreach and five-day evangelistic crusade in the village of Bossa in the North West Region.

In December we had two teams on a quick succession. First was a team of three persons from Hope Church in St. Genevieve, Missouri led by Paul & Mary Hassler, who have worked with us for many years and visited Cameroon a few times. We visited past projects



↑ Muller and Oklahoma team



↑ Jan Townshend with Baka Pygmy children



↑ 2013 Jacksonville medical team

and gave gifts to the Mission School of Hope and a Baka pygmy community in Mbang, as well as children at Grace Tait Orphanage in Bossa.

The next was a team of 11 short term missionaries from Oklahoma led by ministry friend and Partner, Pastor Marvin Savory and farmer Matt Muller. This team traveled across three regions, ministering and distributing gifts to orphans and children and ministering to farmers in the villages of Ebamut and Muambong. This group also encouraged our work in the Bamenda prison through the ministry of the word and practical gifts as well as preaching at our newly planted Antioch Baptist Church in the village of Bambili.



↑ Sun dresses to Baka Pygmies



↑ "Bags to School" Outreach. Distributing school supplies to school children in Muambong.

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD CONFERENCES

In February and March, we continued our annual Rightly Dividing the Word Conferences (RDWC) with Dr. Kenneth Mitchell of Westside Chapel. This year's conference had an innovative touch with special pastors and leaders appreciation banquet (dubbed "CITYLIGHTS"). Dr. Mitchell brought an encouraging and timely message on being "faithful." 2013

RDWCs were held Yaoundé, Bamenda & Mamfe with "CITYLIGHT" banquets in Buea, Bamenda, Kumba, Yaoundé and Tombel. The "CITYLIGHT" banquets were spiced by the projection of an inspirational documentary film on the life of Billy Graham, which was another source of encouragement to pastors and leaders to stay the course!



↑ Dr. Mitchell brings the message at RDTWC in Mamfe

PRISON MINISTRIES

In partnership with Solidarity and Rehabilitation Ministry to Prisoners (SOREIN), BFL continued its outreach to inmates in various prisons in Cameroon. Our focus in 2013 was to re-launch our ministry in the Yaoundé Central Prison (the most

populated prison in Cameroon), nurture the 10 prison churches we have established, while reaching out to prisoners with the gospel of salvation and the love of Jesus through various outreach and benevolent activities. By the grace of God, we succeeded to re-launch ministry activities at the Yaoundé Central Prison on Saturday 16th February. This took place in a colorful ceremony attended by 3000 inmates with 300 of them making commitments to follow Jesus Christ. We began a prison church which today counts more than 150 worshippers.



↑ A prison Church with 300 attending

We also continued our outreach in other prisons in Cameroon (Mbouda, Mfou, Akonolinga, Sa'a, Yoko, Bertoua, Batouri,, Mbengwi, and Nkambe) where we were able to maintain our prison churches and also reach out to new inmates.

AGRICULTURAL MINISTRIES

Our agricultural ministries made great strides this year with activities centered on Muambong and Dimako where we are presently acquiring more than 500 acres of land. We began the year with an agricultural outreach in Dimako in January that brought together over 400 farmers. These farmers were schooled on modern and sustainable agricultural techniques by a team of experts led by Dr. Roxanne Cheek from Jacksonville Florida. They also received free machetes for their farming activities.



↑ Corn, one of our many crops at Beulahland Farms

We also carried out the same activity (agricultural talks and distribution of free machetes to farmers) in Muambong with a similar turn out. The Muambong and Dimako experimental farms are part of the bigger vision to develop regional ministry bases for outreach to rural and urban communities. These bases will provide ministry opportunities, address health and educational issues and serve also as a source of income.



↑ Agricultural outreach receive machetes for farming

MEDICAL & EVANGELISTIC OUTREACHES

We held two medical and evangelistic outreaches this year. The first took place at the beginning of the year (January) in Tombel with the short term mission team from Jacksonville. The second came up towards



↑ Medical outreach, Mbalmayo

the end of the year (October) with the missionary team from West Conroe Baptist Church in the village of Bossa in the North West Region. Over 500 people were consulted and given free drugs and huge numbers attending the crusades that were held in the evenings in both programs (Tombel and Bossa).



↑ Crusade

SMALL BUSINESS START-UP

A \$1,000 donation from the Gammon family of Missouri went a long way to help start five small businesses. One of the recipient of this interest free loan was a crippled young woman whose life was changed as a result of our loan. Many who have benefited from this project are all doing well. Our staff is continuing to make visits and follow up calls.



↑ A young crippled woman's life is changed by our small business loan. She is one of many beneficiaries.

USA MINISTRY

Brother Ernest Ehabe made two visits to the USA in 2013. Several new doors were opened up in the state of Oklahoma by Marvin Savory who had visited Cameroon in 2011 and was so impressed by what he saw BFL doing. Many other doors were open in Arkansas. The ministry of Brother Ernest was well received. Speaking honorariums from his time in the USA were put into the ministry account for the daily operation of BFL Cameroon. Brother Ernest also had the opportunity to minister to several African families living across the USA.



↑ Ernest at 1000 Hills Cowboy Church

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Through its subsidiary Community Awareness and Development Association (CADAC), BFL also participated in several community development, education and empowerment activities. Prominent among such activities was the Democracy Incubator Project and the After School Program. CADAC won a grant from the Democracy and Human Rights Fund of the US Embassy in Cameroon to implementation of its "Democracy Incubator" Project. The project (which is already going on in 6 secondary schools in four regions in Cameroon) seeks to inculcate among secondary school students, the virtues and values of democracy and good-governance.



↑ CADAC Director Asanga Fon receives signed official grant document from the US Ambassador to Cameroon, Robert P Jackson

Three new part time staff members → Continued on page 4

←Continued from page 3 were added to our After School Program in Buea. The program has continued with its mission of providing learning opportunities that support the cognitive, social, physical and emotional development of children and teenagers in the Bunduma and Buea town community. Over 90 percent of the pupils attending our after school program succeeded in their common entrance exams into secondary school!



HIV/AIDS Education

CHALLENGES

All was not a bed of roses for us this year as we witnessed some challenges. Our first experimental cultivation in our land in Dimako did not fulfill our expectations. The tomatoes cultivated were affected by diseases and so produced a disappointing harvest.

Our finances were also below our monthly operation. This caused a lot of constrains in the management of our activities and overheads.

PROSPECTS

We look forward to 2014 with much enthusiasm and expectations as we trust God to position the ministry for great impact. We shall continue our efforts to establish a ministry base in Dimako and in Muambong through the full acquisition and development of the over 500 acres of land. We shall also try to maintain a balance between our spiritual endeavors (church planting, pastor and leaders' conferences, crusades and other evangelistic meetings) with our social actions (education, health and economic empowerment).

We remain grateful to God and to you who contributed physically or spiritually to all what we were able to accomplish this year. We have been able to come this far because you walked with us. We invite you to take the journey with us as we step into another year full of great opportunities to touch hearts and transform lives. God bless you.

On behalf of our Cameroon Team,

Asanga Fon,
Director of Communication & Development, Bread For Life Cameroon

NEWS, NOTES & UPDATES



From Rhetoric to Action

To curb mass exodus from villages to an already

crowded city, for a number of years, BFL's agricultural teams have traveled to villages across Cameroon - giving lectures on farming, providing farm tools and seeds and at the same time presenting the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ through words and practical action. The results: Thousands of poor villagers have been assisted and many have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This year, we have embarked on developing an Experimental or a Demonstration farm in the town of Dimako. Five young men are now gainfully employed with dozens of villagers also employed on a contractual basis. Please keep this development in your prayers (see enclosed book marker for details).



↑ Prayers of thankfulness over the gifts of harvest

↑ (top) Cocoyam growing, on the farm (below) Farmers and farm project manager Matther Mbogge

Points FOR PRAISE & PRAYER

1. Please be praying for the **support base of BFL to increase**. We are still below 50% of what we need monthly. We are trusting God for more Gideon 300s. 300 men and women who can commit to \$25 or more monthly to help underwrite the monthly operation of BFL.
2. We are looking at investing in a **well drilling equipment** this summer (see enclosed bookmarker). It will help with irrigation for our Dimako base and provide water to others in communities across the country. We are also looking at buying a Stump Grinder. We appreciate you praying for these needs and if possible give towards them.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Please join us on our Facebook page to see more pictures and read more stories about what God is doing through your BFL as a result of your support. Search for "Bread For Life" or go to www.facebook.com/groups/593800500663919/ and click, "join" and you'll be added to our page.

GIVING TO BFL is much easier now than before. Go to www.breadforlife.org and then to our "donate" page to see the various giving options.

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