

2012 in Review!



BFL Board Chairman speaks at a Business conference organized by BFL in Bertoua, January 2012

Dear Friends of BFL:

I greet you, our partners in Christ who make possible the completion of African projects that have been placed before us. 2012 passed quickly. We are pleased with the progress, and excited by potential gains in many different areas. Africa is a rich mission field, and Cameroon shares in the opportunity. Like the rest of the so-called "third world", Africa has been experiencing explosive church growth. At present growth rates it is likely that Africa will replace Europe and America as the center of Christianity by 2025. It is our job to enhance and guide this growth, while obeying Biblical directives to serve others:

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ... let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and truth."

- (1 John 3:17-18)

Bread For Life is not able to eradicate poverty in Africa, but helping the needy goes hand in hand with Gospel presentation.

This is how we operate. The year 2012 began with a major outreach in Bertoua in the far Eastern Region of Cameroon. 1000 people were given free medical treatment, 105 were trained in Christian business practices, and 100 accept-



The people who lived in darkness have seen the light: Newly planted Antioch Baptist Church in Bambili in our makeshift church building. We had over 400 people show up on the first Sunday after a week-long evangelistic crusade. PTL.



Martin Enyang and his team of volunteer workers in Yaounde have been doing an excellent work with our children's ministry. This outreach attracts about 100 kids weekly in neighborhoods where we operate the Awana Program. Edith Asana has

ed Christ in nightly crusades organized by BFL in collaboration with local churches. This, like other outreaches of Bread for Life, provided a boost to the body of Christ in the region. With each event, Bread For Life builds credibility with governmental and church leaders that make larger events possible in the future. Before the outreach, it was my great pleasure to visit a thriving church in the capital city that had been planted by Bread For Life in the past. The services were full and enthusiastic beyond anything we see in the US! It had been years

since my last visit to Africa, and I saw an odd mix of progress and stagnation. Cell phone technology is in wide use now, but living conditions are still difficult. Most roads are still pothole-filled dirt, and many citizens remain in desperate straits financially. It was good to meet staff members who do the ministry's work for very low pay. Their competence and dedication were conspicuous! Agricultural training and support was strengthened in 2012, thanks to the efforts of agricultural specialist God-love Nsuli. We have lined up roughly 500 acres in both Muambong village and the town of Dimako (one in the SW Region, the other in the Eastern Region) to operate a Christian experimental farm. This will support evangelization efforts and provide employment for several villagers. However, capital to get started is needed. Land preparation and development range from \$400 to over \$2,000 depending on the kind of crop we are investing in and the kind of labour or skills needed, as well as land preparation.



Jubilant worship at newly planted Antioch Baptist Church in Bambili

been spearheading efforts to provide after school programs and family/health training for school kids and their parents in Buea. She is doing this in addition to managing our small business initiatives (Samari-

tan Enterprise).

Micro loans to believers have resulted in several successful Christian enterprises. Repayments of loans are used to help other businesses get started. This year, we were able to assist a pastor in Bertoua to start a chicken-raising business. He has started repaying the loan with profits from the business. Loan projects strengthen the church by making its members more able to support themselves and others.

Emmanuel Chongwan and his team of volunteers are impacting prisons across the country. Many are coming to Christ and being disciplined. Almost 8,000 prisoners across the country (in 15 prisons) were exposed to the gospel in 2012. Through their efforts, more than 2,500 made a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ.

Dr. Ken Mitchel, through the support of his church in Jacksonville, FL is also partnering with BFL in providing much needed training for pastors and church leaders

in Biblical and expository "teaching conferences. Over 300 pastors and church leaders participated in these conferences in several cities and villages in Cameroon in 2012.

We thank you for your generosity these past years, and ask for help with funding for:

- 1. Another medical outreach in Tombel accompanied by schools and community outreaches in surrounding villages. We need funding to purchase additional medicines for volunteer doctors to dispense. We also need funding to pay local doctors and nurses who volunteer with us (usually a token).*

- 2. More consistent monthly giving to provide*

stipends for staff. At times, this has been lacking.

- 3. Money for our agricultural initiative in the SW & Eastern Region, which is expected to be self-supporting within a few months when funding is available.*

- 4. Continuing resources to provide literature and basic needs to prisoners hungry for the Gospel.*

- 5. We continue to funnel resources to the Grace Tait Orphanage and the Pygmy school as they are made available.*

- 6. We continue to plant churches, disciple new believers and provide informal leadership training to the church and community at large. More materials are needed to help provide further training.*

- 7. A great need is a national bilingual (French & English) magazine which the ministry is trying to start to. We will need your financial partnership to make this happen.*

Thank you again for partnering with Bread For Life in this. May you be richly blessed for your sacrifices! We also want to thank Dr. Jackson Downey for all his hard work in putting together our medical outreaches as well as gathering all the necessary medical supplies. And thanks to Gene Leclair for all of his help in coordinating teams for us in the US.

In Christ,

Steve Langton

Board Chairman



Marvin Savory, Short term missionary with BFL leads and prays with a new convert in the village of Bambili.

John Rodgers of Texas Shares Christ during our door to door outreach in Bambili.



Points for Praise & Prayer

● We are looking for **interns or volunteers** who can serve in Cameroon for 2 to 6 months or longer. We need folks with background in farming who can join our growing indigenous staff to develop the various aspect of our agricultural and experimental farms in Dimako and Muambong where BFL has acquired 250 acres to develop ministry and sustainable agricultural bases.

● We need **Interns** with background in the area of communication who can help us in the area of social media and other related communication needs.



Edith Asana, our Director for Community Development taks to pupils and teachers at Government Primary School Boduma in Buea, during the end of the term activities.

Outreach Equipment needed:

● We are in need of two separate sound equipment systems for our various outreaches, as well as other items for evangelistic crusades:

1. A Public address system that can cover meetings ranging from 50 to 500 people.
2. A Public address system that can cover a crowd between 1,000 to over 20,000.
3. Meeting tents and a traveling foldable stage.

Agricultural tools & Equipment

● With our efforts on developing and preparing land for our Experimental Farms, there is a great need right now for all sorts of farming tools and equipment. A pickup truck for transporting produce from farm to market is urgently needed. Any other farm tools and equipment will be a blessing to Godlove and his Agricultural team.

If You are able to assist with this or know where and how we can get even a used public address system, please email ernestehabe@gmail.com

Traveling during the Rainy Season in Cameroon



● We had a challenging rainy season in 2012. Our team members still braved the roads. Thank

God for our four-wheel vehicle. There were areas we could not use our truck as the roads were really terrible in some parts

of the country. we resorted to motorcycles in some areas. There were times we had to push motorcycles, trucks and there were times we had to walk to get to our destinations.

● We are also looking for **interns** who can work with our children's ministry in Yaounde and our after school program in Buea. Also needed are interns who can help with development and communication. If you feel a nudge in any of this areas, please email ernestehabe@gmail.com



Edith and two after school staff members pose with some of the kids benefitting from our after school outreach in Buea.

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