

in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science. Like most young Cameroonians, she has not been able to find work. God brought her to us at the right time.

New Church Plants

We have been invited to plant a community based church in the city of Bamenda in the NW Region of Cameroon. The church is slated to start in October this year. One of the main goal of the church would be a concerted effort to reach out to government officials and decision makers in that region. Many who are in the occult. Be praying for us to find a strategic place for meetings; for provision to renovate, for one years rents and for funds to provide for the pastor and his family.



Newly completed school: Our team visits and talk with teachers and parents in front of our newly completed school classrooms for Baka Pygmies. Thanks for making this possible!

We are also looking at planting several churches in the most unreached part of Bakossi land. We have already identified 18 villages with no church. We are looking for US churches that would adopt a village or unreached people group.

Ministry Needs

Join our e-mailing list and help us save cost of printing and mailing. Send your email to: ernestehabe@gmail.com or bread4life@gmail.com

Outdoor Evangelistic Crusade Tent: We are praying for an outdoor tent with at least a seating capacity of 2,000 or more for use for evangelistic outreaches during rainy seasons.

4x4 Vehicles: it is raining season, again. A 90 mile trip which usually took 4 hours on bad road may take 8 or more hours now as the road conditions

become rougher. Be praying with us for resources for the purchase of any 4x4 vehicle or Truck to rough our roads.

Short & Long Term Missionaries and Teams: such of our ministry takes place through the involvement of volunteers. Short term missionaries continue to play a vital role in our outreach efforts. Please contact us, if you or your church group would be interested in a short-term mission trip or other opportunities to serve.



Agricultural Ministry: Dr. Roxanne Cheek of Jacksonville, FL shares and presents bags of seed to help farmers in the new planting season in Ndop



Contact Evangelism: Paul & Mary Hassler take photo with new Baka friend

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Sports Evangelism: School kids wear Jerseys donated by a school in Baggs, WY and display soccer balls donated by children Sunday school class in Florida! A total of 200 footballs (soccer) were given to BFL. We are using them for sport evangelism

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Private Prayer! A high ranking prison official invited Ernest, Paul and Stan to pray with him privately after hearing them speak to his staff in Yaounde.

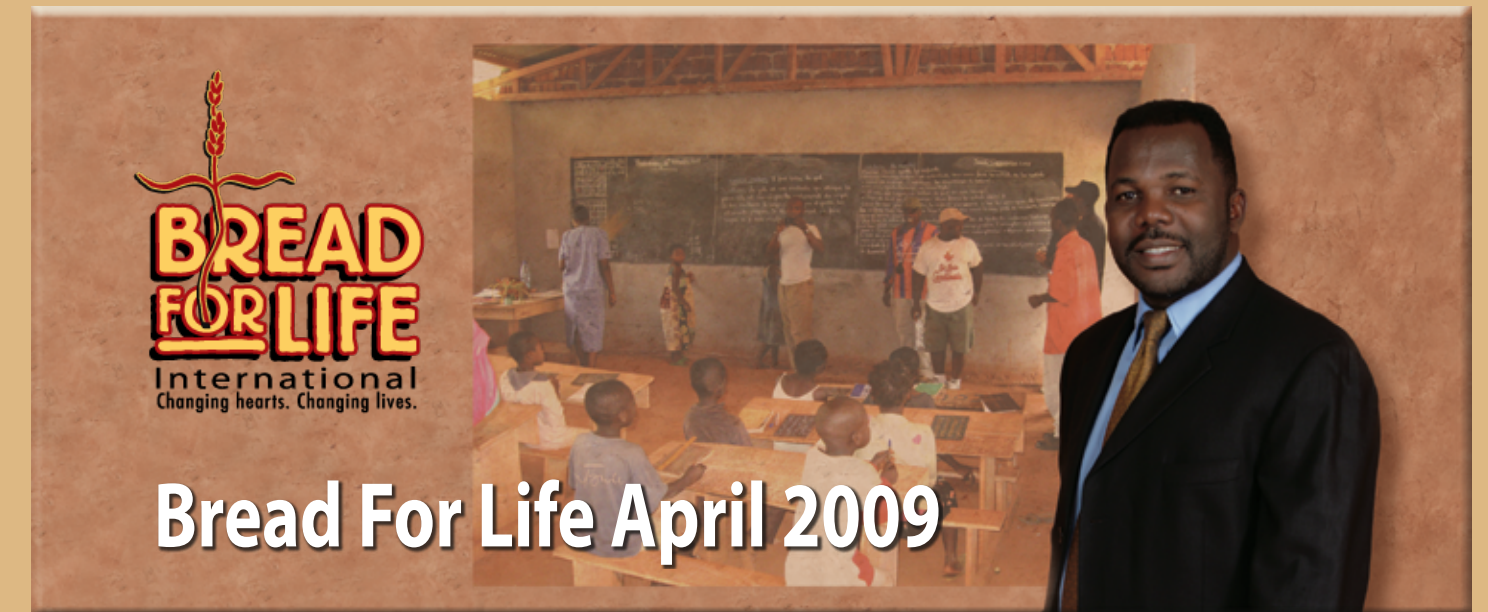


First granders at the Baka Pygmy school in Mbang enjoying their new class and chairs



Rev. Thomas Staples from Jacksonville, FL shares with BFL staff during a morning devotion at the BFL Center for Spiritual Renewal in Yaounde

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An indescribable Gift

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

—Jesus Christ in John 10:10

Dear Friends:

Greetings to all of you, from all of us here, in Cameroon. I'm so sorry that I haven't done a better job of communicating through this medium. I am still trying to organize myself and schedule so I can do a lot more communication. Please forgive me.

I want to use this first ministry letter of 2009 to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, our friends, as you have come alongside this ministry even in difficult times. The road ahead remains steep, as it is for many organizations and individuals alike, but I want to sincerely thank you for allowing God to use you as you have partnered with us in faith and often great sacrifice too. I want you to know that we take your commitment to us with great solemn responsibility, and we remain undaunted as we make the most of every opportunity given to us to share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have recently returned from Bamenda, Tombel and Douala for some follow up on recent outreaches. Already this has been a remarkable year. We have already had some of the most exciting meetings in the NW, Littoral and SW Regions (States).

It is Easter week, and, I cannot help but think of the words of the Apostle, Paul: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Cor. 9:15) -- God became flesh

in Jesus Christ! It is just that--indescribable!

The union of deity and humanity in the person of Christ is more than just a piece of Biblical trivia. It is both vibrant and vital to our experience of the Christian life. Because Jesus is God, He is able to authentically forgive sins (Mark 2:7), to understand our deepest needs and weaknesses (Heb. 2:17; 4:15), and to be a mediator between God and man (Gal. 3:20; 1 Tim. 2:5). What a powerful and indescribable gift!

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, I hope you would find the time to look at the nail prints in the hands of the risen Savior and fall on your face before Him, as did Thomas, proclaiming through tears: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). For the Resurrection assures us not only that Jesus is God, but that we are forgiven and will also be resurrected after our death to live forever in His presence. As undeserving as we are of His love, He is unfailing in covering us in His grace, and in loving us enough to fill us with His power and presence.

May you have an indescribable Easter week.

Because He lives,

Ernest Ehabe

Family News: Lisa's Corner



Close to 10 months after arriving Cameroon on June 18, 2008, we've almost forgotten we ever left. The arrival of our household – furniture, cooking utensils, toys, books, etc – and yes – car, praise God, have really helped us feel settled. The kids are in school and have adjusted extremely well and surprisingly fast to the pretty intense preschool system here (Nursery School as we call it). Nathan, in Nursery 2 (he is 4 ½ years old now) can count and write from 1 to 100 and do additions and subtractions. He has mastered the sounds of the whole alphabet, can differentiate consonants from vowels, and spell three



Nathan reciting the story of Jesus' birth during a school Christmas



Sunday in the Village. We have taken the children to meet relatives in both of our villages



Kisheri's second day at school

letter words. Kisheri at 2 ½ (she is in the pre-nursery class) can count to 20 and knows all the vowel sounds as well as most letters of the alphabet. She is excellent at memorizing anything from nursery rhymes to her favorite story books to the Lord's Prayer to portions of the Cameroon national anthem. Both kids have formal written and oral exams at the end of each term with marks awarded and report cards issued to parents. Subjects tested include Math, English, Nature Study (study of plants and animals), drawing (art) and Hygiene! They get homework almost every day and this Easter break Kisheri – a 2 ½ year old remember – had homework for everyday of the break – 14 exercises for 14 days! A lot for preschoolers, if you ask me! They don't always cooperate though: during her last exam Kisheri apparently told her teachers she wasn't going to take it because she was too tired! DUH! They have wonderful kind and playful teachers though and both love school – they are unhappy to miss even a day for anything. Health wise they haven't adjusted as well, with frequent bouts of colds, coughs and related infections. The doctors believe they may be allergic to something – please keep them in your prayers in that regard. And how am I (Lisa) enjoying life back home? More on that in the next issue...

Ministry Updates

We are about entering the rainy season here (we have two seasons in Cameroon: Rainy/Wet & Dry or Sunny). Dry seasons are typically from October and end in March and the rainy seasons begin in April through October. Since most of our ministry activities are usually outdoors. We have all been on the go since October- Agricultural outreaches, Abstinence and HIV/AIDS education and training, Pastors Conference, Evangelistic crusades, logistical coordination, site and church visits, etc.

Abstinence Education & Training

Bread for Life was privileged to partner with Cindy Taylor and Friendship Bible Church of Kerrville in October 2008. Cindy, her 14 year old daughter and a young man from the Austin, TX were in Cameroon



Cindy Taylor & Hilary Wamey address youth on abstinence and AIDS

for about two weeks to participate in our school outreaches. We spoke to over 12,000 students in about ten schools in Tombel as well as in Bamenda. Although we were teaching on abstinence we also had the opportunity to share the gospel. Another session was organized to train trainers of trainers.

Village & Prison Outreach:

Stan Jackson, a BFL board member led a team of three in November to Cameroon. Several trips were planned to visit BFL projects. Among these were visits to Mbang to see the work among Baka Pygmies, a visit to encourage believers in Djottin where BFL planted a church a few years ago. The church has faced severe persecution in the predominantly Roman Catholic and animistic



In front of Yaounde Prison: Pastor Emmanuel, Ernest & Stan Jackson

community (unfortunately, the Roman Catholic church in this community practices syncretism-mixture of Roman Catholicism & Animism). Many of the new believers have been ostracized from their families on account of their new found faith. The ministry has as a result been forced to adopt some of these young people and we are struggling to keep them in schools as well as with surrogate parents till such a time they can return to their biological families.

The highlight of Stan and the Hassler's trip was the ministry in prisons. God opened the door for us to minister at the largest prison in the country. The outdoor crusade was attended by several hundred prisoners; among them were high level government officials who have been jailed for corruption. Stan did an excellent job in communicating the gospel, even while training the prison staff.



Alter Call: Stan invites prisoners at Mbalmayo prison to give their lives to Christ

Agricultural Outreaches:

Several Agricultural outreaches were organized and led by Elias Ngome and his team. Villages benefiting were Ntisaw (a predominantly Muslim village, now turning to Christ through our agricultural outreaches), Toko village, Ndom, Ndop etc.



Pastor Pray over newly donated grinding machine

We are thankful to our friends from Sacred Fame ministries in the UK, Dr. Roxanne Cheek of Jacksonville, FL and others whose support made a Huge difference towards the construction of a church in the village of Ntisaw, the purchase of a village grinding machine (for corn and Cassava), grains to use for new planting seasons and farming tools.

Notes & Points for Praise & Prayer

We as a ministry (and family, too) are facing some enormously trying times. I know these are difficult times for many, and we thank God for you and pray for you that He will meet your every need. We only ask that as you are able and as the Lord lays us on your heart, you will step forward to partner with us. And most importantly, we ask you to pray with us that the Lord will give us wisdom in any decisions we need to make and that this work may continue undeterred so that many more hearts will know the beauty and credibility of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe this is the Lord's ministry, and we thank you for how you stand with us in this calling. Below are a few notes, praise and prayer points to assist you in interceding on our behalf.

Moving Challenges

As many of you already know, our family relocated to Yaoundé, Cameroon after 2/12 years of living in Atlanta, Ga. This move has not been without its challenges: the cost of breaking our apartment lease, the cost of shipping a 40 foot container of personal and ministry stuff (including a donated van), the cost of flying a family of 4 back to Cameroon and the cost of settling and the children adjusting, The biggest cost however came from exorbitant custom duties imposed on us (we refused to taking the traditional route of bribing the customs). The container stayed at the Ports for a little over a month before we could finally claim it. Sadly, our whole stipend is going to pay for this and would for about two years without a miracle. We would covet your prayers as we sort through this.



Jochobed Ambe visits an orphanage in Bossa and presents them with t-shirts

Ernest Ehabe to Itinerate USA:

Ernest is would be itinerating in the USA this summer. Be praying for doors of opportunity to open in churches as well as among groups for Ernest to share the vision of Bread For Life Ministries. Please email Ernest if you would like for him to visit a church or group in your area.

New Team member:

Jochobed Ambe joined our team early this year as my administrative assistance. She is already handling more than her fair share. What a blessing she has been to me and the ministry, the last four months. Because this is a faith based ministry, each staff is supposed to raise their personal support. Unfortunately, it is not that easy in Cameroon. We are continually trusting the Lord to raise up individuals or churches who will help undercut Jochobed's salary as well as that of other BFL team members.

Jochobed Graduated from the University of Buea