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Ministry Updates

We are about entering the rainy season here (we have two seasons in Cameroon: Rainy/Wet & Dry or Summer). Dry season ends here in late May and we 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.

Agricultural Outreaches:

Several Agricultural outreaches were organized and led by Elia Njoye and his team. Villages benefited were Niare (a predominantly Muslim village, now turning to Christ through our agricultural outreaches), Tako village, Nokam, Ndop etc.

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 without its challenges: the cost of breaking our apartment lease, the cost of stopping a 40 ft. container of personal stuff (including a donated car), 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 customs duties imposed on us (we refused to take 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 custom officials were going to pay us whatever price they could ask of us and would for about two years without a miracle. We would cover their officials for any meals or errands. 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 the prison staff.

Ernest Ebate to Itinerate USA:

Emest 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’s not that easy in Cameroon. We are continually trusting the Lord to raise up individuals or churches who will help underwrite Jochobed’s salary as well as other BFL team members.

Jochobed Graduated from the University of Buea.