## Newsletter February 2018

"...we have only five loaves and two fishes. And He said, bring them here to me." - Matt 14:17-18 NASB

"How in the world were we able to accomplish what we did in 2012 – given the small budget we had to operate with?" This is the question I asked myself over and over as I reviewed our books and what was accomplished through the ministries of Bread For Life in 2012.

As we give to God and His service, God has a unique way of multiplying our gifts to accomplish His purposes (Matthew 14:15-21). That exactly is what God did through your giving in 2012.

Thank you for your pivotal role in this miracle of multiplication. May we continue to do all to the glory of the One who came so we may all have Bread for Life!

In 2013, we want you to join us as we "*lift our eyes to the hills from whence cometh our help*" and continue to seek the Lord for direction and wisdom in faithfully executing what He has called us to do (Psalm 121). I want to ask you to prayerfully consider joining us in one or more areas of ministry this year. You can join us in person, by being a part of either a vision or ministry trip. You can join us in standing together in prayer or, you can become one of our "Gideon 300" – those who commit to assist the work of Bread for Life by giving \$25 or more monthly. God is growing this network. We now have about 30 individuals and five churches that have committed to being a part of this support base. Our goal is to raise 300 individuals and churches.

One of our emphases this year will be "Agricultural Evangelism." God has provided us with two strategic pieces of land across two regions in Cameroon. We

are hoping to use both as ministry bases. These bases will be used to provide ministry and service opportunities, create jobs and simultaneously generate revenue for continuity. As a ministry, we are striving to be in a place where we are self-sustaining and also able to give to the

church at large... thus, curtailing the perpetual circle of dependence on Western benevolence. Another area we will focus our attention is through the ministry of communications. We are trusting the lord to produce a Christian magazine this year and also republish some of our tracts, which are still in demand here. I hope you will join us in 2012 as together we serve the Lord and make a difference in and across the boarders.

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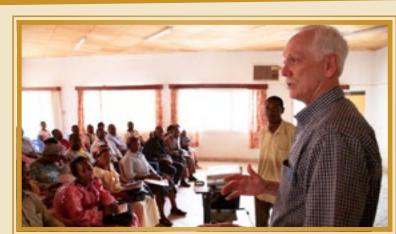
Working on a new publication to combat the proliferation of cult and pseudo-christian magazine. Lord willing, we hope to have this out before the end of the year!

Together we can affect significant, positive and lasting change - to the glory of God. Serving Him with you,

Ernest Ehabe

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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 and his team of volin our makeshift church building. We had over 400 people show up on the first Sunday after a weeklong evangelistic crusade. PTL.



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 Godlove 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.

> Martin Enyang unteer workers in Yaounde have been doing an excel-

lent work with our children's ministry. This outreach attracts about 100 kids weekly in neighborhoods where we operate the Awana Program. Edith Asana has



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-

Jubilant worship at newsly planted Antioch Baptist Church in Bambili

#### 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 discipled. 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



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

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

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

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3. Money for our agricultural initiative in the SW & Eastern Region, which is expected to be selfsupporting 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



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• 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 Schoo Boduma in Bueal, during the end of the term activities.

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### 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 Cameroom

• 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

this areas, please habe@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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- PO Box 291307
- Kerrville, TX 78029

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