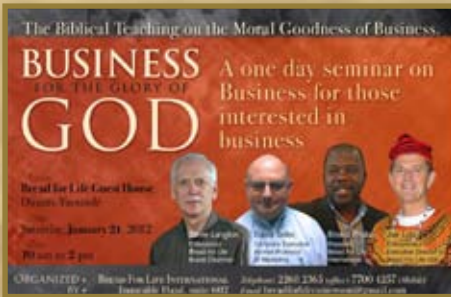


Perspectives: Thoughts on Our 2012 Medical/Business Mission

As I joined fellow team members in crossing the threshold of the Air France 777 parked at Yaoundé International Airport, the world abruptly and predictably changed from third world to first. The gleaming surfaces, the immaculately dressed cabin stewards, the feeling of confidence in our corporate institutions were a welcome yet troubling transition. I was a hundred feet from the dimly lit Cameroonian waiting area, but the only reminders I had were the red dust on my shoes and the mosquito that must have ridden my shoulder aboard! How to make sense of the disparity between the worlds?



↑ Flyer advertising our business conference

Cameroon is marked by smoky air, unreliable water, faltering institutions, and some degree of resignation in the face of adversity. Yet, how can it be, the populace is as upbeat and joyful as in any American state!

Perhaps the mind simply adapts to the different environment. At the end of a week there, the various hardships had started to seem rather normal. Now the western world seemed strange!

Much was done during the week. We provided free medical care to over 1,000 and Christian business training to 120, distributed 80 New Testaments, and presented the Gospel to thousands. The question is, "did it make a long-term difference?" 1 John 2:13 tells us "Do not love the world

or anything in the world". If that is the case, were the services provided of any consequence over the long term? We are not able to make their lives like those in our world from a material standpoint. On the other hand, they did benefit, and many made decisions for Christ. Even if their material life changed little, we applied God's love to their situation and told them about Him. What could be more important than that? If the mind adjusts to variations in environmental conditions, perhaps the spiritual progress was what it was all about!

Then there is the blessing that the team itself received. Knowing that we were obedient in carrying out the Great Commission put forth in Matthew 28:19, and seeing the appreciation in the eyes of the residents of Bertoua, I have to wonder if we were not the greatest beneficiaries! There is a joy that comes from responding to the challenge of James 1:22: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." This is something that the contributors who made the trip possible can share in, as well. We pray that the residents of Bertoua will also continue to carry out that directive!

- Steve Langton, BFL Board Chairman



↑ Dr. Jackson Downey examines a patient.



↑ Flyer and photos of various outreaches ↓



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2011: Another Fruitful Year in Ministry

About two years ago, we made an appeal for folks to join the effort of BFL. The year 2011 may have found its place in the annals of history but its memories are still fresh in a cherish spot in our hearts. As we walk down memory lane, our hearts are filled with gratitude as we count the blessings the Lord accorded us in all the various spheres of ministry in which BFL was engaged in. A few highlights are: Prisons ministry, Christian Medical outreach, Church Planting, AWANA, Grace Orphanage, Rightly Dividing the Word Conference, Northern Women Literacy project and Staff development.



Prison Ministry
BFL continued its outreach to prisoners at the Kondengui Principal Prison (KPP), Yaounde and several other prisons in other regions of Cameroon. The Prison Ministry team led by Pastor Emmanuel CHONGWAN carried



out regularly activities every month with inmates at KPP. These activities include Bible study, Sunday worship service and catering for the physical welfare of the inmates. The Prison Ministry also visited and organized outreach and philanthropic assistance programmes in other major prisons in Cameroon: Douala Central Prison; Ebolowa Central Prison; Kribi Prison; Akonolinga Prison; Mbalmayo Prison; Mfou Prison. Through the Prison Ministry, BFL was able to reach several thousand inmates with 1,491 making commitments to follow Christ.



Christian Medical Outreach

Led by Dr. Jackson Downey (BFL Board member) & Dr. Pascal Fongang (BFL National Medical Director), another major medical outreach took place in Tombel. More than 1,000 received medical attention. More



↑ Waiting to be consulted at a local hospital



than 600 indicated their desire to follow Jesus during the evening evangelistic crusades.

← BFL Medical Volunteer, Marci Kennedy and a local nurse interact with patients waiting to be seen at medical outreach

Church Plant

By the grace of God, BFL made another stride in the domain of church planting with the establishment of Hope Community Baptist Church, Tombel. This church is an eloquent testimony of BFL endeavours to complement the efforts of the indigenous African church. A team from First Baptist Church Kerrville together with BFL conducted a week long evangelistic crusade that birthed this new church. The church continues to grow spiritually and numerically.



↑ Church plant and evangelistic outreaches ↓



Children Outreach (AWANA Programme)

Bread for Life children outreach made major headways in reaching out to children with the gospel and building their faith through a variety of fun-filled learning activities using the AWANA



↑ Our Awana kids program

also reached by proxy.

curriculum. Through AWANA, Martin ENYANG and his team organized activities for children twice each month (on Saturdays) and weekly (every Saturday) during the holidays. The program averages 100 kids. Many parents are



↑ Sallie Nix from Hope Arkansas interacts with Orphans

Grace Orphanage

Grace Tait orphanage witnessed an amazing story of resilience, surviving the transition to glory of its founder Mummy Grace Tait. We praise God for Mark Waits and his family who moved over to Cameroon to keep the orphanage afloat. Grace



Orphanage continued to provide a home and meet the needs of young orphans in the North West Region.

← orphans display their Christmas present



Ernest Ehabé with church leaders in Bamenda

Northern Women Literacy Programme

This budding initiative from BFL entered its 2nd year of operation in 2011, with more Muslim women being provided an opportunity

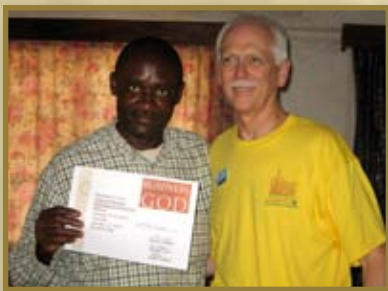


to go school. Most young women in Northern Cameroon are deprived of education due to early marriages. The aforementioned programme is a great source of hope for them. In 2011 the school had 25 registered students. Due to some personal challenges and constrains in resources the staff and student team was reduce

but that has in no way diminished the passion and enthusiasm of Adeline TALLA and her team for the programme.

Staff development

In a bid to better position itself to fully maximise its ministry potentials and better accomplish its vision BFL has continue to expand and build the capacity of its staff. Four new brethren joined the BFL Staff in 2011. Godlove NSULI joined the Agriculture department; Edith MOLIKI assumed the responsibility of coordinating the work of CADAC (Community Awareness & Development Association Cameroon, a subsidiary of BFL) while ASANGA FON came in as Director of Resource Development for BFL. With this new breed on board, BFL hopes to further enhance its capacity and broaden the scope of its outreach.



↑ Steve Langton & our small business grant recipient



↑ DR. Pascal, Joe Lutz & Steve Langton in Bertoua during outreach recipient



→ Earnest Diji, Steve Langton, Ernest Ehabé, David Seller & Joe Lutz at a visit to a Baka Village

Note of gratitude

As we soared into high altitude in our ministerial accomplishment in 2011, our attitude has remained that of gratitude. We acknowledge that we were able to soar so high because you gave us your wings. Your partnership has been vital to our ability to deliver in our vision and goals for 2011. We are so very grateful that you obeyed God and stood with this vision throughout 2011. Thank you so much.

– Asanga Fon, Director of Resource Development



Gideon 300: 280 Needed

Whether a “freshman” or an “old broom” in the BFL team, it does not take long on board for any conscious observer to apprehend some vital realities of the ministry. As I assume the role of Director of Resource Development, one of the pertinent realities that caught my attention is the disproportion between the needs longing to be met and the resources available to meet them.

Two years ago, I am told, Brother Ernest EHABE, BFL’s president began the Gideon 300 vision. This was an appeal for 300 men and women who will commit themselves (with a monthly contribution of \$25 or more) to partner with BFL. This vision still resonates clearly today as it did two years ago. If we must continue to address the issues of spiritual and physical hunger in West and Central Africa; assist the indigenous church to become spiritually, socially and economically vibrant and connect resources with needs in the name of Jesus Christ then we need you to stand with us in prayer and in sponsorship. Your financial contributions will help provide the financial base needed to cover the on-going administrative cost of the ministry.

God has already blessed us with 20 individuals who have heeded to the call. We still need 280 more persons to come on board for us to meet the goal of “Gideon 300”. If you feel burden to join this support base, please contact us.

–Asanga Fon, Director of Resource Development



↑ Meal time at Grace Tait Children's Home



Can a Table Make a Difference?

Dear family, friends & BFL supports,

God continues to use you and yours to make the ministry and ministries of BFL possible. What a blessing to serve Him with you!

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 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, we 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.

Owing to the huge challenges we are facing as a ministry, there are many tough decisions to be made. The demands are increasing, the invitations mounting, and the question before us is pointed: What steps are we going to take as a ministry? Are we going to rise to a new level of engagement with what we feel God has called us to do, or, are we going to remain at our present involvement?

At our last

annual board meeting, we resolved to take a HUGE step of faith to host a "Missions Banquet" in Jacksonville, FL. The goal of this banquet will be to bring awareness to three hundred folks and trust the Lord to touch the heart He chooses to support the ongoing effort of Bread for Life.

We need sponsors! Folks that can commit to underwrite the cost of this event, the first of its kind in the history of BFL. Would you commit to buy a table (sponsor ten people) or simply sponsor an individual?

If God lays it on your heart to assist us, kindly indicate your level of sponsorship on the enclosed commitment card and return with your donation check using the included pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact our board Treasurer,

Ms. Floretta Green at 904-613-9661 or via e-mail: florettagreen@comcast.net. You may also want to contact Dr. Jackson Downey at 904-389-7148 or at jacksondy@aol.com.

Thank you in advance for your sponsorship and support of this important event! I look forward to our time together.
Your friend in God's Work,

- Ernest Ehabe

P.S. In addition, please feel free to copy and distribute the enclosed materials to other churches or individuals you believe may be interested.
Thanks!



Plant or Build a Church for Less Than You Think

The late mother Teresa of Calcutta was once asked by a reporter, "how can you change society?" She responded not with an answer, but with a question, "how can you change society if you do not bring men and women face to face with God?" The gospel of Jesus is preeminent, for it alone has the power to change lives and ultimately, societies!

At BFL, we believe wherever the gospel has impacted cultures, it inevitably has been through the local church. Hence, as a para-church ministry, we believe we find our validity to the degree that we are working alongside the local church to help her fulfill her role. We see the local church as God's chosen tool for advancing His kingdom. Hence, we seek to complement the indigenous African church by providing vision and resources for maximum impact. We are involved in facilitating church planting in the city and among unreached people groups.

Unfortunately, because of the lack of resources, we are unable to do much in this area. We are inundated by calls from everywhere to come and plant churches.



↑ Persecuted Babubock Church needs \$5,000 to finish their church building. They were kicked out of the house they worshipped by the villagers.

Our goal in 2012 is to plant at least seven new churches. Two in Yaoundé in unchurched neighborhoods and five in villages where we have standing invitations. It takes about \$600 a month to sponsor a new church plant. This includes the pastor's stipend and housing as well as a rents for a place of worship. The average church we plant becomes self-sustaining within a year of support. Much less is required for a "village" church.

A challenge we are presently facing is that of buildings where the churches meet. We are beginning to trust the Lord to provide for the construction of simple buildings for folks to meet in. In case you are wondering "why invest in a "building?" A church building is so important in our part of the world for various reasons:

- Basic protection from the elements.
- Gives the ministry an "established" presence and "credibility" in the community
- Becomes a central sending-out point for evangelism
- Enables church to host community events
- Directly impacts ministry potential
- Enhances witness to the unbelieving community.

For less than \$10,000 you can help build a village church. For a little more investment the same can be done in the city where the cost and standard of living is higher. If you will like to partner with us in a church plant or church building, please call or e-mail us.

- Ernest Ehabe

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