

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Partnering with  **Commission** TO EVERY NATION Member 

WORD, WATER, WALLS, & WELLNESS

"We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the One who sent us. The night is coming and then no one can work." – John 9:4

It is hard to believe we are already in 2018! I am grateful for a few weeks at home to reflect and enjoy family and the Christmas season. Christmas is always a welcome time to pause... So much to thank the Lord for.

In 2017 we saw God move in our lives and ministry in unprecedented ways. Five containers were delivered to us in Cameroon through our small social business. These containers were loaded with donated items for churches, schools, the poor and other ministries (books, office/church furniture, clothes, wheelchairs, and assorted supplies). Several churches were encouraged through our visits. Three new staff were added to our office in Yaoundé, our special needs school in Douala grew from 15 students to 45 students and the school staff grew from 10 to 18! We had four PhD and Master Degrees students from Cameroon's prestigious school of Public Relations and Development (IRIC) intern in our office in Yaoundé. We had several high profile meetings with government officials in Cameroon (including the Prime Minister) as well as with diplomats at the US Embassy in Yaoundé to share about the work of BFL and its far reaching impact.

Four words perhaps best describe 2017 for me and perhaps summarizes the future of BFL: WORD, WATER, WALLS & WELLNESS!

WORD: We ministered through words and practical demonstration. Hundreds of pastors and church leaders were brought together across the country through our "Rightly Dividing the Word Expository Conference (which focuses on teaching pastors how to do exegesis) and our New "Leading with Intentionality" Conferences (which focuses on leadership training across the board). Thousands of people made first time decisions for Christ in prisons, through evangelistic crusades, Sports for

Development and other outreaches and many identified with Christ through baptism.

WATER: Three water wells were dug and water supplied to two villages through our village and agricultural outreaches. What a blessing it was to see folks rejoice as they receive clean water and the water of life for the first time!



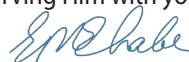
Molding blocks for Loussou church plant

WALLS: We embarked on two building projects in 2017. We started molding bricks for a church building among the Baka Pygmies in Loussou to provide them with a meeting place. Land was also bought for a church we planted in the NW Region. Several churches we planted embarked on building structures. We are hoping to focus on these building projects in 2018. Over 120 acres of land was ceded to BFL by the government of Cameroon in an unprecedented move. We will focus our attention in developing a multi-purpose base that will address heart, hands and head issues and have a far reaching impact in all spheres of life.

WELLNESS: We brought in doctors and Nurses and ministered to people through medical outreaches which provided free consultation, free medication and free counselling. Many who could not afford seeing a doctor or buying medication were given an opportunity as well as pointed to Christ!

This 2017 Annual Report is a testimony to the caring people who made this work possible by their earnest prayers, generous gifts and personal involvement. Most of all, it is a testimony to the goodness, faithfulness and power of God! I invite you to rejoice with us for the great things He has done and, I look forward to partnering with you in the months ahead!

Serving Him with you,


Ernest Ehabé

→ 2017 MINISTRY

"We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us"



22nd and 12th Anniversary Celebration banquet



Our new Short-Term Missions team leader Julie Black



Short-Term Missionary working with children in Loussou village



ROHA children performing for Christmas



Makeshift baptism at the major prison in Yaoundé.
1500 decisions for Christ and more than 80 baptisms

You made it all possible through your prayers and generous giving. Thank you! We saw God work in incredible ways in and through us in 2017. Thankful for the way He continues to open doors. So much happened, so much that it will take more ink and paper. We will try to summarize and highlight just a few areas.

22ND &

Molding Cement blocks for future church/community Building in Loussou Village

12TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Bread for Life

(BFL) and its subsidiary CADAC

(Community Awareness & Development Association –Cameroon) celebrated 22 and 12 years of existence. More than 500 people from all walk of life and different denominations came together from across Cameroon to celebrate with us in Yaoundé. This was our first banquet in Cameroon. We found out the hall we rented was too small. It was an encouraging time as we looked back at 22nd years and the impact of our work in more than 40 towns and villages with more than two dozen church planted, mall enterprises started for dozens of people and students sponsored etc. God was truly glorified.

Our Regional Coordinator brings an encouraging word to the new congregation

USA VISITS & SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAMS

We made multiple trips to the USA to connect with churches and share about our work. Dozens of people across the USA join our team in Cameroon for various outreaches in 2017. Our biggest team was in March when we held our annual medical outreach in the town of Dimako, not too far from our farm. Apart from seeing several hundred people and ministering to them medically and through counselling, we organized a soccer tournament (Sports for Development) and used it as another way to present the gospel. Our friend and longtime supporter, retired Col Julie Black made it to Cameroon for the first time and has committed to leading and bring teams to Cameroon. Julie now teaches at a university in San Antonio. She will lead her first team to Cameroon in July.

The temporary meeting place has brought the village together for worship and community work

RAY OF HOPE ACADEMY

Our Special needs school in Douala received a grant of \$25,000 from Orange Foundation in France to bring trainers from the USA to train teachers on autism. This is our biggest grant and gift so far. So thankful for the opportunity to train many. We received national coverage and lots of doors opened for more awareness.

PRISON OUTREACHES

The Prison ministry led by Emmanuel Chongwan and a dedicated team recorded almost 1,500 decisions for Christ. More than 80 inmates identified with Christ through Baptism in three prisons. 50 Boko Haran terrorist at the maximum security prison

community work Newly Baptized believers of Loussou



Y HIGHLIGHTS

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in Yaoundé were exposed to the gospel and 5 made decisions for Christ. Emmanuel had to adopt a child born by a female terrorist in prison (she had recently made a decision for Christ). Food, clothing and other basic necessities were given to inmates along with the gospel. Thankful to a family in Texas that has single handedly and consistently supported this ministry in prison with an average of \$500 monthly for several years.

MEETING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS

We were privileged to meet several top government officials in Cameroon in 2018. The highlight of these meetings was with the Prime Minister of Cameroon, along with his Director of Cabinet to discuss the incredible work that Bread For Life is doing. In a far reaching discussion lasting more than 90 minutes, we talked about the work of BFL in Cameroon and about the most under-developed resource in Cameroon – its people and how leadership training could positively impact the nation. Through the push of the Prime Minister, over 120 acres of land has been ceded to BFL by the Cameroon Development Corporation to develop a multi-purpose training campus. We also met with officials at the U.S. Embassy to discuss the sustainable agricultural and husbandry projects BFL is doing, and identified resources that may help facilitate an expansion of these training programs.



Sharing about our work and vision with the Prime Minister of Cameroon



Exploring 50 hectares (125 acres) of land granted BFL with government and CDC officials

A PEEP AT BFL IN 2018 - OUR YEAR OF ACCELERATION

We are encouraged by the start of a new year, a clean slate to fill and new goals to pursue. We have had ample time for introspection and reflection. I was recently encouraged with the 2017 commencement speech at Harvard University delivered by Facebook founder, Mark Zuckerberg (God not only uses “donkeys” he also uses fellow humans, regardless of where they may be spiritually).

Zuckerberg said, “Taking on big meaningful projects is the first thing we can do to create a world where everyone has a sense of purpose. The second is redefining equality to give everyone the freedom they need to pursue purpose.” Zuckerberg also had some words of wisdom for tomorrow’s entrepreneurs. “Let me tell you a secret: no one does when they begin. Ideas don’t come out fully formed. They only become clear as you work on them. You just have to get started,” he said. “If I had to understand everything about connecting people before I began, I never would have started Facebook. Movies and pop culture get this all wrong. The idea of a single eureka moment is a dangerous lie. It makes us feel inadequate since we haven’t had ours. It prevents people with seeds of good ideas from getting started.”

How true! I am often reminded and encouraged by the fact that the little things we do along the way are powerful. Small, consistent (even persistent) tasks lay the groundwork for big God-inspired returns. I hope you find encouragement in 2018, I also hope you will continue to be part of the ongoing work of BFL. I believe 2018 will be a year of ACCELERATION for BFL. We will see God at work in ways that are beyond imagination. I am convince that more would be accomplished in 2018, as, together we plunder hell and populate heaven!

MAIN FOCUSES of BFL in 2018

The single greatest obstacle to the impact of the gospel has not been its inability to provide answers, but the failure on our part to live it out.



over 70 pastors gathered at our ministry office in Yaoundé for our first “Leading with Intentionality” Conference.

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• CHURCH PLANTING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT • (DISCIPLESHIP)

"I will build my church...Go and make disciples..." –Jesus Christ

Church planting and discipleship has been the fulcrum of BFL and will continue to be our primary focus. We believe wherever the gospel has impacted cultures, it inevitably has been through the local church. We intend to invest in two to four new church plants in 2018 and at the same time provide leadership training opportunities for pastors, church leaders and others.

• ECONOMIC & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT •

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter"

– Martin Luther King

The rapid growth of Islam and a number of pseudo-Christian groups in our part of the world can easily be attributed to their commitment to address social issues through economic and community development efforts. Can you imagine what the world be like if Christians did for the truth what these groups do for religion? The specter of joblessness and poverty is so real in this part of the world. If we will make a decisive impact for Christ, we will need to preach not only in words but to demonstrate it in social action with a compassion kindled at the flame of the charity of Christ. In 2018, we will continue to pursue economic and community development through our "Agricultural Evangelism and micro-finance efforts.

• EDUCATION •

"A child without education is like a bird without wings." Tibetan Proverb

Apart from the gospel, education is probably one of the most powerful weapons that can be used to change the world. Our special needs and all-inclusive school in Douala is just one tool God will use in 2018 as we seek to address head, hands and heart issues. We are trusting God for resources to begin developing this base in 2018.

• LITERATURE: PUBLICATION & DISTRIBUTION •

It has been our vision and desire for many years to saturate our nation with good literature. We have done it on and off. However, the rapid growth and spread of the Jehovah Witnesses through their publication has motivated us to do for the truth what they do for religion. We are trusting the Lord to launch more tracts and other Christian publications this year and possibly get a printing press to do this ourselves.

WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED WITH BFL: GIDEON 300 GOAL

"You don't need a certain number of friends, just a number of friends you can be certain of."

For more than two decades, BFL has mostly been supported through "one time" and "special gifts" as well as speaking honorariums. However, with a growing family and demands in Cameroon, it has become difficult to be on the road all the time. Gideon 300 are those who commit to make a gift of \$25 or more monthly to cover the monthly operational needs of BFL. We are in need of 270 "Gideons." A recurring gift provides sustainable income, enabling our team plan and implement their work with confidence and certainty.

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Celebrating 5 years of Antioch Baptist Church plant with the village of Bambili



Our friend, Pastor Todd Reed of Texas visits with Baka Pygmy children in Loussou



Seven Baka Pygmies of Loussou identified with Christ in water baptism



Dr. Ken Mitchell of Westside Chapel of Jacksonville teaches pastors on Expository Preaching



Giving out bibles and literature in the prisons