November 2012 Highlights

hat Constitutes a TEAM?



Dear Family & Friends:

I have heard TEAM described as "Together Everyone Accomplishes Much." However, because I am often the visible face of BFL in the West, one can easily think BFL Africa is "Ernest Ehabe". This is far from the truth. BFL is a TEAM effort. BFL is you, through your prayers, giving and going, me, and a host of indigenous staff and volunteers as well as other organizations that come along side are making a HUGE difference. We are seeing new churches planted and ministries that are affecting every

I have traveled with a few BFL team members during my visits to the USA but I wish you could meet all of them. They are all aware of you and know BFL exists because of God's call on your life to partner with us in our collective quest of bridging the gaps, changing mindsets and ultimately transforming our cultures through the power of the gospel. Because I cannot bring them all to the USA, I want to use different issues of our BFL newsletter to introduce you to our hard working team.

spectrum of the African life for the glory of God!

Behind each of these smiling faces is a story. Stories of brokenness, frailty and weakness woven together with healing, confidence and strength to create a tapestry that attests to the goodness of God in all spheres of life. Often, many of these team members work in quiet and are not as visible as me. But they are equally making sacrifices. Often, like all of us, they are in great need of vision, encouragement, training and resources to fulfill

Bread for Life Team in Cameroon at a quarterly retreat at the BFL Center for Spiritual Renewal (Guest House), Yaounde.

their Kingdom potential. In this issue I will introduce you to Jochebed Ambe and Caleb Yengo.

Similarly, there are other ministries like Missionary Tech Team that are by proxy a great part of the work of BFL through their contributions. Tech Team has worked with BFL for over 12 years.

Helping with architectural drawings, planning, web and newsletter designs, etc, etc.

www.TECH Team.org founder and CEO Birne Wiley and me

Ephesians 4:16 talks about "...the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (NIV)" Thank you for being a part of the BFL body in our joint service to Christ in coming alongside indigenous folks and helping them become spiritually, socially and economically vibrant as together we plant new churches and initiate innovative ministries - bridging the gap, changing mindsets & transforming our culture... to the standard of Christ!

Serving Him together,

IN habe **Ernest Ehabe**

Bridging the gaps. Changing mindsets. Transforming our culture... to the standard of Christ

Meet Jochebed Ayiwo Ambe



In front of Baka Pygmy hut, during field trip to the Eastern part of Cameroon.

Jochebed grew up in a religious environment where she was exposed to God's word and participated in church activities. As one of 9 children of a Presbyterian

minister she had knowledge about God and His word but did not have a personal relationship with God.

In 1995 during her first year in high school Jochebed regularly would attend a student bible study group which held every evening at the student hostel. It was during this time she began to realize that it is possible to be a follower of Christ. This group was led by a 17 year old girl whose life was also a true example of a Christian. Jochebed kept participating in this study group for more than a month. One afternoon, after having heard a message on holiness, she was convicted by God's Spirit and later on surrendered her life to Jesus Christ.

It was through this bible study group that the desire to serve the Lord started burning in her heart. In synergy with other believers in school and amidst persecution from friends, family and even the school authorities, a Bible Club was formed on campus and Jochebed was actively involved in reaching out to fellow students.

Jochebed
continued her
studies at the
University of Buea
where she earned
a Bachelor of
Science degree
in Environmental
Science. While at
the University, she
was very involved in
a youth movement
call Cameroon
Youth for Jesus

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(CYJ). Incidentally, this is one of the youth ministries BFL supported with evangelistic outreaches at the University of Buea! It was also through this youth ministry that Jochebed got to know the ministry of Bread For Life. Unbeknown to me, she worked behind the scene in organizing outreaches that BFL sponsored in partnership with CYJ and local churches in the late 90s and early 2000s.

After graduation from the University in December 2001 Jochebed like a vast majority of Cameroonian youth had difficulties finding a stable and paying job. She did whatever she could, just to have funds to pay her taxi and to stay busy. Most jobs she found paid between \$50 to \$70 a month, not enough to pay taxis and rent, but she took them anyway.

It was during this period that God providentially led her to BFL. She was hired as an Administrative Assistance in 2009. This was an act of faith on our part, because, BFL did not have the funds to pay her. A church in Port Orchard, WA initially committed to assisting BFL with \$100 to supplement Jochebeds monthly stipend, unfortunately, they stopped within a year because of their financial situation. Jochebed plays a pivotal role in the ministries of BFL. She now serves as Office & Financial manager, Teams & Outreach coordinator and in many other capacities.

Like most ministries, every staff is supposed to raise their own support. Unfortunately, it has been impossible to generate support in a country where unemployment is over 50%. We are continuing to build in such a way that, if Jesus tarries, BFL Cameroon will become not just self-propagating, self-governing, self-theologizing (contextualization) but, also self-sustaining. Would you prayerfully join us in raising the support

Jochebed and other indigenous staff of

WHO: Jochebed Ayiwo Ambe What: Monthly support Where: Yaounde Office Presently paid by BFL: \$300 Actual Monthly need: \$500 Present support commitment \$0

We are trusting God for 10 to 20 folks who can commit to joining our "Gideon 300" to support Jochebed with \$25 to \$50. Would you join our Gideon Jacobed at our Yaounde office.

Meet Caleb Tata Yengo

As I write this newsletter, Caleb and Jochebed are in Bamenda meeting with some in the leadership of the Cameroon Baptist Convention. Bread for Life will be

planting a new church under CBC in early December. They are there to do final planning for the outreach in early December which will lead to a new church plant!

Caleb comes from a polygamous family of 12 children. His father was a nominal Muslim for most part of his life before being converted into Christianity. From such a large family, life was not at all easy while growing up. The many ills of

polygamy which includes divisions, hatred and jealousy were a major setback.

Caleb came to know the Lord Jesus at the age of 12 and developed a passion for teaching and helping others. He graduated from the University of Buea in 2007, with a degree in Environmental Science and was fortunate worked as a research assistant for a Non Governmental Organization (although the pay was nothing to write about)!

Caleb answered God's call to serve as a missionary with Careforce UK. He served for 2 years at Elmfield



church in London (UK) as a youth and children's worker and then returned to his native country of Cameroon, serving in teaching and discipling young converts in his

local church and subsequently volunteering with BFL as Director of Training & Church Relations. Caleb has a huge love for music and spends most of his spare time singing and playing acoustic guitar. He is excited about being part of the BFL team, serving with an eagerness to change lives for the glory of his Lord. In addition to his many roles, Caleb will be pioneering a BFL related Church plant in the heart of the University of Buea in 2013.



Caleb enjoying his guitar

WHO: Caleb Tata Yengo **What:** Monthly support

Position: Director of Church & Community

Relations/New Church Planter

Presently paid by BFL: \$0

Actual Monthly need: \$300

Present support commitment: \$0

Would you become a Gideon 300 today and help us support Caleb?

End of Year Giving Opportunity

Taxes! Each year many folks are looking to give end-of-year gifts as a possible way to help reduce their tax liability. If you are one of those folks, here are some things to keep in mind!

- ◆ Contributions mailed to CTEN must be postmarked no later than December 31st.
- ◆ Online credit card donations must be posted through the CTEN website no later than December 31st. CTEN is also able to receive contributions of stocks, bonds and mutual funds, which are then sold and the proceeds provided to the missionaries.
- Remember that any yearend gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds must be received in CTEN's brokerage account by December 31st.

Call 800-872-5404 for more information.

If you would like to donate to BFL, you can send your tax deductible gifts to

Commission to Every Nation. PO Box. 291307 Kerrville. TX 78029 830 896 8326. Email: ernestehabe@gmail.com

You can also donate online by going to www.cten.org/breadforlife

● Please DO NOT reduce your level of giving to your local church in order to support Bread for Life Ministries. ●

Turn your iPhones into Mission \$\$\$\$



Ever wondered how you can support missions? Your used iphones and blackberry phones can be turned into mission \$\$\$. If you have upgraded or are thinking of doing so, you can donate your old iphones or blackberries to Bread for Llfe. BFL will sell them and put the funds into missions.

Please e-mail or call Joe Lutz for details:

Joe Lutz

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Or you can contact Ernest Ehabe at: ernestehabe@gmail.com

POINTS FOR PRAISE & PRAYER

Ernest Ehabe spent more than 12 weeks crisscrossing the USA and sharing about what God is doing through BFL. We are thankful to God and to you for the responses. A 40 foot container with ministry items was shipped to Cameroon through another BFL related social enterprise (www.beulahgroup.com). We have received a one year commitment for our afterschool program from a friend of the ministry. Funds came in to cover staff and team stipend as well as a church plant through the month of October 2012! All of this happened as a result

of your prayers. Ernest returned to Cameroon on November 4th.

NOVEMBER 10-18

Ernest visited projects and field staff in the NW and SW Regions of Cameroon. He also traveled to Muambong to finalize arrangement for a sustainable participatory agricultural project.

to talk about Abstinence Education & HIV/AIDS

FEBRUARY 5 – 26

RIGHTLY DIVING THE WORD CONFERENCES in Bamenda, Yaounde, Mamfe & The western Region. This conferences bring Pastors and church leaders from all walks of life, bringing much needed encouragement and training them on Expository Preaching. A preaching style that is much needed in our region. Dr. Kenneth Mitchel and Ernest Ehabe will be facilitating this.

ALSO PRAY FOR:



AFTER SCHOOL Program in BUEA & AWANNA PROGRAM in YAOUNDE: God is doing some exciting things with young people through this as Martin Enyang and Edith Asanna and a team of volunteer minister to primary school children, modeling faith and presenting Christ through scripture memorization, activities and tutoring.

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 1

Team Building Retreat In Douala with all BFL team members and Associates across Cameroon

DECEMBER 2

Team visits and encourages new church plant in the village of Mile 20 near Tombel

DECEMBER 3-9

Outreaches in the village of Bambili in the NW Region and a new church plant

JANUARY 25 -FEBRUARY 2

Medical & Agricultural Outreaches in Tombel and surrounding villages. Outreaches to Secondary School

SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVES (Samaritan's Enterprise Edith Asanna will be visiting small business initiatives across the SW Region and helping women start new ones.

DENTAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

We are looking at adding a Dental facet to our Medical Outreach, we already have a Cameroonian Dentist who has offered to join our medical outreach. We are in need of portable dental equipment. Please email ernestehabe@gmail.com if you have any equipment or a lead on where we can get dental equipment. We will be shipping a container out of Atlanta in March/April 2013 and would like to ship any donated Dental or medical equipment.