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NOUVELLES DU CAMEROUN

EDITION N°15 // KERUSSO 2023

***K**erusso Cameroon is modeled on the Kerusso Experience from Harding University in Searcy Arkansas, offered in a second context by Camwork for the growth of the Churches of Christ in Cameroon. It is a one-week camp for young boys selected across the country. The main goal is to equip them for Preaching. But mindful of contextual needs, Camwork added Song-Leading and Interpretation in the program. In alignment with Harding, the theme was “The Kings of Judah”, acknowledging the sovereignty of God in the life of His children. Camwork is grateful to Dr Devin Swindle for this church-strengthening initiative and for providing T-shirts, Commentaries, workbooks (by Matthew Love) and other gadgets. Gratitude also to Dr Jordan Guy for sharing his notes and PowerPoint and to Dr Jesse Robertson for bringing these materials down to Cameroon. Of course special appreciations to all the donors and to those always in prayers for the growth of the work in Cameroon. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Cameroon greetings and blessings to God’s people throughout the world! This report is a quick rundown of the 2023 Kerusso Experience.



2023 Kerusso Students

It started on the 19th of August with 18 students from 12 congregations. Each year 3 students are retained from Bonaberi as a privilege to the host . The program ended on the 26th. Students departed with a new song on their lips. A song (Kerusso Kings’ Song) they composed themselves with the wording below:

Know what you need to know
Inspired to inspire
Near, nearer, nearest to God
Grow to be great, greater, greatest
Greater, Greatest
Greater', Greatest

THE CREW

The 2023 crew was made up of 12 seasoned servants of God from 6 congregations. In the picture beside, from left to right: Simon and Nadege Motaze, Jean-Claude and Mary Ethe, Louis and Linda Bassay, Christian and Otilia Tembeng, Blaise Ekwoge, and Ako Daniel. Dr Ekambi and Makolo Ma Luma were invited for a brief motivational moment though they did not feature in the picture.



2023 Kerusso Facilitators

They rendered the following services: Simon and Daniel for Sermon presentations; Jean-Claude for Chorus leading, Blaise for Hymns (He leads the Gospel Guardians Melody: see www.g2melody.com) Christian for Soul Speak and follow up, Louis for Interpretation and the general coordination, and the ladies for feeding and motherly counseling. Simon and Nadege were the main chaperons.



Kerusso Alpha Batch (2019)



Kerusso Beta Batch (2023)

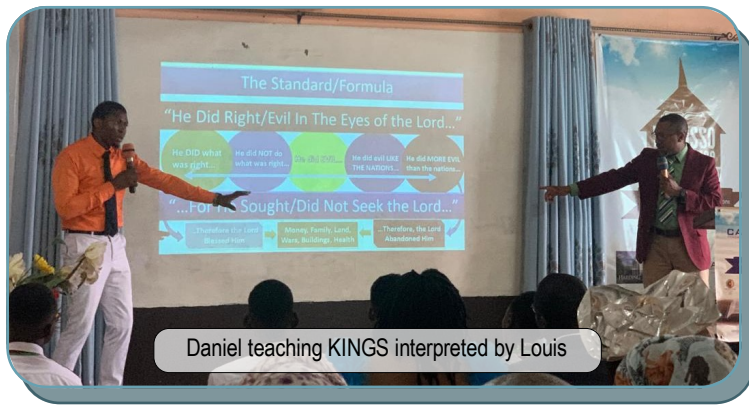
In addition to the above mentioned activities, Kerusso 2023 devoted special attention to outdoor activities such as games, visitations, sight seeing and the fire chat night. This last one turned out to be one of the best take-home message: it was led by the female chaperons (Nadege, Mary, Otilia and Linda) who spent half of the night grooming these young boys on their relationship with women and on the way of life that brings integrity to any young man who wants to speak on behalf of God.



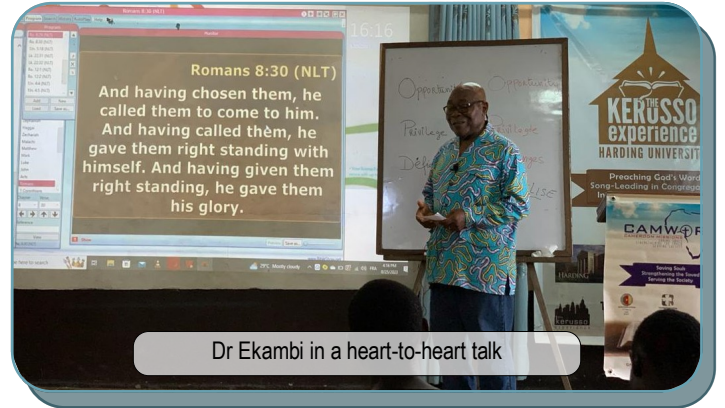
Night time fire chat with the female Chaperons



Football (Soccer) Time



Daniel teaching KINGS interpreted by Louis



Dr Ekambi in a heart-to-heart talk

In the pictures above, on the left, Ako Daniel, a graduate of the Baird Valley Bible Institute Cameroon, Louis' students, is teaching the book of Kings, excellently using the material provided by Dr Jordan Guy of Harding University. Dr Ekambi Ndema (Pediatrician, Expert in public health), on the right, is inspiring the students on the privilege of being called by God and of the need of being found worthy.



Makolo sharing the history of the Church



Team at Siga Bonjo cultural site

Makolo Ma Luma Jr (left) is sharing the history of the church in Cameroon: how it began, its growth and expansion, challenges (then, now and future) and the role played by non-preachers but faithful knowledgeable men of God

Kerusso Cameroon is also about exposure to the habits and Customs of the people. The site visited was Siga Bonjo (right picture above) as a representation of the culture of the SAWA people - the people of the coast where Louis is from.



The Nchang in white T-shirts, with the Kerusso Team



Breakfast at the Nchang's: last day of Kerusso

The couple Godlove and Sally Nchang (respectively an accountant and a lawyer), hosted the Kerusso team in their home for breakfast. Godlove preached on Sunday during the second day of Kerusso. Louis wanted the students to see how young men who are not preachers by profession can be effective on the pulpit if capacitated.

POST KERUSSO

The Bonaberi Church of Christ in partnership with Camwork has consecrated one Sunday every four months as a Kerusso day. It is a Worship Service where all the items (except some prayers and announcements) are led by the Kerusso boys. See pictures below. The first edition took place on Sunday November 19, 2023 in Bonaberi. The boys did great. Camwork is making plans to take this experience to other congregations.



Kerusso Team leading a Sunday Service

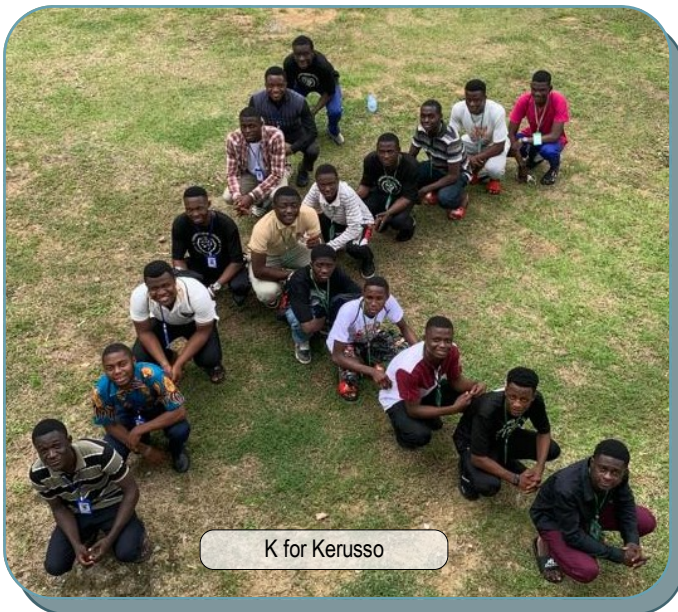


Consty, a Kerusso boy, teaching a midweek Bible class

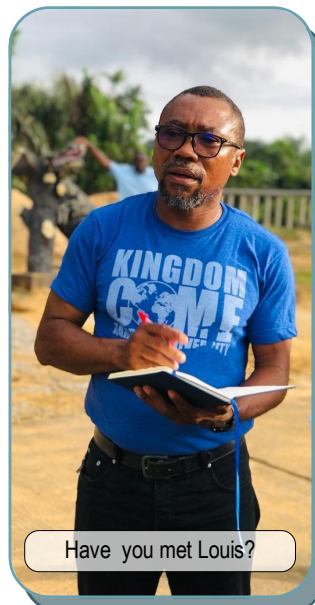
CHALLENGES

Finances: the total expenditure for the program was over \$2,000 which was just below the budget of \$2500. Camwork was unable to secure financial support for the program. The entire expenditure came from the work-fund. Because of this, some services and activities that demanded funding such as visiting other congregations were unable to be done. The stipend to the facilitators was also reduced.

Transportation: securing a reliable means of transportation has also been a huge challenge but Lord's willing, we are hoping to raise funds to purchase a 19 passenger bus which will go a long way to help with other activities like the VBS, the Youth Retreats and other gatherings



K for Kerusso



Have you met Louis?

In spite of all the challenges, this edition was a great success. The count down for the next Kerusso Experience is on already.

May the Almighty God bless all donors and facilitators who made this achievement possible. To God be the glory!

More pictures and videos have been uploaded to www.camwork.org

One more thing: "let brotherly love continue!"