



*I*t has been six months since the Bassay family returned to the mission field in Cameroon. By God’s grace, and the numerous prayers from brethren all over the world, they are doing great. The period of settling in is over and they have weathered the reverse culture shock. Louis and Linda have been immersed in the work of ministry since their arrival in Cameroon. They just ended a two days workshop, with their advisory committee, which aimed at coming up with the terms of reference based on their strategic plan. Its goal was to give more clarity to the focus of Camwork for the next two and a half years.

Dearly beloved, greetings from Cameroon. It is certainly not too late to wish you all a happy new year, praying for you and all of us to attain our goals this year according to the will of God.

Our previous report covered August to November, 2018. We realize it was not widely distributed, thus we plan to resend it along with this one. This edition runs from December 2018 to February 2019.

August to October was a time of settling back in to Cameroon. November to December was focused on Camwork preparatory work, and January to March, 2019 is considered the first Term of Cameroon Mission Work. The overall work is broken down in this report into the following categories:

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**WORK IN BONABERI**

Louis and Gerald continued the lessons on building strong Christian homes, teaching both on Sundays and Wednesdays.

The church had a revival the last week of December. It was a seven days meeting aimed at reviewing the life of the church in 2018, an anticipation of 2019. This week ended with an all-night vigil on the 31st. Coming together for this 8 hour spiritual marathon has become a tradition in the Bonaberi church of Christ. Brethren were blessed by the singing, praying, listening to messages of encouragement, setting goals, and above all, putting their trust in God and working reliably with the Holy Spirit for results.



Louis and Gerald, teaching

**WORKING WITH THE KIDS AND LADIES**

Camwork, with the leadership of Linda and a team of youth, had a week with kids in Bonaberi. They called it “Holiday time with Jesus.” It



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went from December 24 to 28. Festive periods in most communities in Cameroon are times of excesses and abuses, even during Christian holidays like Christmas.



The focus of the week was on the birth of Christ and doing the things He would want His creation to do. They sang, played, read books, watched movies, recited memory verses, did some crafts, and acted a drama on the birth of Christ. There were 25 kids who attended and nine youth helped alternatively throughout the week.

Camwork and the Bonaberi congregation also hosted the biannual Ladies seminar which took place in Bonaberi January 17-20. In spite of the crisis, many sisters in the English Cameroon attended with a total participation of 132 women from 33 congregations. Their work was based on the theme “Vanity upon Vanity,” taking into consideration the suffering of the women in the English part of the country. During the seminar, Linda



led a class on “Worldly Competition” and also taught the women on how to make bookmarks, bracelets and sugar cookies (making and selling cookies are intended to be income generating). Camwork also used this opportunity to share some clothing to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The credit goes to our brethren in the USA.



### WORKING WITH THE IDP

The political tension in the English-speaking part of the country is still going on and there are threats of it getting worse. The secessionists recently locked down the southwest and Northwest for two weeks with no circulation of people or goods.



The brethren in the above picture came for a leadership seminar in Douala (Led by Jim Corner from Garland, TX) and were forced to stay an extra week due to this locked down (travel ban) decreed by the secessionists.

Camwork housed them with the collaboration of the Bonaberi Church of Christ for seven days until the ban was lifted on February 15.

During this time some informal form of evangelism was done, Marion was baptized and a few prospects were made.



Keep Cameroon in your daily prayers. It is certain that in due time, God will bring a lasting solution to this crisis between the government and the Eng-



lish part of the country. In the meantime, there are still some IDPs who fled the English zone seeking refuge in the French zone. Many are also still living in the forest at the mercy of all sort of ills, including unsanitary conditions. Most victims are women, children and elderly. They desperately need help with basic necessities like food, mattresses, toiletries, etc. Please, remember them in your prayers.

Louis is a member of the Board of Trustees of the churches of Christ in Cameroon and this group has been working to provide some form of assistance to the IDPs.

### GATHERINGS AND OUTREACH

Louis and Linda hosted the Cameroon Connection Project (CCP) relaunched meeting on January 16. The group has been challenged lately by the displacement of its members due to the crisis. The Bassay's return to Cameroon is surely the new impetus the group needed. Its current mission is to provide assistance to the people affected by this crisis.

The preachers of the churches in the French zone met on February 16 in the quest of a common ground to effectively tackle the work in French Cameroon. This part of the country covers 8 regions out of 10 in the country yet has less than 20% of the congregations of the country. Louis has been assigned to come up with a communication approach that will guide these concerns. Louis was also able to gain commitment from this group for Camwork's upcoming church planting.

The following Sunday, the 5 churches of Christ in Douala came together for a combined service to close out the earlier mentioned leadership seminar led by Jim Corner. Louis did the preaching



Linda teaching the children

and Linda led one of the Children classes with Louise Clement from Lubbock, TX. Louise and Norman her husband have been a great blessing to

the work in Cameroon as a whole.



Louise in Bonaberi, teaching

One of the missions of Camwork is the strengthening of small/weak congregations. On February 24, Linda and Louis visited the church in

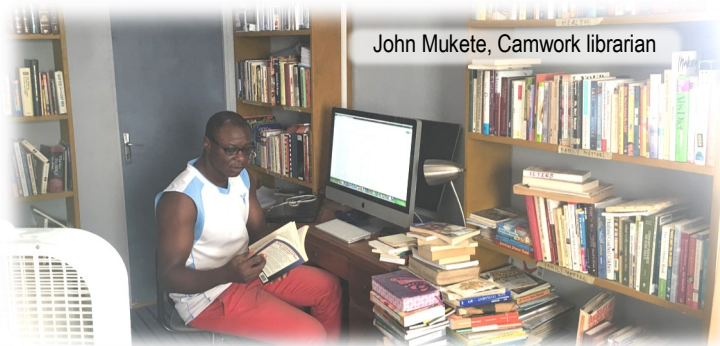


With the Bomono CofC

Bomono, Louis's home town. The goal was to observe and listen to the members with the hope of coming up with sustainable solutions. They also attended the Moungo Zone lectureship. This is a group of 8 struggling churches in Louis' home county who have decided to come together every month to work as a team. Their focus is fellowship, soul saving and mutual church building assistance. Camwork is certainly interested in working with them.

### LIBRARY AND PLAYROOM

The library is gradually taking the desired



John Mukete, Camwork librarian

shape. John Mukete is our librarian and he is doing an excellent job. He came from the Southwest as a result of the civil unrest and has been fully devoted

to Camwork. He has set up a database for the library and has recorded 1269 books by the date of today.

Our plan is to have this library and playroom opened to the public by mid April. However, it is our desire to raise \$2800 for them to be fully functional and comfortable: This money will go for the purchase of French books (\$1000) to be added to our collection. The present books are all in English and this is not effective and may sound biased in a French town like Douala. This money will also be used to purchase 40 chairs (\$600) and to complete the set up that includes plastering and painting the hall way to the library (\$200) and placing air-conditioning units in the library and the playroom (\$1200). We did not settle for A/C in the beginning but a careful evaluation and the help of the advisory committee led to that conclusion.

### MEETING WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louis and Linda first met with their Advisory Committee (here after referred to as AC) on



February 9, 2019. The committee is made up of five Cameroonian brothers who have accepted the role of providing guidance and counsel for the Bassay in their work and intercession with Cloverdale church of Christ in Searcy, AR, the Bassay's sponsoring congregation. During this first meeting, they looked at the working relationship. Louis presented their vision and plan and Dr Ekambi explained what the role of the AC is all about. At the close of that meeting they agreed to come back on March 1-2 for a 2 day workshop in order to break down Camwork strategic plan of action so as to come up with the terms of reference (means, scope and limitations). This tedious work gave more clarity to the focus of Camwork for the next two and a half years.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Louis and Linda attended 2 weddings of church friends outside Bonaberi who requested Louis to preside over the ceremonies. Louis has also conducted several burial services. He also gave a con-



convocation lecture at the Delta graduation/Epsilon matriculation for the Bear Valley Bible Institute Wotutu Cameroon.

### CHALLENGES

Louis and Linda have not been able to effectively communicate with their sponsors and friends. Hopefully things will be different this point forward. They have not also been able to raise the amount they budgeted for their mission work funds. They are still looking for a monthly commitment of \$500.

They are also dealing with constant electricity interruptions. Some of them last for over three days, thus the urgent need of a generator.

### THE BASSAY AS A FAMILY

The Bassays are now doing great: the kids have caught up in school, they are enjoying the all-organic Cameroon food, above all, a wonderful fellowship with brethren. Gabby and Alan are still struggling with health issues regularly as they orient to living in a tropical climate.

The Bassay are always thinking and praying for all their friends, sponsors and congregations the Lord put in their path during their stay in the USA. It is so beautiful to have hands of godly men and women on your shoulders. Thank you all!

