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Camwork's activities from December 2021 to the end of March 2022: it contains the Afro-International 4 fields discipleship and church multiplication seminar in Ghana, meeting with the Okai family, activities within the Bonaberi congregation, teaching in Bible schools, 4 fields trainings, lectureships, setbacks, perspectives and finally about the Bassay family.

Greetings from Cameroon, precisely from the Bassays and the Bonaberi Church of Christ in Cameroon. It is always a pleasure to share with you les nouvelles du Cameroun. May the Lord is richly blessing you all as he is doing the Bassay family and their work. They are happy to announce that the whole family got a one year visa to be in the U.S.A for furlough this summer, looking forward to physically fellowshipping with you all soon.

# **GHANA TRIP: AFRO DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE**

Last December Louis and Linda were privileged to travel to Ghana on invitation by the Gospel Chariot Missions for a reinforcement of the 4 fields discipleship and Church multiplication training. They first began the training online in 2020 due to Covid 19. The one week in Ghana was a time together with other trainers from other African countries. The goal is to



train disciples who train others disciples. This seminar was not only rewarding because of the 4 fields training and the partnership with the Gospel Chariot Missions but also because of the inspiration tapped from other brothers and sisters, and most especially "The Village of Hope" where it took place. They returned with more courage and determination for the progress of God's work in Cameroon, Central Africa and even beyond as the Lord would lead.

# VISIT WITH THE OKAI FAMILY

Benjamin is one of the Shepherds at Cloverdale in Searcy and his family is very closed to the Bassays. It was a great pleasure to meet visit with him and his lovely family after three years. They had enough time to discuss Camwork, to enjoy family time and fellowship. Louis and Linda are grateful to Cloverdale for making it possible by providing fund for their extra time in Ghana.



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### WORK IN BONABERI

Concerning activities within the Bonaberi congregation, there is the revival week, pulpit preaching and teaching by Louis interchangeably with Gerald the assistant preacher and sometimes other brothers, while Linda works with the ladies and the kids.

**Revival week**: Bonaberi has as tradition to set aside the last week of every year for "REVIVAL". It is a time when the church does a retrospective of the past year and perspectives for the New Year. Also, prayers and fasting sessions and programmed visits to Christians are usually organized. The week ended with an allnight vigil of prayers and praises from the 31st to the 1st of January. Usually this is a crazy night, especially in Big cities like Douala where there is much drinking of alcohol and noisiness. The aim of the vigil is to help Christians have a serene arena where they can conveniently communicate with God, thanking him for the past year and making supplications for the next year. There were about 150 and more people in church that night. That same night one guy who has been visiting the church was baptized.

**Gospel Guidance** (G2) choir visit and Fellowship meal: The year began with a fellowship meal on Jan-



uary 9 with Families bringing food and inviting friends and relatives to church. This year's was special with the presence of the G2 choir from Buea in the South West Region of the country. They are an acapella group of the church of Christ which objective is to reach out to people and win souls through singing. The hosting congregation takes care of their transportation, lodging and feeding. Their coming earned the church three prospects, one of whom is a lady from the neighborhood with her three daughters. Please pray for a good follow up.

**Pulpit:** The theme for the Bonaberi Church this year is "Building Leadership." Sermons and Bible classes are centered around this theme. There are monthly subthemes. Louis, together with Gerald and some other brothers in the congregation presents sermons and Bible classes under this theme.

Memory verses: Bonaberi has a goal of memorizing 52 verses of the Bible this year, one verse per week. Thanks to the 2017 Cloverdale flashcards on Covenant.

Baptisms: So far 4 baptisms have been recorded



within these four months.

**Women activities:** Linda together with other ladies are doing well with their ladies class and the children class. The ladies are rounding up with the book "Spiritual Mothering" by Suzan Hunt. They have studied the book of Ruth, all in the light of being spiritual leaders to the younger women in the church and in the society. This was reflected during the last Bi-Annual sister's seminar in January where the Bonaberi sisters performed well in the quiz. Sometimes they hold classes in homes of sisters to encourage them, especially when they are facing difficulties or in are in moments of joy.

**Children's Bible class:** The ladies under the leadership of Linda are successfully handling three children bible classes every Sunday with kids aged 0 to 11. During the fellowship meal on January 9, the kids presented their memory verses and a small play on Adam and Eve.

**Reusable pad project**: Also the ladies are continuing working on the reusable sanitary pads. During



the last Bi-Annual seminar in Wotutu in January, they made sales of about \$60 and gave out pads worth \$40 to some 16 ladies from the restive Anglophone regions. Plans are being put in place to come up

with a factory for the reusable sanitary pads. This will go a long way to raise income for some ladies and improve upon their living standards.

**The Library:** There has been some work done in the library to make it more convenient for students in and out of the congregation, especially those preparing for public exams. More and more our children are gaining interest in reading books. We praise God. However money is still to be raised for French books, 95% of the them being in English.

#### **MISSION AND EXTERNAL WORK**

Significant work has also been done out of Bonaberi: the radio program, the 4 fields training, church planting, and teaching in the Bible school.

**The radio program:** It takes place every Sunday from 6pm to 7:30pm in a village at the outskirts of Douala called Dibombari, and there is a rebroadcast every Saturday at 8pm. A ground work is being done at the moment for the implantation of a new congregation in that area by the end of this year.

**Teaching in Bible schools:** In February Louis took the students of the Bear Valley Bible Institute Wotutu in a one week short course on the book of 2 Corinthians while Linda taught their wives on the topic: Evangelistic Woman. in the end of the seminar Camwork offered some provisions of rice and soap to the ladies since most of them live in the crisis area while their husbands are in school.

The 4 fields discipleship and church multiplication training: Louis and Linda, together with four other brothers as their up-coming Timothys, have organized four 4 fields training sessions and one follow-up: Bear Valley Mbanga (Jan 12 -14), Cite de la Paix Douala (Feb 9 –



11), Kombe (follow-up, Feb 14), Biyem-Assi Yaounde (March 3-5) and Buea in the English region (March 31 - April 2). More than 100 preachers, their wives and some



leaders have been trained in the French-speaking part of the country, 12 preachers and 10 student-preachers from English speaking area where the trainings just began. An average of ten tools are always treated. Some tools like Iron on iron, 5 levels of leadership and the MAWL principle are left out to be treated during follow-up sessions. Prayers are that the trainees go to work so that they start baring fruits soon.

**Church Plant:** Church plant in Mbalngong, at the outskirts of Yaounde, capital of Cameroon: From January 21 to 24, Louis and Linda led a team of Francophone preachers who made this plant possible. The Camwork P.A system and the generator were very in-

strumental in public preaching. One soul was added to the kingdom. The church worshipped that Sunday with 9 Christians of that area (6 la-



dies, 3 men), 3 prospects, 6 visitors from other congregations and 19 children. Linda held a Bible class with the children, together with 2 sisters from that area. Two children curricula co-written by the Bassays were handed to them: Noble Age 2 and 4. Louis used that opportunity to start introducing 4 fields discipleship.

**Conferences and lectureships:** Linda and the Bonaberi ladies were active participants of the Bi-Annual ladies conference and the Francophone sisters' Seminar, January in Wotutu and March in Mbanga respectively. Linda spoke on the topic "Love as a foundation for a fruitful relationship in Wotutu and in Mbanga on the topic "What prevents an experience of Christian joy?" Conferences are always rewarding mo-CAMWORK REPORT PAGE 3 ments of learning, exchanges and fellowship, especially



with sisters from the crisis area in Cameroon. Camwork gave out some fairly used clothes and reusable sanitary pads to some sisters from this area. This is also an opportunity to thank the Clo-

verdale family and Louise Clement and her family for the relief fund they have been providing to the many needy/vulnerable brethren on a monthly basis.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (A.C): Camwork is grateful to the A.C for all their input to make sure that their work go on smoothly. On January 6 they had a meeting with Dr. Ekambi, the Chairman of the A.C to evaluate the work of 2021. On February 4 they had a meet-



ing with the entire team. The A.C thinks that the work load is too much, so Camwork should narrow down its activities. They were also encouraged to start thinking about indicators and outcome of the activities they carry out. Their advice is that Camwork gets a part-time driver to help with all the long travelling. In this light Camwork already employed a personal assistant and is working toward a driver.

**DREAM CENTER:** The idea of a Dream center in Cameroon has been in the minds of Louis, Linda and many youths in the country. The church in Cameroon do not have a facility where it can conveniently hold national programs like the youth retreat or do camping. Louis and Linda have been meeting some people in the church in Cameroon. The goal is to raise \$40,000 to get at least 15 acres of land. This center will contain a hospital, a retreat ground (with a 1000 capacity auditorium and guest houses), a Christian library and in

the long run a professional school. Praying that the IHCF (International Health Care Foundation) and other sponsors will partner with the Church in Cameroon on this project. The A.C highly encourages this dream.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Camwork look forward to: Youths Forum this April, Preachers' Forum in May, Louis and Linda's trip to Uganda to survey the possibility of Gospel Chariot in Cameroon and meeting with George Funk of the Gospel Chariot Mission, YEP-VBS in July and the Annual gospel lectureship in November, regardless of more and more 4 Fields Trainings, with the great opportunity to train online the Stratford Church of Christ in London this coming May-June.

### **DIFFICULTIES:**

Breakdown of the truck. It had to spend a week in the garage with much money spent to get it back to work. Praise God it is working again.

Sis Maureen, a faithful sister, badly needs a hearing aid. The hospital is asking for \$400 to get her one. During the past ladies' seminar, she presented her request to Linda. She is sad during lectures because she cannot hear well. She lives in the political unstable area where things are very hard economically. Please pray that God will provide an ear aid for her.

### THE BASSAY FAMILY:

**Health:** The Bassays are faring well by the grace of God. There are severe cases of Malaria once in a while. Praise God for Dr Ekambi who always intervenes effectively. We pray that Lori-Angela and Renea will be able to see a doctor for their scoliosis when they get to the U.S and that Linda too will see her doctor for her gynecological issues.

**School:** The kids are all doing well in school. Lori-Angela is preparing for a public exam that will lead her to college. Renea is preparing for a public exam that will lead her to high school. Gabby is in 4th grade while Alan is in Kindergarten.

**Finally,** The Bassays are very grateful to all those who are putting resources together physically and spiritually to promote the work of Camwork and for their wellbeing. One more thing, let brotherly love continue and may God bless us all in Christ as we fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Shalom y'all!

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