
"...Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
-Mark 16:15



Bear Valley Bible Institute

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Cameroon, West Africa
Wotutu and Mbanga

Dear Cameroon Support Team,



The following is a small but cumulative report of the June 2024 mission trip to Cameroon. It would be impossible to give a complete report or to present it in a way that you can feel the love and emotion that is present of the ground. We do hope though, that you can tap into it, in a way so as to feel like you are a bit closer to the work, in mind, thought, and emotion, as we want you to know the work you are doing, through your donations and your prayers. Without you, this work would not be possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

This year the team included Karen Pond, Vickie Harris, Savanna Patterson, Barry Frambes, Jonathan Oliver, Junior Perez, and me (David Ballard).

We flew out on Friday May 31st and returned home on Saturday June 14th. The following is a small review of the activities of the trip.

On Sunday June 2nd we worshipped with the Wotutu Church of Christ. Barry Frambes taught Bible class, Jonathan Oliver preached the sermon, David Ballard led the Lord's Supper, and Junior Perez led the giving.



Following Sunday morning worship, we mingled and visited, Karen met with the VBS teachers to get them ready for the Monday VBS class, we took Barry and Junior on a tour of the BVBIC campus, and we all visited with the children and staff of BCO.





From Monday June 3rd - Friday June 7th in Wotutu and Monday June 10 - Friday June 14 in Mbanga we had a great outreach with the VBS, medical clinic, eye exam clinic, instruction in BVBIC-Wotutu, the distribution of rice to the elderly and disabled of Wotutu, public preaching/evangelism with follow-up, and one-on-one evangelism. The medical clinic went through Wednesday in Mbanga and the eye exam went through Thursday morning. Here are the highlights of each work. We gave a juice drink and Cameroon dense donut/hushpuppy to each one who attended each event each day. We served a little over 5000 of these small meals in Wotutu and Mbanga combined. That will give you some idea of the number of souls that were touched by the mission effort.

VBS Wotutu and Mbanga June 2024 “The Life of Christ”

Daily Attendance Wotutu 255, 400, 320, 430, 400

Mbanga 154, 246, 216, 270, 300

Karen Pond organized the children’s classes and class material. The Junior High and Highschool material and classes were organized by David Ballard. Several of those who traveled with us were directly involved in the VBS effort as well as many local Cameroonian volunteers and teachers. There was class time, chapel time, and snack time each day. Here are some photos for you to enjoy. Wotutu is first.

Bibles were given to the older kids who needed one. W- 40 M- 40



Just for a quick laugh, I thought I would share the following two photos with you. At VBS chapel time with a huge crowd of kids, it could tend to get a bit loud. To get everyone settled down and ready to listen, Elangwe would stand up front and say, “Good children of God,” and the children would respond, “don’t make noise.” After 4 or 5 repetitions of this, the hall would be quiet enough for chapel time to begin. The other photo is self-explanatory. I had to laugh and take a photo when I saw it.



Here are some photos of the Mbanga VBS.



Medical Clinic Wotutu and Mbanga 2024

Number of Patients Seen Each Day Wotutu 77, 81, 78, 95, 65

Mbanga 102, 133, 148

\$1215 was spent on prescription drugs in Wotutu.

\$798 was spent on prescription drugs in Mbanga.

More was spent on sending patients with pressing needs to local clinics and hospitals for extra medical care.

Vickie Harris led the medical clinic with help from several local Cameroonian medical professionals.

Many over-the-counter medications were donated and brought with us and many prescription drugs were purchased in Cameroon. Funds were also provided for multiple people to get extra medical treatment and care from area clinics, and hospitals. Your donations helped touch a lot of lives.

I do not have photos from within the clinic so as to protect patient privacy. A large number of people of all ages were seen for a large variety of medical situations including joint pain, cough and cold, malaria, typhoid, infections, worms, high blood pressure, diabetes, wounds, injuries, and many more serious issues.



Eye Exam Clinic Wotutu and Mbanga 2024

Number of Patients Seen Each Day Wotutu 104, 121, 95, 102, 107

Mbanga 88, 102, 83, 8

137 pairs of reading glasses were given to those who needed them and several pairs of used prescription glasses were evaluated and shared with matching eye patients. Many were given a proper prescription to take to have lenses made. Some medications were purchased for some eye patients in need.



Barry Frambes taught a short course in BVBIC-Wotutu on the book of James. He enjoyed the opportunity to help train preachers and was very pleased with their academic performance. The students of BVBIC-Wotutu helped with crowd control and food distribution during VBS chapel and meal time every day in addition to learning the book of James and preparing for the tests administered by brother Barry. Brother Ako Danel helped with translation some.



There were many hours of open-air evangelism for those who were waiting their turn for the medical or eye clinics both in Wotutu and Mbanga, as well as some one-on-one studies and evangelism follow-up. While we were there, 6 were baptized in Wotutu and 3 were baptized in Mbanga. The local ministers and student preachers have continued to follow up and baptize after our return home.





Between the week of work in Wotutu and the week of work in Mbanga, we had the pleasure of worshipping with the congregation in Mbanga. David taught Bible class, Barry preached the sermon, Jonathan led the Lord's Supper, and Junior led giving.



Once again, Thank you for your continued prayers and support of all of the works and workers in Cameroon. It is the Lord's work and all the glory goes to Him.

Blessings in Him Eph. 1:3,

David

David Ballard

Thank you so much for your support of this work in West Africa!

Have a blessed week,

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