



Theological Seminary Ndiki CAMEROON

In the school year 2016/2017 there were 59 students enrolled in the theological seminary. Every day starts with a short devotion that is being held by a teacher on Mondays but then by students the rest of the week. In June, 16 students were able to finish their trainings and from July to September 28 of them did their internship in different Baptist churches.



EBM INTERNATIONAL professor Timothée Boubou Mbima is the principal of UPAC and an important connection of this new development.



In December 2016 the seminary was able to sign a cooperation with the Protestant University in Yaounde (UPAC) after lengthy negotiations. It's very helpful for the development of the seminary and it will increase the quality of the training. The former regional president of

Unfortunately the past couple of months have been filled with a lot of pain and sickness as well. The newborn baby of one of the staff died due to sickness and a student was killed in a bad train accident in April.

What is it about?

Well-educated pastors are the key to good community work. And in Africa they are also counselors for various questions in the village. At the Bible School in Ndiki, in the south of Cameroon, pastors are trained in two different degree programs.

Prayer requests:

- For a good rest for the teachers during their holidays and for their health.
- For a good start in the new academic year.
- For the new cooperation with UPAC.

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Project: R 51403



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Bible School Mokong CAMEROON



In our last report we already briefly talked about the good experience the students have had during their church internships. The Bible school now too has many encouraging reports from those churches where the 16 students were involved. This positive feedback is an important confirmation of their work for the Bible school. The churches are benefiting from the Bible school Mokong directly through these internships. In the past decades more than 300 churches have been planted in the northern part of Cameroon but there is a great lack of pastoral care.



The exams at the end of the last semester went quite well and on September 11 the new school year is starting. Before the semester starts some repairs have to be done at the facility and the sewing machines have to be checked for the training of the women who live with their husbands on the bible school compound. The team at the Bible school is grateful to everyone near and far that is involved in the training of full time staff in the kingdom of God.

What is it about?

Well trained pastors are the key to good church work. In Africa, pastors are also counselors for all sorts of questions in the village. In Mokong our Baptist partner union trains evangelists. After a three year training many of them start planting churches.

Prayer requests:

- For the insecure political situation of our region.
- For the staff involved in the churches of this region.

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Project: R 51401



Technical Center Garoua – Centre Technique de Garoua (CTG) CAMEROON

Our missionary Nathan Minard reports:



On July 9th I went to Djadjé with Benjamin who is an engineer of CTG so we could do a church service there. It had rained a lot that day and the benches were wet so we started the service an hour late. During the service I told them that we had received financial support from Europe to renovate the church building. This led to spontaneous cheering. The following Tuesday we bought the material and on Wednesday we could finally start the work.



The members of the church have helped a lot by personally contributing. Some climbed up to place the bars at the roof truss, then later covered the roof with corrugated iron. I myself only went up once and noticed what a great job the people were doing.



Two weeks later the first church service was held in the renovated building. What joy! Great thanks from 40 members and 50 children goes to all the supporters especially the ones in France.

What is it about?

A good vocational training is particularly important in Africa: People can create their own livelihoods and poverty is thus combated effectively. Through our own courses women are especially promoted.

Prayer requests:

- For the church in Djadjé close to Garoua.
- For all the tasks of Nathan Minard in the CTG, the technical high school and in the church.

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Project: R 51251



Leadership Training SOUTHERN AFRICA

Regina Claas reports:

In the last four months the support of some of the state associations in South Africa has been a focus of my work. I worked together with the pastoral couple Mhlophe in six churches in Kwa-Zulu Natal that are far



apart, and with 11 churches in the Northern Cape that have evolved from the work of the Sharon Baptist Church in Pampierstad. They have similar challenges. There are too few pastors, the distances are far, and the churches in the rural areas are losing their youth since these are looking for work in the big cities.



We are trying to find strategies with the regional leadership. How can the churches work closer together? How can we build a closer net through church planting? And the main thing: How can we support and promote the staff potential? We are being surprised and impressed by how these regional leadership teams keep working with new strength and new ideas through encouragement and support. It's amazing to see this. I have great respect for these men and women that are building the church of Christ under the most difficult circumstances.



What is it about?

Well-trained leaders are the key to growth and a healthy congregation work. With her many years of international experience, most recently as General Secretary of the Baptists in Germany, Regina Claas supports the Baptist unions in Southern Africa in leadership development.

Prayer requests:

- For Regina Claas' health after knee surgery.
- For new churches in the area of Kwa-Zulu Natal.
- For more pastors that will be active in the churches of the Northern Cape.

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Project: R 52054



Medical Work CAMEROON

The hospital in Garoua has a facility for pediatrics, general practice, gynecology, and surgery. They have about 50 beds, several checking rooms, a delivery room, and an x-ray and an ultrasound machine. They want to build a new building for a labor room with surveillance and a room for surgeries.



Some staff were trained to treat multi-resistant tuberculosis. There are two hospital rooms where patients are being cared for and where the daily medication intake is being well supervised. In a different project most recently toddlers are receiving a malaria prophylaxis. Hence malaria has strongly declined in that age group. On polio vaccination campaigns kids were registered that were malnourished. Now once a month the hospital receives packs of peanut paste from the government to distribute to the affected children and families.

In the future more trainings for the surgical staff is planned. Also, a scale for the work with toddlers is needed.

What is it about?

The medical work in North Cameroon is one of the best facilities in the country. Many people get here a professional care that saves lives. With our support, free treatment for the poor can be offered.

Prayer requests:

- For the projects in the work with toddlers and that the effects keep being positive.
- For enough peanut packs to fight malnourishment.
- For the completion of the new buildings.

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Project: R 51150



Project Coordination SIERRA LEONE

For many years EBM INTERNATIONAL has been supporting different disaster aid projects of the Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone (BCSL).



Sierra Leone had just recovered from the consequences of the civil war and could show strong economic growth when they were hit by the ebola epidemic in 2014 and thrown back hard. Beside help in these catastrophes there was also support with different floods and fire catastrophes in Free-town.

In the early hours of August 14, 2017 there was a new catastrophe. Due to hard rainfalls a mudslide came loose and carried away many houses. Some families from the Baptist church who live in that very area have also been affected by this catastrophe. In the meantime EBM INTERNATIONAL has been able to transfer €25 000 to Sierra Leone in order to help about 400 households who have lost everything through this tragedy.



Thanks to the network of the Baptist church in that region they were able to distribute clean water, food, cooking utensils, and mosquito nets. This relief operation was combined with the offer of counseling and has brought help to the families affected in these traumatic situations. At the moment we are counting

on the BCSL to ask for a follow-up application for more help as soon as the capacities are available.

What is it about?

Over 30 schools, medical facilities and other social projects are supported by Baptist churches in Sierra Leone. Our missionaries work closely with the institutions on site and make a significant contribution to the quality of the work there.

Prayer requests:

- For protection and comfort for the affected families.
- For good coordination of help with other organisations.
- For strength, time, and endurance for all the helpers.

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Project: R 54504



Schools EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Our missionary Marta Nombela reports:

The month of August was filled with great encounters and experiences. This year like any other year the work at the school in Evinayong as well as the mission points were supported by volunteers. This year we had 10 young men and women here. Together we renovated the school Talita Cum during the summer break and had activities for the kids. In the afternoons we would go to the mission points to do children activities, workshops, and Bible studies for women and couples. This time was used vigorously to share and to pray for personal concerns and life situations.



This is not all though. For years we've had the agriculture project in Evinayong. We've prayed for a long time now that God would send an agricultural engineer. Now Constance Renard is here. She is from France and she will be working with the women in this project for four months. Beside planting different plants she'll show how to gain new seeds when harvesting, how to make natural fertilizer, how to store the harvest well, and how to produce vinegar and oil. We are excited about this opportunity.



What is it about?

Two schools with over 1,000 pupils are guided by our European missionaries. Everything is done in close cooperation with the three Baptist congregations in the country. The quality of education is very high and is made possible by a motivated team of employees.

Prayer requests:

- For protection and support of Constance during her time in Evinayong.
- For great results of the work the volunteers did.
- For a good start into the new school year of the students and teachers.

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Clinic Senga Bay MALAWI

With the help of EBM INTERNATIONAL the clinic continues to implement the palliative care. They administer strong medication (morphine), they distribute food and offer pastoral support for the families. Normal-



ly the patients are discharged from the hospitals because there's nothing left to be done for them. Usually they can't be healed but they try to ease the pain so the sick can die as dignified as possible. A team of five and about 30 volunteers are supported financially by EBM INTERNATIONAL and are taking care of 219 patients currently.



The clinic itself is also supported by EBM INTERNATIONAL. They bought two ultrasound machines last year and just now a blood testing device. 828 people benefited from professional check ups with these devices in the last couple of months. We are confident even more people will be making use of them too.

The clinic is able to react better and more aimed at infections. Dental check ups are another service offered by the clinic. In 2016 3206 patients came here for that.

What is it about?

Our member union, the Baptist Convention of Malawi (BACOMA), has been operating a clinic in Senga Bay for many years. We support this work with volunteers and on many other levels. Since 2014, we have also been involved in an HIV and AIDS project, which has been relaunched by a short-term missionary within the clinic.

Prayer requests:

- For a chair in the dental department.
- For daily encouragement for the staff working in the palliative program.
- For the patients and families in the palliative program.

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Projekt: R 52150





Technical High School Garoua CAMEROON



The school year 2016/2017 went really well. Now there are 164 students of which are 58 young women and 106 young men. The amount of students has grown by 50 compared to the year before. Beside the school education the youth are involved in other public activities in town like for example the "Celebration Of The Youth".



The exams went very well and the results are 13% above the national average. The school was only opened three years prior and so it's even more amazing that there is a class with 12 students that will be trained in the technical field. They will either tend toward auto mechanic or locksmith. The workshops offered are currently being improved for the next school year. In addition to that they are building a mini lab for the training.

The staff at school and the students are grateful for the support of EBM INTERNATIONAL. It allows for good training and support of youths in northern Cameroon.

What is it about?

The technical high school Garoua in the northern part of Cameroon is a secondary training institution in the common and technical field. The goal is for the professional training of young people to prepare them for the job market in that area.

Prayer requests:

- For further developments in the technical high school in Garoua.
- For the students to focus on their studies.
- For good resources in order to ensure good trainings.

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Project: R 51201



Theological Education CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

The situation after civil war is still devastating in the country. Many have lost their homes and there are more than 500 000 internally displaced people. Usually they are sheltered at very simple refugee camps where they are at least safe to a certain degree. However, the circumstances are horrible. Many become sick and there is constantly too little food.



Despite the unfavorable circumstances the Baptists in the country want to keep up with the work in many places. At the Bible school in Bangui they are still training pastors in three years. Normally also couples receive training. It's a major concern to equip the school with a fence in the near future in order to improve security.



There is a small health center for basic care for students, teachers, pastors, and their families. However they are always short of medication to treat most common diseases like malaria, diarrhea, or respiratory illnesses effectively.

What is it about?

In the Central African Republic there has been a civil war going on since 2012 which has calmed down a bit lately. A lot of churches of our convention are experiencing difficult times and are trying hard to help as well as possible. We are helping with the theological training and with different relief efforts.

Prayer requests:

- For the Bible school in Bangui and all their students and teachers.
- For lasting peace in the country.
- For good staff and better equipment in the health center.

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Project: R 56400



Girls' School Saare Tabitha CAMEROON

At this school there are currently 73 young women that have all but them passed the exams of the past school year and will continue with the next school year.



With these new graduates we have a total of 373 women that have been successfully trained here. From all the current students there are 37 girls that are not full of age. One girl is physically challenged and is getting trained as well.



The school staff is also actively involved in extracurricular activities. The focus is on the preventive work of terrorism in that region and the fight for women's rights. Other institutions are joining to publicise these topics.

The next school year is starting at the end of September 2017. There will be an application day on September 12th for the newcomers. This year for the first time they'll have a one year training for the area of housekeeping. For those young women that are already involved in that area the school is offering a three months qualification measure.

What is it about?

Saare Tabitha is a training center for young women 16 years of age and older. Every year about 30 students start a practice-oriented training of 2-3 years to work in tailoring, complemented by general and professionally oriented subjects. Cameroonian Cathérine Kolyang is the director of the school.

Prayer requests:

- For the new training in the field of housekeeping.
- For the new students that are starting the training.
- For enough applicants and a good selection process.

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