

# Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 1A

(Week One: Saturday, December 12, 2009 – Sunday, December 20, 2009)

## The Team from the United States

1. Arllen Ade (Virginia, USA)
2. Jerrice Prince (Louisiana, USA)
3. Dr. Jonathan Paul Young (Ohio, USA)
4. Julius, Eunice, Timothy and Lydia Esunge (Virginia, USA)
5. Mary Carole Hartzog (Louisiana, USA)
6. Robert Acha (Idaho, USA)
7. Simon Tata (Ohio, USA)
8. Ursula Ndolo Embola (New York, USA)

## The Journey Begins...

The US-based members of the Cameroon 2009 team converged at Newark International Airport on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to begin the journey to Douala via Brussels, Belgium. First to arrive was the group that had met up and flown in from Baton Rouge – Simon, Jerrice, Arllen and Mary Carole. Next came the group that had met up and driven in from New York – Robert and Ursula. Last to arrive was the group from Virginia – Julius, Eunice, Timothy and Lydia. We managed to make our flight, and the journey through Belgium was smooth and uneventful. In total, all 10 team members traveling that day checked in 40 pieces of luggage, not including carry-on luggage. God in His mercy saw fit to see that all 40 pieces of luggage arrived in Douala with us when we landed.



*Members of the team at Newark International Airport: (Left to Right) Jerrice, Arllen, Simon, Robert and Mary Carole.*

We had a smooth transition through security, health inspectors and customs officers at the airport in Douala. Benjamin (former national coordinator for HOIM in Cameroon) was on hand to meet us at the airport. He helped us navigate the system and pick up our bags. A van on loan to us from Hope Services (the health ministry run by Esther Ndichafah in Yaoundé) was waiting for us outside the airport, and after loading up all our luggage on its roof and into the trunk of another car that had been retained for us, we headed to Douala's famed White House Restaurant for our first meal in the country. This was around 10 pm. Another member of our team – Melvis – was scheduled to fly in to Douala from Italy at about midnight, so we stuck around after dinner so we could go back to the airport and pick her up. However her flight was delayed and we were told upon our arrival that she would not be landing till 2 am, so we headed for Buea and made plans to have her picked up when her plane landed.

Once we arrived in Buea, we were immediately taken to our base in Bokwaongo Village, a 6-bedroom house that the team has since dubbed "the green house." Team members were paired together in each room. We were also introduced to members of the on-the-ground team – Papa Tasi, Yvonne, Rockzine, Franklin, Sam, and Moses. At about 2 am Julius



*"The Green House" in Buea, home to the Cameroon 2009 Team.*

and Benjamin headed back to Douala (about an hour's drive away) to pick up Melvis, whose flight had landed. The entire team was safely in Buea by 5 am, and Sunday was spent resting.

We began our first full week with group prayer at 6 am, and then spent the rest of the day Monday unpacking the luggage we had brought with us from the US, sorting what clothes, medicines, materials, etc... should go to whom. Later in the day on Monday, we paid a visit to the traditional rulers (i.e. the chiefs) of Bokwaongo, Lokoko Membea and Nanga villages, the target areas for our outreach. On Monday night, Julius and Benjamin drove back to Douala to pick up Jonathan – the 11<sup>th</sup> member of the US-based team. All three were back in Buea by 11 pm, and by Tuesday morning, we were ready to begin our work in earnest.



*Chiefs Ekane Molua Mese, Njoh Fritz Esaka and Phenda Ngeke.*



*Visiting the Chiefs of Bokwaongo, Likoko Membea and Nanga. Left to Right: Ursula Ndolo, Eunice, Jerrice, Mary Carole, Simon and Julius.*

# Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 1B

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## The Evangelistic Meetings in Likoko Membea

The evangelistic meetings began on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, at the Government School Likoko Membea field. Five hundred people showed up that first night. The traditional chiefs of Bokwaongo, Likoko Membea and Nanga were all present at the first 3 evangelistic meetings, and 2 of them addressed the crowd on the first night, encouraging people to come out to the crusades and to the medical clinic. After each evangelistic meeting, new Christians were prayed for and met with counselors, who shared with them about how to grow in their Christian walk. (Please see more numbers in Robert's report, below.)



*Festival of Hope banner at the entrance of Likoko Membea, Buea, Cameroon.*

## Robert's Report

We landed in the Douala International Airport on December 12<sup>th</sup> after more than one day of traveling for me (including my flight from Idaho to New York), and were welcomed by the intense heat in the city of Douala. After going through the checks, customs and picking up our luggage, we headed to a restaurant to eat and then left for Buea where our outreach was due to take place.

On Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>, I traveled to Yaoundé for my visa interview. This was necessary, as I am currently residing in the US on a student visa, which must be renewed whenever I re-enter the country. Upon my arrival in Yaoundé, I shared the gospel with my relatives and those who came to welcome me home. On the night of December 15<sup>th</sup>, I had a family meeting with my close family members. Three people – my dad, uncle and young cousin – gave their lives to the Lord, and my brother re-dedicated his life to the Lord Jesus. I traveled back to Buea on December 16<sup>th</sup> and joined the rest of the team for the evening evangelistic meeting. Two hundred and sixty nine people surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus in this first meeting. All in all, this week 628 people surrendered their lives to Jesus. Julius preached on three nights, while Arllen and Robert preached on one night each.



*Decisions for Christ on the first day of the evangelistic meetings.*

The various outreach activities are going well, the medical clinic is touching many lives, and we believe that the community of Bokwaongo and the local churches are being stirred in this great outreach.

# Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 1C

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## The Medical Outreach in Bokwaongo Village

On Tuesday, December 15 at 8 am, the medical team (comprised of Jonathan, Jerrice, and Eunice, with Ursula accompanying them) reported to Bender Baptist church in Bokwaongo where we were met by the church's leader – Pastor Joel Harry, Dr. Alphonse Tchami (the head of our medical team on the ground), and a team of about 8 nurses who had been recruited to work with us. We quickly set about transforming the rudimentary church facility into a makeshift community walk-in clinic, complete with the following stations: Registration, Triage, Laboratory, Nurse, Doctor, Counseling and Prayer, Pharmacy, and Reading Glasses. We had brought with us 6 large boxes of medication that past experience had shown we would need for the people we're serving. We finally began to see patients at about 10 am, and didn't get home till about 4 pm, just in time for a shower and a quick bite to eat before we headed out to the crusade grounds for the first night of the evangelistic meetings. That first day we saw about 170 patients, all of them poor and in need of medical attention, and unable to pay. Each patient was prayed for and given free medication after seeing a series of nurses and a doctor.

On average, we have seen about 150 patients each day. The numbers grew steadily as more and more people heard about the free clinic, and sometimes the medical team would show up at 8 am only to find over a 100 people – some of whom had been there as early as 3 am – waiting outside the doors. It was an overwhelming experience, yet satisfying as we saw a need being met, and rejoiced that God was using us to meet that need. However despite the great need, it was important that we not repeat the activities of the first day for fear of fostering burnout among the team, so on subsequent days we used a numbering system that allowed us to see no more than 150 patients per day, and we committed to closing the clinic at no later than 3 pm each day.

The majority of the cases we saw had to do with eye problems, stomach complaints, and rashes. There was a clear need for more reading glasses and eye-drops. We pray that we will be better equipped to meet these needs during our December 2010 Mission to Cameroon.



*Bender Baptist Church in Bokwaongo Village, site of the HOIM medical outreach.*



*A patient consults with Nurse Jerrice.*

## Jonathan's Report

My plane landed in Douala three hours late but Benjamin and Papa Tasi waited there to bring me to Buea. I got in at 11 pm and got up the next morning at 6 am for prayers and the set up of the clinic. It was better organized by the outset this time, which was good because there were more people waiting to be seen on the first day than last time. We were also better prepared with the counseling. Perhaps the best innovation over last trip was implementing patient encounter forms. They helped to keep everyone on the same page as it were. We closed at 5 pm the first night, but since then at 3 pm because Julius doesn't want us burning out. After the evening crusades we have diner and get back to bed sometime before midnight. Then its up again for 6 am prayers.

*Saturday Update:* One of the most interesting days so far began at 7am. Dr. Tchami and I were the guests on a call-in radio show on Mt Cameroon FM. It was a great opportunity to promote of our free clinic and quite a thrill for me. After that I joined the team at Buea Central Prison for the conclusion of the prison ministry there. Jerrice and I met with all the prisoners who had medical concerns to assess their health care needs. It was a saddening and even disturbing experience for those of us who were not emotionally prepared to see the harsh conditions they were living in. We weren't allowed to take cameras into the facility, but what we saw there made some of the most indelible images of any we have encountered so far in Cameroon. After that we took a break and went to Limbe for lunch and the generous hospitality of Ursula's family. We returned in good time for the crusade meeting followed by dinner at the home of brother Edwin, advisor to the regional governor.

## Jerrice's Report

Greetings from Buea! Your prayers are being answered. We had a good journey, with only a few obstacles. Ministry is going extremely well in each phase of the work. The entire team continues to bond as one unit. We are so welcome here in Buea and in invited to a different home nightly for supper. No I have not been asked to cook yet, just pampered in an incredible way. Merry Christmas and love to all! Love, Jerrice



*Dr. Jonathan inspects the medicines.*

# Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 1D

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## Arllen's Report

The prison outreach ran from December 15-19. Our rationale and goal was to contribute to the Buea Community's well being by educating the inmates on spiritual, social and personal skills. Our two-hour time with the inmates was divided into two sessions. The first session was a thirty-minute session of preaching a brief but clear gospel message and afterwards praying with the inmates who respond to the message. The second session was a one and a half hour counseling session for a select 16 inmates who had less than a year to serve of their prison sentences. The topics discussed in the second half ranged from "how to obtain employment," to "learning to forgive oneself and others," and "building a healthy self esteem and self confidence."



*The men of HOIM assist in the preparation of sandwiches for Buea Central Prison inmates.*

We had an average of 65-70 prisoners in attendance daily. Brother Arllen spoke from Luke 4:18-19 on the first day and 25 inmates newly committed their lives to Christ. Sixteen inmates were thereafter invited to join the Psycho-educational Life-skills training sessions that started immediately after the others were dismissed. Carol presented a message on the Good Shepherd using chalk art, while Simon narrated the story in the background. When the altar call was made, about 20 inmates, who had backslidden, indicated their intention to be restored in the Lord's kingdom. Brother Tem Martin spoke on having a healthy self-esteem even after prisoners are released from prison. Many inmates responded quite positively to the message about self-esteem.

On Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> the core prison team of Arllen, Simon and Mary Carole was joined by team members Julius, Robert, Jonathan, Jerrice, Sam and Ursula for the final day of HOIM's outreach to prison inmates. The morning began as the team carried into the prison boxes containing 100 bibles for the inmates, and 500 fish sandwiches – enough to feed every prisoner (not just the ones we had ministered to directly). About 100 inmates crowded into a tiny sanctuary bearing their benches and began to praise the Lord in song and with drums. The sound was like the sound of many mighty waters, and we all felt uplifted as we listened to these confined men sing their praises to the Lord. The general conditions of the prison are disturbing, to say the least, but the word of God seems to have been a great encouragement to the inmates we served this past week. After our time of praise, Brother Richard, himself an inmate and the leader of the Christian group we were ministering to, gave out the bibles we had brought with us to those inmates who didn't have any bibles, and who were literate. Those who could not read were not given bibles, but asked to participate in the weekly bible study where they would also learn to read and write. Julius then shared a word of encouragement with the prisoners and asked them to get in touch with HOIM once they had been released from jail. We then asked the most critically sick patients to stay behind in the sanctuary for a consultation with Jonathan and Jerrice. Simon and Ursula assisted with very rudimentary triage. We saw about 35 patients, with illnesses ranging from syphilis to gunshot wounds. While we were unable to treat the patients immediately, we did collect vital information on their health needs and over the next few days we plan to get them at least some of the medications they need.

After the consultations were over, the inmates were served with the sandwiches prepared for them by the HOIM team. Following our visit to the prison, the team – with the exception of Arllen, Robert, Benjamin, Moses, and Simon – headed to Limbe for some rest and relaxation.

I was personally encouraged to see how the Lord had prepared the way for the prison missionary team even before our arrival. The General Superintendent gave as many days as we needed, overruling the Discipline Master's decision to give us only one day. I was also blessed to meet Brother Richard, a fervent Christian and Disciple Maker who was previously a Bible School Teacher before his incarceration. Richard is now in charge of the daily follow-up of new believers and life-skills counseling. We assigned him with the task of being our point-man within the prison's confines. He reports to Tem Martin, our local prison's contact person, who in turn reports to the HOIM team in the USA. We distributed follow-up materials (costing 50.000frs CFA), food, clothing, bibles, and medical attention to the entire prison community.



*Members of the team with the Warden, outside Buea Central Prison.*

# Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 1E

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## Mary Carole's Report

The children's program has been very interesting this year! Simon Tata and I have been working together with about seven other Cameroonian women and a man named Simon Ali, who is the regional director of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) ministries here in Cameroon. The children's team all met together on Sunday, the first full day we were here in Cameroon, and gathered all of our ideas to create a program for the next two weeks. As it turns out, this year we will only be having night programs with the kids instead of having both morning VBS and evening programs. At first I was worried that Simon and I would have nothing to do during the day, but Arllen asked us on Tuesday morning to attend the prison ministry with him! Simon and I looked at each other, shrugged, and said why not?



*A chalk art exhibit drawn by Mary Carole.*

The prison ministry has been quite the experience! It was very different than anything that I have seen or done but Simon had been there before and knew what to expect. From Tuesday morning until Saturday morning we accompanied Arllen, then at night we would all head over to the Crusade grounds and hold the kids' meetings. This first week we have shown the Jesus Film, I have drawn a chalk art, and a few of the ladies have taught some Bible Lessons with the CEF materials, and we have all played tons of soccer and duck, duck, goose.

Simon and I are looking forward to this next week because we are planning on doing a Precept Bible Study with a few of the 12-15 year olds. This is a new idea so we will see how it goes but we have had quite a few young people say they want to come.

Praise God for all He has done in just the first week! We can't wait to see what else He has in store.



*Hanging out with the local children.*

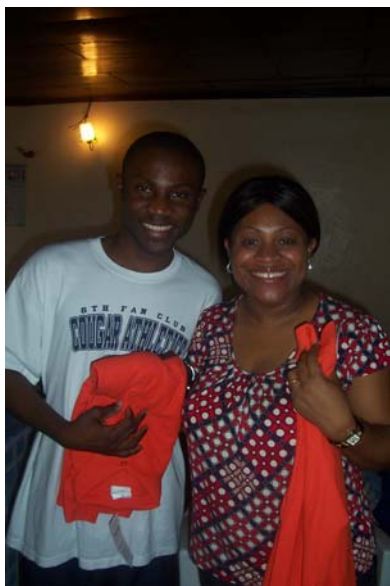
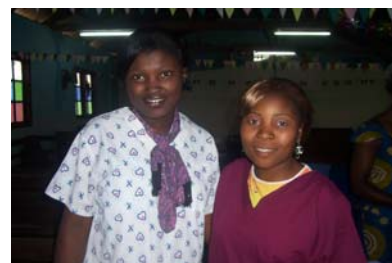


*Showing a film.*



# Report – Part 1

## A Few Images from Cameroon 2009...



# Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 2A

(Week Two: Sunday, December 20, 2009 – Sunday, December 27, 2009)

## *Jerrice's Report*

We came to Cameroon expecting great and mighty blessings from God. Yes, that is exactly what we are experiencing.

Sunday night the crusade was aired live on radio as Julius shared God's word. Many souls were added to God's kingdom.

The crowds continue to seek medical attention, some coming in the wee hours of the morning to get medical care. Hundreds are attending the crusades and the children's ministry is outstanding. A Pastor's Conference and Prison Ministry are all part of the wonderful work being done here in Buea.

The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving and we are putting our various gifts to work for God's kingdom; a blessing indeed.

I am experiencing Christmas without decorations, Christmas trees, music and gifts; just a lot of good food and fellowship. No one has asked me to help cook yet – so I'll just enjoy myself!

Please continue your prayers. We need them. Love to all – Jerrice

## *Ursula's Report*

These past 2 weeks have been some of the most exciting of my life. I cannot remember the last time I worked so hard, prayed so hard, slept so little, and was so thoroughly contented. When I first signed up to come on this mission trip, I thought my primary function would be that of "Communicator," reporting back to our partners in the US on a regular basis on the activities on the ground. But God had other plans. I joined the medical team on their first day, just to get a sense of what was going on there so that I could better report on it. Instead, I ended up sticking with the medical team throughout their grueling 9-day mission. In all, we must have served about 1,000 people or thereabouts – FREE! Dr. Tchami and Dr. Young, Nurse Jerrice and Nurse Eunice, and the entire team of Cameroonian nurses all worked so hard through exhaustion, mosquito bites, dehydration and hunger to give the patients the best care they could with the resources we had. My role was to serve as an administrator, orchestrating patient flow and seeing to any complaints so that the medical staff could stay focused on medicine. At one point, I almost felt like I missed my calling in life – I should have gone into hospital administration!!! LOL... No, I think I'll keep my current job. But it was such a blessing to be there. I was able to hold the babies while the mommies had their consultations, and quietly pray in the spirit for each of them. I was privileged to be able to encourage young mothers, old women and grandmothers, and let the love of Jesus come to them through me. Some of the most moving moments occurred when people recognized me as a daughter of that village



*The team from the US on the platform with Julius, on the crusade's designated "Africa Night."*



*Patients waiting outside HOIM's makeshift clinic at Bender Baptist Church, Bokwaongo.*

– Bokwaongo – and remembered my late grandmother who worked in the local health center during the later part of her life. It was very heartwarming for me personally. Also, I couldn't get over how GRATEFUL everyone was. The people had so much respect and gratitude in their hearts. They thanked us over and over again. We left the clinic each day EXHAUSTED, and very, very, happy. It was such a privilege for me to serve with this amazing group of people.

The evangelistic meetings have been amazing. All the preachers were great – Julius, Arllen, Robert and Simon – and each night many surrendered their lives to Christ. By the end of the 9-day crusade span we had recorded about 900 decisions for Christ, some from very prominent members of the community. The music each night was powerful and the people were often on their feet dancing a dance of joy before the Lord. After each meeting, the team was taken to the home of a local family for dinner. I have never been fed so much food in my entire LIFE. Oh God help me not to gain any weight!!! The hospitality of these people is beyond description, and I am blessed to be here.

# Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 2B

(Week Two: Sunday, December 20, 2009 – Sunday, December 27, 2009)

## Simon's Report



*A few of Buea's children...*

“Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations ... and lo! I will be with you always even up to the end.” (Matthew. 28:19-20) The Lord has indeed been with us from the day of our arrival at the Douala International airport up until now. Our second week with the children was more intense than the first. Our VBS with the orphans at HOTPEC began Monday 12/19 and ended on Wednesday 12/23. On the first day, Carole presented a bible lesson on “Jesus Calms the Storm,” and I taught a verse to the kids from Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ...” The kids were more attentive and willing to learn.

We recorded a total of 10 kids who made a commitment to

follow God. We were greatly assisted by Francois, Elizabeth and Cecil, all of who came from the village and volunteered to teach the kids bible lessons, memory verses and a song on Tuesday. On the last day of our VBS with the orphans, we passed out little cardboard papers and some arts design materials, from which they made some art work to the kids in the U.S. We handed over the gifts for the orphans to the administrators who packaged and organized them, getting the gifts ready to be presented to the children during their Christmas party on 12/24.

Typically, our VBS at the orphanage ended at 12 noon, allowing us some time to rest and prepare ourselves to be with the village kids in the evening. The village kids had been memorizing eight verses from 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. On most of the days, Carole left at 4:00 pm to teach and practice with the kids, while I stayed back making phone calls to those who had just given their lives to Christ, encouraging them to keep their faith in Christ, and reminding them to come for the follow up lessons which were taking place every evening as from 5:00 pm. We also separated the young people aged 12 – 15 years old from the rest of the children. While Carole taught this group of (older) kids, I assisted in getting them organized, making sure they remained quiet and paid attention to the lesson. Uncle Simon Ali taught the rest of the kids and projected missionary movies, songs, and wrapped up with the message of salvation. We saw an average of 15 kids daily surrender their lives to Christ.



*Simon teaching the children.*

On Tuesday, December 22, we passed out clothes to the village kids. Carole went early on this day to rehearse with them on stage at the crusade grounds. In the evening, during the evangelistic meeting, the kids had the opportunity to present their memory verse and songs on stage to the adults. It was amazing! Even more so because the kids gave their presentation in the flickering light offered by an old generator – we lost power for about 30 minutes that night but decided the show must go on. The joy of seeing these kids say eight verses at a go, laying emphasis on Love, sort of filled our hearts with gladness for the seed of Love the Lord is allowing us to sow in their little hearts. Love is that virtue that can overcome all and point adults to God who is Love.



*The children at HOTPEC Orphanage with their Christmas gifts.*

December 24<sup>th</sup> was the Christmas party at HOTPEC Orphanage. Carole, Arllen, Ms. Jerrice and I all went down to be a part of this august occasion. Arllen presented the word of encouragement to the guests. It was exciting to see Santa Claus in his costume present gifts to the 91 kids at the orphanage. Of course one could hardly keep the kids quiet and listening to the word of God as their hearts were at this time filled with joy as each of them plunged into their gift bags anxious to see what “Santa” had brought for them. Santa urged them to be good boys and girls and promised to bring more gifts next year if they all continued to be good.

Christmas was around the corner. This day was full of preparations for the Christmas party with the pastors and church leader’s kids at the house of Julius’ mum. We had well over seventy kids come for this occasion. It was an exciting time of games, songs, feasting and celebrating the Lord. Carole presented the chalk art of ‘The Nativity Story,’ while I again read the corresponding script. Nothing compares to the happiness and the shouts of joys as the boys received their car toys and their girls receive their gifts, passed out by Ms. Jerrice and I. The kids sang “Joy to the World” and some other Christmas Carols at the end of the Chalk Art presentation. What an amazing opportunity to celebrate Christmas with these Cameroonian children! It all adds up to something that cannot be explained in words.



*The Pastors’ Children line up to be served a Christmas meal.*

# Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 2C

(Week Two: Sunday, December 20, 2009 – Sunday, December 27, 2009)

## Arllen's Report

From Monday, December 21 to Wednesday, December 23, Robert and I were preaching the gospel on a one-hour slot on Revival Gospel Radio. On the first day, I spoke on the theme: "Your Blessing is Calling," encouraging listeners to receive the Christ born on Christmas day. The following day, Simon spoke about "The Good Shepherd." He described the benefits of what happens to the fertile heart that receives the seed of the Word of God. On the last day, Ursula Ndolo Embola (who sang "His Eye is on the Sparrow") accompanied Robert and I to the studio. I gave a personal testimony about how God saved me from a terrible mountain accident. A certain lady, touched by the testimony on the radio, came to the Pastor's conference that afternoon to get counseling about a life situation that seems to be hopeless.

On Thursday, December 24, I spoke at the HOTPEC Orphanage Christmas party on the theme "God Cares About You!" Reading from Matthew 2:1-2, the message encouraged those who are already helping orphans and widows to continue the good work (Gal. 6:9). It also encouraged the children to count on God who sent wise men from the east to the baby Jesus—because He cares about children. I ended the day by spending several hours recording a series of sermons at the Revival Gospel Radio to be broadcast after the HOIM USA team would have returned to the US. On Christmas Day, I attended Church service at my home church – the Presbyterian Church in Great Soppo – where (as an ordained minister) I was honored to serve communion alongside the Reverend Genesis Wirkuu.

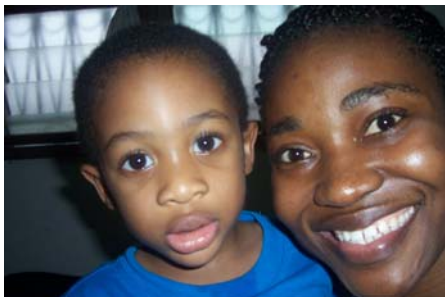


*Arllen sharing the Good News at HOTPEC Orphanage.*

## Eunice's Report

The anticipation of going on a mission trip to Cameroon with my family and the rest of the team was high for me. When we landed in Douala, my focus was on our two children – Timothy and Lydia. I was very concerned about their well being, especially because the standard of living is very different from that in the USA, where our children have lived all their lives. I was encouraged by the Lord that He would take care of them.

We had a safe ride from Virginia to Newark, NJ, and all the way to Cameroon. At the airport in Cameroon we saw a miracle from the Lord. It is usually a big challenge to get out of that Airport without needing to bribe the officials or explain what is in the luggage, but all we said was that we were in Cameroon for a mission trip and we marched out of that Airport with 40 big bags. God clearly showed us favor, and may all the glory be given to Him.



*Timothy and Melvis.*

I stayed with our kids at my mother-in-law's the first two nights with our precious sister – Melvis Ndiloseh. I later joined the team at "Hope House," (aka "the Green House") where the entire team of about 18 was lodging. It was one of the best

experiences for me in recent times. The love, fellowship, sacrifice, service, and commitment were something to experience. Once we started the actual ministry, it was like a military school: we got up very early for a time of worship and prayer, then breakfast when necessary, and then we were off to our various assignments.

The medical team, which I was part of, met at a village church – Bender Baptist – where we set up a makeshift medical clinic. I was so thrilled those first few days to see a crowd waiting to be served by us. It got very overwhelming, but God’s grace was truly sufficient. It was beautiful to provide health care to some of the neediest people of this community. I served as the pharmacist/dispenser while other nurses worked in triage, lab, and registration. With that breakdown, we were able to see somewhere between 150 to 200 people each day. Everybody who came through the clinic saw a physician and received free medication, and in some cases free clothing and reading glasses. I was very touched by the many needs we met, and even more so by the fact that people showed up as early as 3:00 am just to get help from us. And even after they came that early, we still couldn’t see all of them. It was so sad to have to send some patients home, but the work was overwhelming.

The medical outreach ended on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. By this point, we had seen over a thousand patients. I was tired. I was happy that we had met so many people’s needs, but I felt a sense of sadness as the clinic’s last day came to a close. I especially miss the old people and the very little babies, and I can’t wait for an opportunity next year to do the same thing all over again.

The next major thing that happened was the Christmas Party for Pastors’ Children, on Christmas Day. It was thrilling to watch these children worship the Lord, play and enjoy their little gifts.

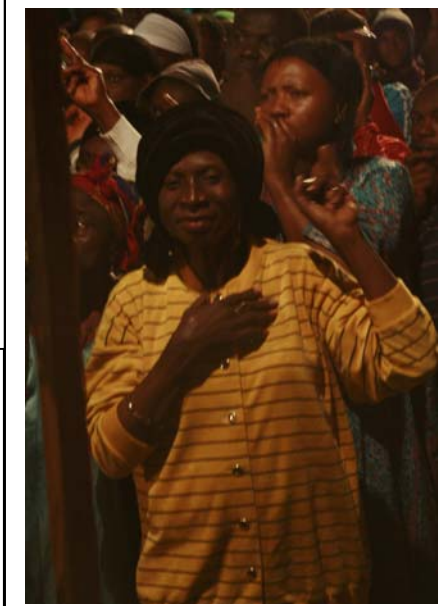
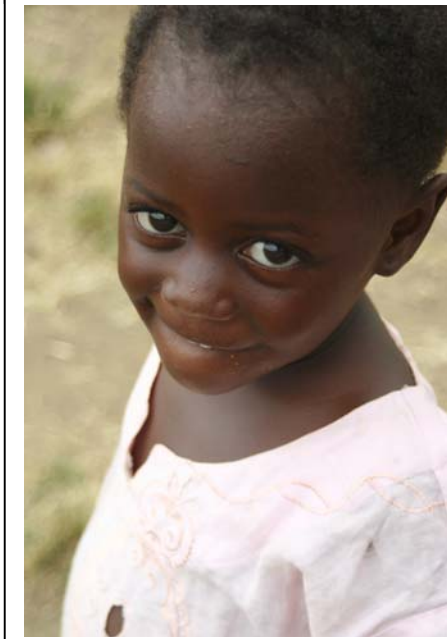
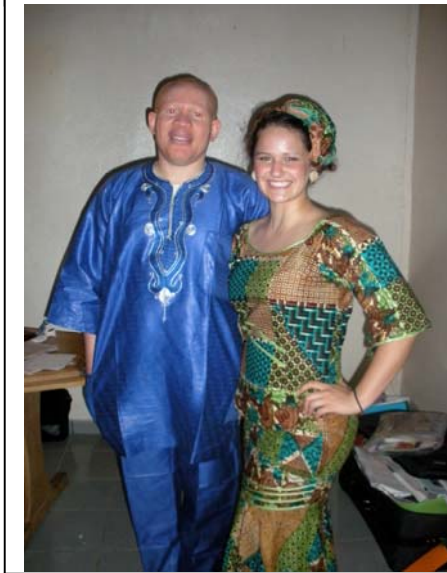
On Monday Dr. Tchami, Jerrice, Carol, Ursula and I spent some time at HOTPEC Orphanage doing medical outreach. It was very sad to see so many of the children with medical problems, including malnourishment and skin diseases. Sixty-one children and 11 adults consulted with us. They too were provided with free medication.

It has been an amazing trip. May God be forever glorified.



*Nurse Eunice (left) with a member of the on-the-ground nursing team.*

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**A Few Images from Cameroon 2009...**





## Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 3A

(Week Three and Part of Week Four: Monday, December 28, 2009 – Wednesday, January 6, 2010)

### Jerrice's Report

Our journey continued as Dr. Tchami, Eunice, Ursula, Mary Carole and I spent Monday December 28<sup>th</sup> at the HOTPEC Orphanage taking pictures and providing a medical examination for each child. Mary Carole dressed in scrubs in order to look professional in her new role. Upon completion of the examination and visiting with the children, medication was purchased and delivered the next day. What a blessing to spend time with these precious children! Previously, part of our team visited the Buea Central Prison, which houses 500 male inmates. Following a short worship service, a summary of their medicals needs was obtained and the following day a package of supplies was delivered to the prison.



*Nurse Eunice and Nurse Jerrice organize the medicines for the orphans at HOTPEC.*

first, the attendance in the follow up meetings was timid, but it picked up from the fourth day onward. Those who made decisions for Jesus in the evangelistic meetings were telephoned briefly and informed of the follow up meetings. These brief phone calls caused attendance to grow steadily with a peak attendance of 70. Pastor Kudi taught the new believers on the on first 3 days, and I continued teaching on the last 4 days of the meetings.

Seeing the need to emphasize follow up, we contacted Brother Ashu, who is trained to do follow up of young converts, and works with Campus Crusade for Christ. He began a new series of follow up meetings after the evangelistic meetings were over, while the rest of the HOIM team headed to Muyuka for the pastors' conference and evangelistic meetings. Brother Ashu and his team will continue the follow up endeavor by visiting the converts and counseling with them periodically. We understand that not all the young converts can be reached because of the vague addresses that some of them give (we don't have street addresses and house numbers in Buea), but every effort will be made to reach them, especially those who have traceable addresses, emails or phone numbers. We also plan to keep in touch with Brother Ashu and give him all the assistance he needs to carry on with this work. The network of local churches is also actively involved in this follow up endeavor. An electronic list of all the young converts was created and



*Mary Carole in her scrubs, with a few of the orphans.*

### Robert's Report

#### *Follow up Meetings*

Follow up meetings with new believers started two days after the evangelistic meetings. At

given to all the participating churches to aid in the follow up process and in praying for the young converts. The strategy is for the local churches to do an organized follow up and visit to the young converts and encourage them to be part of a local church.

### *Radio Ministry*

Julius and other members of the medical team participated in a series of interviews with various radio stations. The last three days of the evangelistic meetings were covered live by the Revival Gospel Radio Station. Robert and Arllen also participated in a one-hour live program at the Revival Gospel Radio Station on the last three days of the evangelistic meetings, during which they preached live to the radio audience in the mornings.

In the future, HOIM also plans to air a series of pre-recorded messages dubbed 'The Hour of Hope.' These will be 30-minute program on at least two radio stations in the Buea, playing once a week, for 12 months. The estimated listening audience is three million people. Arrangements are also underway to do something similar in the North West region of Cameroon. The vision of the radio ministry is to keep a presence in the regions we have visited and touch regions we plan to visit in the future. The messages in these 30-minute programs will be centered on evangelistic church growth. Due to the busyness of our schedules during the Cameroon 2009 mission trip, we were not able to launch 'The Hour of Hope' before we left. However, arrangements will be made to launch the program in the coming months.



*Robert and Arllen preaching the gospel at the Revival Gospel Radio Station.*



*Prayer at the Muyuka Outreach.*

### *Muyuka Outreach*

After concluding the outreach in Bokwaongo, Buea, a two-day outreach was planned in a small town, 40 minutes away from Buea, called Muyuka. These meetings comprised of a pastors' conference followed by an evangelistic meeting, on both days. In all, about 100 decisions for Christ were recorded and almost all the denominations in the region were represented in the pastors' conference with an attendance estimated at 150 participants per night.

## Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 3B

(Week Three and Part of Week Four: Monday, December 28, 2009 – Wednesday, January 6, 2010)

### Arllen's Report

HOIM's rationale and goal for the prison outreach was to contribute to the Buea Community's well being by educating the inmates on spiritual, social and personal skills. The vision of "transforming the Buea community one inmate at a time" is a long-term one. However, we believe that inasmuch as the general evangelistic preaching done during the first 30-minute session at the prison is important, the secret to this transformation heavily lies with the life's skills counseling segments. Our Lord asked us to disciple men for him—not just preach to them (cf. Matt. 28:19). Seeing the important roles aspects of clinical and pastoral counseling have to play in the counseling and rehabilitation of hardened criminals, we plan on integrating these two types of counseling methods into our subsequent sessions with inmates, even in prisons located in other cities and regions of Cameroon.

Brother Richard was left in charge of the follow-up of the counselees of our 16-member group and those who newly committed their lives to Christ at the Buea Central prison. As mentioned elsewhere, he is a fervent Christian and Disciple Maker who was previously a Bible School Teacher before his incarceration. We assigned him with the task of being our point-man within the prison's confines. He reports to Tem Martin, our local prison's contact person, who in turn reports to the HOIM team in the USA. Brother Tem Martin, who spoke on day 3 of our outreach to the inmates on "having a healthy self-esteem even after serving jail time," is a trust-worthy journalist and Brother in Christ who worked closely with us at the Buea Central Prisons. We thank God for the fruit that will be produced as a result of this mission.

### Mary Carole's Report

A good many things were accomplished during the last part the mission trip. We visited the orphanage again to have all the children and workers checked. A few of the children were away visiting relatives, we were told, and so the total number of those we saw amounted to 69. Before noon on December 28<sup>th</sup>, and with our fantastic Dr. Tchami, we were heading out with new records and photos of most of the kids there. It was very successful.

The rest of the week I continued my youth bible study with a few of the kids from the Crusade. I had advertised it to them throughout the first 2 weeks and held the first meeting on the last night of Crusade. We continued trying to meet in spite of Christmas causing attendance issues, and we ended up having about 14 young people the last two days. I definitely got a scope for the their learning capacity in relation to our American material (Precept 40-minute Studies) and teaching style, and got a few ideas for future Bible Studies with them. So I felt it was greatly blessed and look forward to opportunities in this area in December 2010.



*Bible study with the children.*

The last week also included some more travel and free time. We all attended Simon and Erica's court wedding in Limbe on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and Jerrice and I drove to Kumba with Eunice and the kids on Wednesday for a look-see. That drive was quite nice because of the new road between Buea and Kumba, and the fact that we had the Mayor of Buea's nice car and driver to escort us! Jerrice and I also



*Mary Carole, Pastor Genty, Franklin and Jerrice praying at the summit of the West End of Mount Cameroon.*

braved Mt. Cameroon on our last Saturday in the country. Pastor Genty Ndeley, a guide, Franklin, Jerrice, and myself hiked up to the summit of the mountain's west end in 4 hours. Jerrice showed me up in front of them all, proving that she was in better shape than the lot of us, but I regained my honor on the way down. It was a great expedition; we were both very proud of our day's accomplishment.

Probably one of the really beneficial things that I experienced during the latter part of the trip was a meeting that Jerrice and I "accidentally" attended. We meant to go to a young convert's prayer and Q&A meeting, but after walking around and "engaging the culture" as Julius had encouraged us to do, we had missed that meeting and another had begun unbeknownst to us. So there we sat in a debriefing

board meeting of HOIM on the Cameroonian side. I have been to many of the meetings here state side but knew very little about what went on as far as groundwork and behind-the-scene details here in Cameroon. I felt quite enlightened about how everything was run. I saw the sacrifice that everyone had made to participate, and I began to understand my small role in the scope of such a program.

All in all, I loved this trip so much! I was better than last year for many reasons, but most of all because it stretched me so much. It was hard work but God brought everything together and caused great success. I hope that next year I can come again and be a part of what God is doing in Cameroon.

## Cameroon 2009 Report – Part 3C

(Week Three and Part of Week Four: Monday, December 28, 2009 – Wednesday, January 6, 2010)

### Simon's Report

It was our last week in Cameroon, and Julius' kept emphasizing the following: "The work is not over yet! It has just begun." Our sense of accomplishment seemed to dissipate with this statement. He drew our attention to the fact that follow up of the young converts was the key thing, without which our two weeks of evangelistic activities would only be almost pointless ceremony.

I had before now been granted permission to leave the team for Bamenda where I had to visit my mother and father-in-law prior to my court wedding in Limbe. So while others planned to visit the orphanage for the medical consultation with the kids, and others went down to Muyuka for the crusade and conference, I took off for Bamenda on Dec. 26 to visit my future wife's parents, whom I would be seeing for the first time. A year before now I had proposed to Erica, their daughter, and in August 2009 my parents had paid an official visit to her parents for a traditional wedding, in the African tradition. We at this time thought it was about time we made our marriage legal by signing at the court, particularly so that I could have some paper work to file for her upon my return to the US, thus making it easier for her to move there.



*Members of the team at Simon and Erica's court wedding.*

Visiting Erica's family and giving gifts to each family member is part of the African tradition of not only marrying a lady, but, as it were, marrying her entire family. Our court wedding was set for December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9 am at the Limbe Urban Council, Down Beach. Erica and I felt honored by the presence of the Cameroon 2009 team members, family members, friends and loved ones. We took our marriage vows at the court, took pictures with the team members, had a small reception at my mother's house, with Julius, Pastor Patrick Gwanmesia, and my father-in-law giving us very wise and mature counsel on marriage: they told us to stay faithful in loving, caring for and respecting one another. Erica and I felt so honored

and we bless the Lord for making all things beautiful in His time.

### Ursula Ndolo's Report

During the last few days of mission activities, I worked with Robert and Simon on entering the 900 or so names of new believers into an electronic database, which we planned to distribute to the local churches that had participated in our outreach. On December 28<sup>th</sup> I joined the medical team one final time for their outreach to the children at HOTPEC orphanage. My goal was to take pictures and create summary profiles of each of the children. We plan to use this information to solicit US-based sponsors for each of the children. I was very moved by how attached the children had become to Mary Carole, who had spent quite a bit of time with them during the course of the mission. When it was time for us to leave around mid-day, several children clung to her and cried "Aunty Carole, Aunty Carole," and had to prevailed upon to let her get into the car.



*Nurse Eunice and Brother Fritz at the site of the new HOTPEC Orphanage Bakery.*

While at the orphanage, Brother Fritz – the Administrator – showed us the construction work that was currently underway for a new baby unit. (The old baby unit is too small and is severely run-down.) We also got to take some pictures of the site of the soon-to-be-built bakery, which was very exciting. Unfortunately, we were told that cooking in the new kitchen that HOIM helped build for the orphanage last year is not yet underway, because there isn't enough money to buy the equipment needed to make this new kitchen usable. Therefore, the shack is still being used to prepare the orphanage meals. This was very disturbing to me.

On December 30<sup>th</sup> I headed to Limbe to spend a few days with my family before returning to the US. On December 31<sup>st</sup> I had the distinct honor of being – along with Sam Monono, another member of the HOIM Cameroon team – one of the witnesses to Simon and Erica's marriage. The civil ceremony was beautiful and entertaining. I was particularly moved because I remembered praying with Simon several years ago (before he decided to marry Erica) and being led by the Spirit to pray for his wife. It was such a joy to see my prayers answered in the person of Erica, and to see Simon happily married to a woman who will support him in ministry, a true "help meet."

On the morning of January 6<sup>th</sup> I headed back to Buea to join the remaining members of the US-based team who would be departing that night. It was very hard saying goodbye to everyone we were leaving behind in Cameroon. We all "threatened" to cry, but we comforted each other with the thought that Lord willing, we would all be together again in a few months, in December 2010.

The greatest lesson I learned during this mission trip was that my *life* is a mission, my *whole* life, not just the few days or weeks when I am serving in a makeshift medical clinic or singing at an evangelistic meeting, or ministering to orphans and prison inmates. The Lord Jesus lived His life this way, forsaking everything for the sake of the good news He had come to share.

As the Casting Crowns song goes, "Let my lifesong sing to You." You are worthy, oh God. Amen.



*Ursula Ndolo witnessing Simon and Erica's marriage.*

# Report – Part 3

## A Few Images from Cameroon 2009...

