

Echoes of Hope

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Dear Partners,

Which will they receive first: a bottle, a cancer stick, a condom or a Bible? One of these is priceless and limitless in its ongoing eternal impact. The others would leave hurting souls for a season and possibly, for eternity.

As we turn our attention to this year's outreaches, we are launching a <u>Bible perstudent</u>, with a view to providing a Bible for each of the 25,000 high school and university students in and around Buea. This may be the best \$5 investment ever!

Buea Festival of Hope - join us

The numbers don't lie! Surveys consistently show that most people come to Christ in their first quarter of life. This demographic with peculiar needs has always captured our hearts, in part because our own journey began on high school and college campuses.

The May 2014 outreach focuses on reaching students and faculty at the high schools and universities around Buea. Strategically, the Macedonia Baptist Church Molyko has offered its 4000-seater auditorium for this outreach, viewing it as a unique forum for spiritual revival of the MBC congregation. Local churches are being mobilized; counsellors are being trained to ensure a massive harvest of souls. Please pray!



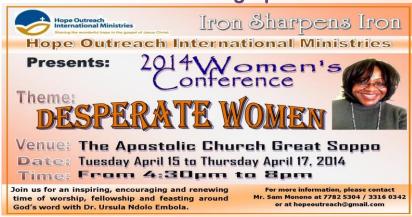
From the Pastors in Wum

The arrival of the HOIM in Wum is a divine arrangement. This is the very first time that almost all servants of God in Wum have worked together. Following our evaluation of this outreach, we have concluded that the way forward for the Church in Wum is the continuation of the Pastors Forum.

We were concerned about HOIM-planned training of counsellors from various churches. However, our fears vanished once the sessions began, and we noticed the focus on the essentials of the Christian faith. We have adopted this training for the young believers follow up in our churches and subsequent joint programs.

Our past experience was that people were very skeptical in providing their contact information on the decision cards. We have not noted any improper information on the over 500 filled cards this time. Equally, pastors raised worries as to what was to be written on the decision cards, which church information they will bear; or whether they will be blank. We all saw it so good that HOIM brought its cards. This has made follow up easier and more effective, and your approach has been a big lesson to us.

Coming Up



School of Practical Ministry - August 2014

Plans are underway for the 3rd edition of SPM. After Buea (August 2012), Yaounde (August 2013), Bamenda will host this year's training sessions, scheduled to run from August 5 to 15. The School of Practical Ministry is organised in collaboration with Evangel Theological Seminary. Fifty percent of the 2014 class will be leaders of student movements on university campuses across the nation.

Please pray with us, for:

- 1. A Bible per student, a drive to provide a Bible to each one of the 20,000 students in and around Buea.
- 2. Smooth sailing, timely arrival and funds to clear the container, and arrange its contents for the outreaches.
- 3. The April 2014 Women's Conference travel mercies and God's anointing upon Ursula and the ladies.
- 4. Perspectives classes in Woodbridge, VA (3/11), Fredericksburg, VA (3/12), Ashburn, VA (3/16) and Arlington, VA (3/20) safe travels and God's anointing upon Julius as he lectures.
- 5. For spiritual growth for our dear sisters Clara and Sarah, and those who have supported them.

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