Dear Friends and Supporters,



For We Care Outreach Network Society

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November 2017 Newsletter

# Blessed to Be a Blessing

First of all, let us say thank you for being a part of and supporting For We Care through your prayers and your financial giving. Through your support, by whichever means, we have been empowered to serve God, as His obedient children, in Cameroon, Canada, and Kenya. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the exciting activities carried out so far during 2017, many under the direction of Ron Klettke, one of our long-term Directors.

CAMEROON Several Great Projects On The Go

**Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary - NDU** We have been blessed with substantial donations that have enabled us to not only construct two student residences but to start on a third residence building. Additional funding is always appreciated.



### Praise Baptist Church – Ndongo-Buea

This is another project primarily funded through For We Care. Tata Stephen Gur is the Senior Pastor and he is hoping for additional funding in order to be able achieve occupancy soon.



**Mbingo Hospital Equipment:** We have been privileged to contribute towards the down payment of a CT Scan equipment from Siemens. This project is in need of additional funds to cover costs related to the installation as well as the payments for the 70% residual debt covered by a three year low-interest loan from Siemens.

**Mbingo Hospital – Future MDs of Africa Scholarship Program (FMDASP):** This project is under the direction of Dr. Gregory Kline of Calgary, For We Care's "Vice-President – Future MDs". Dr. Kline is a Clinical Professor of Endocrinology at the University of Calgary and Medical Director of the Dr. David Hanley Osteoporosis Centre. He has also made a number of mission trips to the Mbingo Baptist Hospital. At present we have one medical student attending the University of Ghana medical school (a four year program); this individual was employed at the Mbingo Hospital and will return to it upon graduation.

**Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Board (CBC) – Future Engineers of Africa Scholarship Program (FEASP):** This project is under the direction of Bernie Lemke, one of For We Care's Directors. The CBC Health Board operates a Technical Services Division which is charged with the planning, construction, and maintenance of its many medical facilities. In order to do this well, they even run their own apprenticeship program for the training of trades people to be employed in the service. Bernie has a twenty-year history of lending support to the CBC in its effort to provide suitable facilities for health care as well as to assist in the training of qualified technical support staff. At the

present time, one promising candidate has been nominated for training as a structural engineer, funded under this scholarship program. The candidate is bonded to return to the CBC for future employment.

#### PASTORAL SUPPORT AND STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding permitting, these projects, are designed to contribute to the salaries of Pastors to enable them to serve more effectively; and to assist students to attend the Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary located in Ndu.

#### CANADA

#### MIND & BODY FUND

This fund enables us to provide bursaries to families and individuals who desperately need psychological support and do not have sufficient financial resources. Funds go toward counselling (addressing abuse, depression, anxiety, couple/family issues, etc.), social skills training (for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder etc.), independent living skills (for people with Down syndrome, etc.), and learning programs (for individuals with Learning Disabilities, AD/HD, etc.). This Project needs unlimited financial support.

#### KENYA

This ministry is under the supervision and guidance of Mark Hawkins, one of our Directors. Mark has put an incredible effort, in many ways, into this over the last 4 years. During this time the focus has been to equip local believers to become self-sufficient as they serve the Lord in evangelizing a number of local people groups such as the Maasai and Ogiek. Key people engaged in this effort include Javan, Gesare, Rael, Zachariah and an ever increasing number of support people. Initially, when we started churches, we bought land for growing food for the Pastors, as well as some animals, and a motorbike. The first few churches impacted our resources to the point where we had to modify this approach. Rather than purchasing land we have come up with a \$3,500 package, for each Pastor, which covers land and house rental for a year, purchase of a cow and a motorbike and some start-up expenses in the hope that each congregation will become motivated to assume the financial responsibility for their Pastor.

The evangelization effort has been blessed with close to 40,000 people saved, including a number of Muslims and the Imam in Narok, who then burned the Koran. A good component of the Ogiek (hunter-gatherers) live in the Mount Elgon forest region. The Ogiek evangelism is progressing very well and we expect about 15,000 of them will be saved in less than a year. The big challenge now is the discipling of all these new believers – the need for Pastors and teachers has outgrown our current financial ability to keep up with the demand. A Pastor can handle at most a church of 500 – 1,000 people. To help train locals, we have acquired 2 houses on a large lot in Ogembo to accommodate Zachariah (head master) and provide class room facilities to train initially 15 students to be become Bible teachers and Pastors, including 6 Ogiek men doing oral Bible training as they can neither read or write. We just received a greatly appreciated \$10,000 donation which will help us to dig a well and water system for the "Bible school" as the local river is dirty and parasite infested.

The challenges and opportunities are great and we are motivated by the Apostle Paul's instruction to Timothy: "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." (2 Tim. 2:2).

We want to encourage you to participate in this wonderful opportunity to build the Kingdom of our Saviour as we depend on His Lordship, leadership, guidance, protection, teaching and provisions each day.

## Our Board and Management Team wish you a Blessed Christmas

May God bless each one of you immensely as you honor God by being kind to the needy. (Proverbs 14:31)

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