



"Mama" Grace, 83 years old founder of Grace Shelter

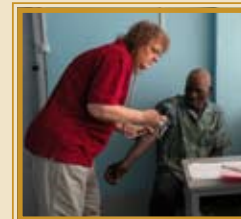
Grace Shelter

We are so grateful for the response we have received for Grace Tait Orphanage in Bossa. Last year, with the help of Dr. Roxanne Cheek, we built a hut and have started raising rabbits for the home. A motorcycle was

bought to ease transportation needs. Blankets, books and mosquito nets were provided by Natalie DeWeaver and Dr. Cheek. The shoes and cloth drive initiated by Heidi Schneider has been a real success. We are grateful to Calvary Chapel of Gwinnett in Buford, GA and to Southern Oaks Baptist

church, Kerrville, TX for donating almost 400 pairs of shoes and clothes for our orphanage efforts and for \$400 to help with shipping. We are trusting God for provision to ship these as well as other donated items in May.

Thank you.



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Newsletter April 2010

Dear Family & Friends of BFL:

Wow, I can't believe it is April, and this is our first newsletter in 2010. How time flies when you are having "fun." The last few months have seen us in several cities and villages carrying out a number of ministry activities: Medical outreaches in Bangem, Limbe and Buea; Agricultural evangelism in the village of Ebamut; ministry opportunity under the banner of "IMPACT Cameroon", in the cities of Yaounde and Douala; pastors and church leaders seminars in Bangem & Tombel as well as several team visits to Mbang where we have a school among Baka Pygmies and in the NW to check on Grace Tait Orphanage. In the mist of it all, there hasn't been time to sit and write our usual beginning of the year newsletter and update.

Every New Year like every new day presents both fresh beginnings and new challenges for us all. My prayer is that in 2010, you may remember that nothing can change God's faithfulness even in the midst of uncertainty or affliction. May these times of "crisis" not rob you of what God has promised will never end: His love for us. With His peace we can face both the difficulties and prospects that the year 2010 may bring to us.

As we begin our 15th year of ministry at BFL, I remain as committed as ever to our calling. BFL will continue to focus on four key thrusts:

- **Evangelism:** Clearly presenting the claims of Christ by various means.
- **Discipleship:** Working with the indigenous Church to plant churches in the city and among unreached people.
- **Leadership Development:** Formal and

informal training and facilitating relationships that build and provide for strategic impact nationally and regionally. **Compassion:** Going beyond ourselves by facilitating evangelism through community and economic development programs.

BFL will continue to work with Baka Pygmies while initiating efforts among other unreached tribal groups, like the predominantly muslim and animistic Northern Cameroon peoples.

Again, I apologize for my inability to communicate on a regular basis. My hectic travel schedule makes it difficult to write as much as I would love to. However, God is beginning to in bringing a number of support staff. This will help me slow down enough to send you periodic updates of happenings here.

On behalf of our team here, I want to thank you for your support these many years. I ask you to pray with me that the Lord will give our Board and BFL team wisdom as we minister and that this work may continue undeterred so that many more hearts and minds all over our region will know the Truth of the Gospel. I believe this is the Lord's ministry, and I thank you for how you have stood with me in this calling. Know that you are always in my prayers and that I am eternally grateful and indebted to you for your friendship and loyal support (Phil 1:3-7).

Thanks for taking the time to read, pray and if necessary respond.

Serving Him together,

Roxanne Cheek

Impact 2010

I had the opportunity to speak at Impact 2010, one of the largest church conferences in Cameroon. I spoke in Yaoundé and in Douala to church leaders on the subject **The Church & the Challenge of Poverty.** I also spoke to students. With more than 50% unemployment among youth, I focused my session with them on **Becoming Innovative, How to Develop Entrepreneurial Skills and on Creating Opportunities.**



Each evening, hundreds of people responded to evangelistic messages and surrendered their lives to Christ.

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Hello Everyone,



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus. It's a privilege to write a few lines to update you on the happenings on the "home front". The children and I are doing great, praise God.

Nathan is in the first year of primary school – equivalent to kindergarten.

He is a diligent student and would get upset if he scores less than 100%. He is reading really well and loves books. He would often find a quiet spot and read to himself, emerging only to seek help with a difficult word. That is, when he is not creating "bad Yaoundé traffic" with his collection of little toy cars – his most favorite pastime.

Kisheri is in Nursery one (preschool). With a happy-go-lucky personality, she'll put off homework till the last minute and for a long time had me fooled into believing she couldn't write any letters or numbers on her own. At homework time she constantly said "mummy, please hold my hand" or "I don't know how to write." Her teacher let the cat out of the bag when she sent the weekly report home and noted that Kisheri not only completed all her work on time but was also writing for one of her classmates who was a little slower. The teacher had suspected for a while, and had finally "caught" her in the act! Guess what! From that day she went from "I don't know how..." to "I can do it by myself" – and will hardly ever accept help with her assignments! She can write the alphabet to letter "t", write numbers to "20" and count to 100, at 3 1/2 years old! Both kids love their nightly bible reading time with mummy or daddy. They have great memories and have learnt the Lord's Prayer by heart.



Kisheri dancing at the Annual 'Jesus March' Parade in downtown Yaoundé.

They also love to sing the hymns daddy teaches them when he's home and at prayer time will say "we want to sing daddy's song".

Of cars and such:

In the last newsletter I did promise to write about how I was enjoying life here in Cameroon since we moved back. There's so much to say on that subject I could write an epistle! But, given that there something else on my mind that I'd like to share with you, and I only have so much space (this is supposed to be a "Corner" after all) I'll have to have to save that for next time. The issue is BFL's need for a solid, off road vehicle.

In 2007, God gave us an awesome surprise, when he provided us a much needed minivan for family and ministry use. It has been a tremendous blessing to us for ministry and family trips within the country, and we've put quite some mileage on it. Those who've been able to come out here know that the country's poor road network and transportation system make travel by bus uncertain at best and downright dangerous at worst. They can understand our relief at not having to use it much. Unfortunately, the minivan was not built for the kind of roads that exist outside the big towns, and has taken quite a beating from the numerous ministry trips Ernest and BFL staff make into the villages for outreach. To put it plainly, it is falling apart. It is disheartening to see oil dripping from the bottom upon the return from some outlying area, which is a result of the low suspension bumping against the rocky terrain; or some other more complicated mechanical malfunction. Post-trip maintenance costs are beginning to run pretty high. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide a solid off road vehicle for Ernest and the local BFL team to use for their work out in the countryside.

Thank you for going beyond the work



Nathan graduating from Nursery School and receiving a certificate of achievement for "Best English Student"

you are doing as partners in ministry with Bread for Life and caring about our wellbeing as a family. God bless you!

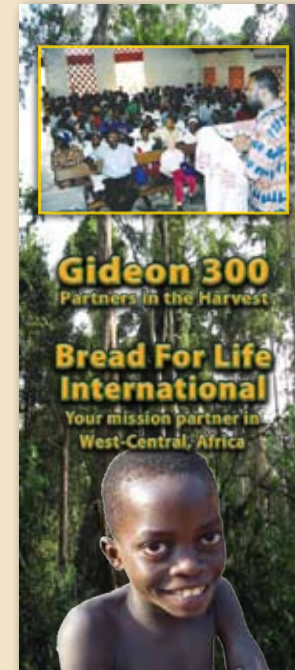
Lisa

Points for Praise & Prayer

- We are grateful to the Lord for keeping Ernest, the local BFL team and the Short Term Mission teams safe during their numerous travels and outreaches in the villages.
- Pray for enough funds to come in April to enable us ship a 20 foot container with donated items for the orphanage and ministry.
- Pray for donations of office furniture, evangelistic equipments and necessary items to arrive on time for May shipment.
- Pray for Ernest as he travels and shares the vision of Bread for Life across the USA. That God will open just the right doors for him and the ministry.
- Pray that the Lord will provide committed, dedicated staff members that can take on leadership roles in BFL here in Cameroon, to ease some of the work load that currently rests on Ernest alone and would enable him delegate more and spend more time at home.
- Pray for robust health for the children. The last few months have seemed like an endless round of doctor appointments and lab tests.
- We are trusting God for a much needed ministry vehicle and are beginning to set funds aside. If God leads, your special gift for an off road vehicle would be appreciated. Simply designate **BFL off road vehicle** in your giving.

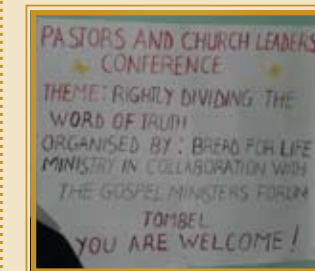


Gideon 300



Last year, we launched our **Gideon 300** project in hopes of raising operational and staff support. So far we have had about 10 individuals and one church commit. We are trusting God to touch **300** individuals or Churches who will commit to \$25 or more on a monthly basis. This will help cover our staff and operational costs. This may be a great way for you to assist or sponsor one of our indigenous staff, so that they may focus their energy on ministry.

Rightly Dividing the Word



Missiologists tell us that there are now more than 400 million Christians in Africa with thousands indicating conversion to faith daily. And yet, Christianity is having a minimal impact on African society. People often claim to be Christians while their traditional worldviews, customs and institutions are virtually unchanged.

This thrilling proliferation of churches in Africa may be one of the most hopeful signs of our times but these growing churches and their leaders remain desperate for training that will equip them. The effective training and resourcing of pastoral

Ministry Highlights

2010 Medical Outreach



Pastor Benedict brings a devotional during the morning "spiritual clinics" which preceded the daily medical outreaches. We provided free consultation, free medication and free counselling to patients.

We had a team of 22 from Jacksonville FL, led by Dr. Jackson Downey. This was Dr. Downey's 7th Annual Medical team visit to Cameroon. Over 450 came to Christ during the evening evangelistic crusades and many others in the morning spiritual clinic section. Over 1,300 consultations and prescriptions were given. Thanks to Dr. Downey and Gene LeClair for all their hard work in the USA. Thanks to all who supported and enabled the team to come!

leaders in Africa is pivotal for the fulfilling of the Great Commission.

Unfortunately, indigenous pastors who are supposed to be custodians with disciplining responsibilities are perhaps the most neglected.

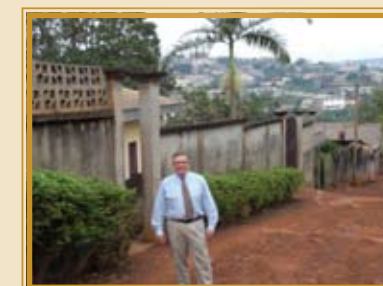
BFL has held several pastors and church leaders' conferences, but never did one exclusively on the subject of **Rightly Dividing Scriptures**. Our first **Expository Preaching Conference** and **Seminar** was held in Tombel with Dr. Kenneth Mitchell, senior pastor of Westside Family Chapel in Jacksonville, FL. The response was great and we are looking at doing multiple seminars like these on a yearly basis.



Ernest teaches on characteristics of an effective team at BFL quarterly Team Building Retreat in Limbe.



Ken with some pastors, their wives and leaders in Tombel



Ken in front of our ministry Guest House (Center for Spiritual Renewal) in Yaoundé.



Hunger for sound teaching was evident as people listened and took down notes in Limbe.