



BREAD FOR LIFE

Dedicated to changing our world

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"Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds. I may be given credit for having blazed the trail but when I look at the subsequent developments I feel the credit is due to others rather than to myself."
-- Alexander Graham Bell



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Open your eyes and look

"Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

"Do you not say, 'four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35

Throughout the Bible, God endeavors to help His people to see, to open their eyes and engage reality. Scriptures are filled with calls to "behold", to "look", to "see"...

Life is different than we expect. God is doing things we have not been aware of. The world has changed and we haven't noticed. Careful reflection and analysis are essential for followers of Jesus who desire to faithfully serve His mission today.

Not looking is dangerous.

At Bread For Life, we seek to help the indigenous church to look and, look again - seeing the world of mission as it really is, seeing needs and opportunities for the gospel, seeing what God is doing and how his people can best join Him.

One of those areas we have been looking at is the Rural Areas, where life is characterized by brevity, poverty, disease and limited opportunities. Eighty percent of Cameroon's population live in the rural areas and are

engaged in subsistence farming.

Three years ago, Elias Ngome joined our staff as Director of Agriculture, Rural Evangelism & Development. Elias came with a rich background in Agriculture and ministry, having obtained a Master's degree in Agricultural Engineering at one of Cameroon's top Agric colleges (University of Dschang). While in Dschang, Elias was also instrumental in pioneering the work of Campus Crusade for Christ in that University.

Elias now travels throughout the countryside monthly helping farmers and simultaneously exposing them to the Gospel of Christ. He recently returned from the Village of Luh in NW Province where "over 350 were exposed to the gospel and 120 of them gave their lives to Christ."

Thank you for joining with us in the ministry of vision and the vision of ministry. May we always do it to the glory of the One who came so we may have Bread for Life!

For Christ & His kingdom,

Ernest Ehabé





EHABE FAMILY NEWS



News from Elias Ngome: Helping Rural farmers and growing the church

Dear Friends and partners of Bread for Life,

We count it a great joy sharing with you about our ministry through Bread for Life. "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day."

In the month of July I organized agricultural outreaches in a town just outside of the capital city of Cameroon called Makenene. In attendance of this seminar/ outreach were over 75 farmers. During the outreach farmers were drilled theoretically and practically in various areas in Agriculture. Some of these areas included:

- Understanding the importance of Agriculture.
- The choice and the value of crops to grow.
- The respect of planting dates and density in growing crops.
- How to preserve and select quality seeds for planting.
- How to reduce post-harvest losses using local techniques to conserve.
- The importance of farm records and how to keep farm records.
- How to form groups and group dynamism.

All these topics were treated in detail during the week we spent together. At the end of each session a short evangelistic message was given pointing them to Jesus as the one who makes every crop to grow. By the end of the outreach over 45 farmers accepted Jesus Christ into their lives as their personal Lord and Savior while many others rededicated themselves to Christ.

Alongside the seminars we also paid a visit to the Makenene District Hospital. We encouraged the patients in their sick beds, presented Christ to them and over 16 accepted Christ into their lives. We also prayed for Christ to heal them.

While at the hospital I received an invitation by the chief of the town to come speak at a funeral ceremony

of a man who died from an accident. I reminded mourners that every human being will die no matter how it happens and the question they needed to ask themselves is "When I die where would I spend eternity?" I encouraged them to turn to Christ as He is the only way! At the end over 30 people prayed to accept the Lord. The pastor and leaders of Covenant Baptist Church Makenene have taken on the responsibility of caring for those who came to Christ during this time.

Back in our Local Church: for over three months I have been teaching 41 young converts. I have been teaching basic Biblical foundation principles to help them get established in their new walk. On the 28th of July they were baptized.

Earlier in the year, I also traveled to Bamenda with Rev. Ernest Ehabé to hold meetings with some of the pastors for the medical

outreach/crusade in January 2006. More recently, I have been having meetings with my local Church in preparation for the November church plant in Odza (Yaounde), and preparing for my September agricultural outreaches in Northwest Cameroon, where I will be meeting with farmers in two different areas and following a similar outline to reach them for Christ (these outreaches just ended with 120 new converts and over 350 exposed to the gospel).

Please pray for me as I continue to reach out to farmers and help improve their lifestyles both physically and spiritually.

In His service,

Elias, Beatrice and Theresa Ngome



On Hands Training: Elias teaching farmers in Makenene



Elias teaching new converts

A New Season

After more than ten years of being on the road – crisscrossing the USA and Africa, it looks like the Lord is leading me into another season of ministry and life. I am really excited about this new season. We are going to relocate to the US (Atlanta, GA) by the end of the year. I am thrilled to have Lisa and Nathan join me. I miss them so much.

We now have a solid and capable team in place in Cameroon which provides a kairos opportunity for me to spend more time here so as to focus on fund raising for the ministry and increase my work with international students. This season will also allow me to spend more time with my wife and one year old son (my first ministry). Although I will continue to make trips to Africa, my focus will be on developing resources for our growing ministry needs in Africa. Our desire as I have always said is to build ministries that will become self-propagating, self-sustaining, and self-governing.

Therein lies the next challenge. To have my family with me where they belong, will require a significant increase in my personal support. I am quickly learning all about the joys and challenges of being a husband and father. Please pray with me that our faithful Lord will once again, raise up those who will help me fulfill my calling and allow my family to be supported in a manner they deserve here in the US.

For Ehabé family move to Atlanta

Please pray:

- For the Ehabés to find just the right apartment in the right neighborhood
- For a good support network of friends to help them as they adjust to life in the US
- For speedy processing of all immigration-related documents (Lisa) and for favor in that regard
- For financial provision to meet all the needs as they basically start over in the US

August 30. Nathan celebrates 1st birthday with mom (Lisa) and cousins



Great moments. Strolling with Nathan



Time with Daddy. Nathan and I at the Jacksons home



Nathan staying in touch with Daddy



Upcoming events:

November 2005

- 7-9 × Pastors Conference in Yaounde
- 9-12 × Evangelistic Outreach and Church plant in Odza, Yaounde
- 12 × Leaders Prayer Breakfast at Hotel Azur to help with Yaounde International Chapel
- 15-19 × Evangelistic Crusade, Agricultural outreach and new church plant in Djottin, NW Province

January 2006

- 1 × Ernest & Stan Jackson leave for Cameroon
- 7 × Medical Team arrives from USA & England
- 8-10 × Evangelistic outreaches in Tombel
- 9-10 × Medical Outreach in Tombel,
- 11-14 × Evangelistic Crusade, National Pastors' Conference & Christian Medical Outreach in Kumba.

Points for prayer

Please Pray:

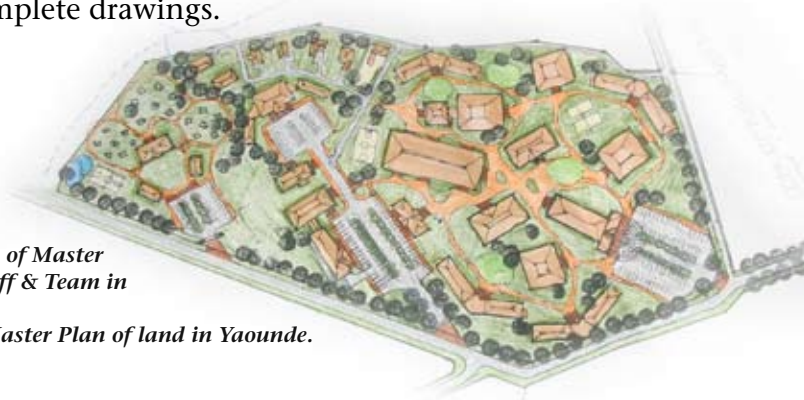
- For safety in travel for Ernest and the November and January teams
- For many lives to be touched and transformed during the upcoming November and January events: evangelistic crusade and church plant, Pastors Conferences, Leaders Prayer Breakfast and Medical Outreach
- For the BFL team in Cameroon as they plan for and coordinate all these events: for unity of purpose and spirit
- For sufficient funds to organize the above events
- For our outreach in Djottin. For new church plant. For Agricultural Outreach and for Evangelistic crusade.



Architect Bob Schill of Missionary Tech Team was with us in Cameroon for about two weeks to develop a "Conceptual Master Plan" for our 20 acre land in Yaounde. We are grateful to all who gave to make this trip possible. We are still in need of someone to do topographical drawing of the land to help the USA architectural Team complete drawings.



1. Local land surveyor gives Jake & Architect Schill a tour of land, showing boundaries.
2. Architect explains drawings of Master Conceptual plan to BFL Staff & Team in Yaounde
3. Newly drawn Conceptual Master Plan of land in Yaounde.



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