

Complete Report on HOIM's May/June 2009 Mission Trip to Cameroon by Madison Ngafeeson

I landed in Douala, Cameroon on May 20, 2009, and was driven straight to the first preaching engagement at the Kingdom Word Centre Church, where I would later return to speak at an evangelism crusade at the end of my trip. This meeting had the important role of encouraging the saints on "Keeping Confidence in God" (Luke 7:18-28), and in preparing them for the upcoming evangelistic meeting.

I traveled to Yaoundé the next morning, just in time to be ready for the first night of indoor crusade meetings in the Mendong neighborhood. These meetings lasted four nights: Thursday, May 21- Sunday, May 24, 2009. In this program, themed "Jesus Christ Satisfies," we explored a series entitled, "Where shall a man find satisfaction?" We considered the several options that men undertake to lead satisfactory lives, and evaluated the end results of such pursuits. In all, we had an average daily attendance of 141, eight of whom answered the call for salvation. The Sunday service marked the opening of a new church center for regular Sunday and other weekly services. This program was hosted by the Redeemed Christian Church of God, under the leadership of Pastor Isaac Bamikole.

Following the Yaoundé meetings, I had a two-day break, and then took off to Buea on Wednesday, May 27, 2009. On arrival, I met with the local organizing committee over dinner that same night. In this meeting, I was briefed on all the planning updates and pending issues. I also had an opportunity to share a forward look at the December mission trip.

The Buea Hope Seminar proper began on Thursday, May 28 and ran through Sunday, May 31, 2009. Speaking on the theme "Discovering God's Purpose, Vision and Dream for your life," Brothers Joseph Kobe, Tony Mesumbe and I covered topics that sought to answer the three fundamental questions of life, namely, "Who am I", "Why am I here", and, "Where am I headed to from here." We also explored career building and development, and considered practical approaches on how to live, work and succeed in an immoral and corrupt society. Spicing up each session with personal testimonies and practical ideas plus counseling and workshop sessions, we sought to see that these students were equipped with a "no limit" mentality through bible-based teaching and discussions that should build hope and trust in God. We had an average daily attendance of 182, and 15 decisions were made for Christ. On-going follow-up is being pursued. We also had the opportunity to minister in the Buea Community Church led by Pastor Genesis Tinshu on Sunday morning of May 31.

The last phase of the mission trip ran from Thursday, June 4 to Sunday June 8, 2009. This comprised a three-day outdoor evangelistic crusade in the Makepe neighborhood of Douala,

themed, “Believe the Gospel,” and a final Sunday meeting at my home church—the Etoug’Ebe Baptist Church, Yaoundé. In Douala, we explored the question of the true meaning of the Gospel—establishing it to be a message of power, able to save and to deliver all who believe in it according to Romans 1:16-18. Average daily attendance stood at 95, 47 surrendered their lives to Christ and it is worth noting that a total of 17 of these young converts have turned out for the last two Sunday services at this 11-month old church plant.

In the final service at the Etoug’Ebe Baptist Church in Yaoundé, we closed the trip with a message of hope entitled “Keeping Confidence in God.” drawn from Luke 7:18-28. Sunday attendance stood at 1,288 and about 25 people responded to the altar call.

I left Yaoundé on the following day, Monday, June 8, 2009 for Douala, from where I flew back to the US via Brussels, Belgium.

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Praying for someone



Prayer at the Buea Seminar



With Moses Oteh, HOIM's representative in Cameroon



Preaching at Etoug'Ebe Baptist Church



Inside Etoug'Ebe Baptist church



Etoug'Ebe Baptist Church



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