



November 2017 Visit report and Update

Greetings to you all,

This visit report and update will be as brief as possible. Its intention is to give a flavour of our current work in Cameroon. If you would like to have more detailed information on the topics mentioned here or indeed about our work in general you can send a request to info@waterforcameroon.com

Program 2020

Kumbo Rotary -- WfCN – WfCI met in Kumbo to discuss the start up of Phase 1. The program is now officially underway.

All parts of Phase 1 will be completed before the end of 2018.

We are grateful to the funding Rotary clubs. Without their support this program could not happen.



Baffousam Rotary

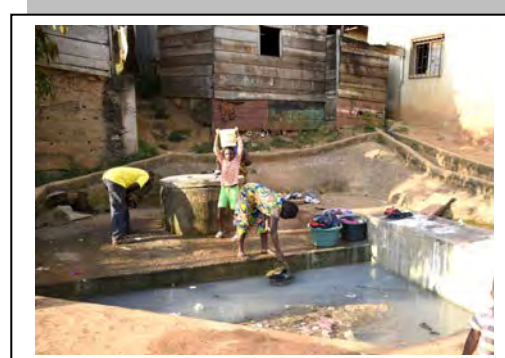
Health specialist Serophine and Mick visited the Baffousam Rotary club to discuss a health education project for a school and community in Bafut. We are hopeful that this project will start in February 2018.

Anquissa community (Yaoundé)

WfCI along with Faith Baptist church and the community at Anquissa (Yaoundé) are partnering together in an effort to ensure that safe water is continually available for the community. Silas and Mick visited the community again in November.

The general environment around the water source needs a lot of work to ensure the source and local streams are not contaminated.

There will be a lot of health promotion and workshops taking place.



Upper Kekong (Babanki Tungo) project

This small community is at Babanki Tungo on Sabga hill on the way from Bamenda to Ndop town. The only water available

to this community is from a small stream. Mick visited the planning and water committee again in November. WfCI was invited to help

this community over a year ago. Since that time WfCI has had a number of meetings with this very committed group of people.

For the most part our role at these early meetings is to Look – Listen and Learn, to encourage the committee

to value their people assets and help them design and plan their project.

Hopefully health promotion and further site investigation work will take place in February. That all depends on the availability of funds for that aspect of the project.



The new Multi Lingual Education primary school at Mesow

Mick visited the school to meet with the project team.

The team is working to have everything in place to open in Sept. 2018

No funding is available at the moment. There have been many challenges since the project began, including the death of Ernest, who was the leader of the project team. Daniel is a Cameroonian MLE literacy specialist and is working with the team, ensuring that the teachers will be fully trained and prepared. That the necessary books will be ready.



The Ndop Shop

The shop continues to open for a few hours most days of the week.

The challenges to have the shop become sustainable continue.

At the moment it is losing money. That is likely to continue for a bit longer.

There are provisional plans that some Filters and pumps will be purchased from the shop to be supplied to some of the projects that will

take place over the next year. If that comes to fruition then those profits

will keep the shop afloat for a little longer. There is also a small “library”

at the shop. Children and adults drop in to read from time to time.

There are four fully functioning filters in the shop.



Balang Project

Sero, Silas and Mick visited this community in November for the last part

of phase 1. This phase is now completed and a report has been sent to

the funder. Sero and Silas worked with the community to complete phase 1.

We are very grateful to the individual funder of this project.

Discussions continue as to what should happen next.



Covenant World Relief

This project in the Boyo division was funded by CWR.

This funding has allowed many communities to benefit in having safe water.

Each community contributed in cash and in kind. These communities

appreciate the financial support provided by CWR.

The team of Sero, David, Samson, Ambe and Mick met to review the project.

The few outstanding jobs that needed to be done are now finished.



The Kup project

Mick visited the village with Dr. Napoleon and had further discussions

with the community and the Fon. This community have already done

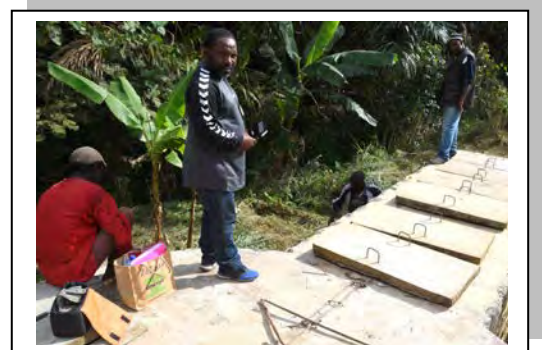
a lot of work on the catchment project. We are hoping to have

a funding proposal ready to submit to a possible funder soon.

Solar panels will produce the power to lift the water to a holding tank.

Power will also be available to provide light to the school and the small

community.



Water for Cameroon Ngoketunjia

This legalised association continues to function within the division of Ngoketunjia. The five board members work as volunteers. They are not paid.

Health promoters are an important part of the work of WfCN.

<https://youtu.be/k50XizE-sJo> WfCN Board members.....English

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Binshua – Nkambe Rotary

This newly chartered Rotary club will partner with WfCI on some projects. Mick and Silas had meetings with the president and the committee in November. Discussions will begin soon.



Nkambe town Council

At the invitation of the mayor of Nkambe, WfCI visited some communities in and around the town. Silas and Mick stayed for three days and saw some of the water and sanitation needs. Discussions on possible projects will begin in March.

Replacement truck

We are delighted to report that WfCI will share the use of a truck with the Blackwells. The truck was purchased from Wycliffe Associates. They had it from new and it has very low mileage. This truck is ideal for the work of WfCI



Our work in Cameroon

Our work is relational. Our projects are not undertaken using the more usual linear type of planning that happens with projects such as, constructing a house or even a well. The community are at the heart of the design and planning process. It is essential that the community are the owners of the project.

The real challenges come during the many meetings that take place pre and post project. These meetings always allow time for health promotion to take place alongside the design and planning process. Will real change and transformation actually happen in that community? How to work with the community to help them bring about change? What are the changes that the community want to happen? Addressing these things take time.

All this happens in small steps over a period of time. There is no set formula or set of tools to achieve that. It takes time and together we learn our way towards transformation.

Ephesians 1 v 10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.