

Galatians 5:16..... So I say, live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

The main focus on this visit was the follow up with the technicians who were trained in March 2012. A good number of those trained are now confident enough to tackle repairs in their village.

The team worked with these newly trained technicians and encouraged them as they repaired a total of six wells.

These technicians now have the basic tools required to carry out most repairs. Preparations are underway for further training in November and December. There will be two levels of training: beginner and more advanced.

The July / August Team Andy, Duncan, Ruth, Gwen, Magdalene and Ruth-Anne

- **Pump Repair and training** Five wells are now providing water after pumps were repaired.....
- **Wells constructed** New wells constructed.....
- **Health Promoters** Three volunteer health promoters begin work
- **Bio Sand Filters** Filter construction begins in Bafanji
- **New Health Post** A new Health Post to be opened in Bambalang
- **Tippy Taps** There is a growing interest in the Tippy Taps.....
- **Stone Radio Ndop** The team are interviewed on Stone Radio
- **WA Vision team** A WA vision team visited the Ndop Water Program.....
- **Water For Cameroon (Cameroon)** Committee members elected .
- **Videos of Literacy workers** Videos are available to view on YouTube and www.waterforcameroon.com

The July / August Team

Three WA Associates volunteers from the USA, Gwen Warren from Grace Bible Fellowship Dublin and Magdalene from Bamunka participated in the trip activities. We are thankful for their enthusiasm and the sacrifices each of them made to come on the trip. Ruth-Anne Heath joined the team for the last week on Ndop.

Ruth-Anne Heath will be working on the water program for two years. We look forward to her time on Ndop.



Andy



Duncan



Ruth



Gwen



Magdalene



Ruth – Anne

A big thanks to all the team and their supporters. Your efforts are appreciated by the Ndop Communities.

Pump repair and training Andy shared his pump repair experience with the technicians who had been trained at the first training course that was held in March 2012. Duncan and Ruth also benefited from Andy's experience even though they had attended a pump training class in the USA. The main aim of the various training courses that we conduct is to give appropriate training to people who are interested in working in their community as a well technician. We also want to use these classes to help give training and field work experience to less experienced WA volunteers. One of the biggest challenges facing communities on the Ndop Plain is the lack of proper well management, maintenance and repair. We hope to go some way in helping to rectify that situation.



Chu Christopher (in the blue jacket) is a literacy teacher in his village of Babungo.

He also has started his own business as a Bio Sand Filter constructor having produced about 30 filters to date.

Christopher has also been trained as a technician to repair pumps. Here he works with his assistant and Magdalene.

It is his hope to make his living from these activities.

These newly trained technicians are serious minded people who have a real desire to work in the community repairing wells that are broken. They will receive further training in November / December 2012.



Magdalene and Christopher



Eric



It works fine!

Our training consists of mostly hands on type training, actually working on wells in the villages that are broken. One of the wells repaired was in the Palace area in the village of Babungo.

The Palace in Babungo has a large population, probably as many as five hundred people. This well was not functioning for about six months. The fault was a very minor one and was easily repaired for little cost.

The Fon was very happy and delighted to see Christopher (who is from Babungo) working on the well. The Fon came to the well site to see the team working and later invited everyone to the Palace for lunch.



The Fon of Babungo visited the team at a well site.
Here he is talking to Duncan and Ruth about their family.
The Fon himself has nine wives and about fifty children.
His father had an even larger number of wives and five hundred children.



Andy, Duncan and Ruth at lunch in the Palace.
Five of the Fon's wives prepared and served us food.
The Fon himself did not join us to eat.
As Fon, he eats on his own. Tradition does not allow him to eat with others.

Wells constructed On this trip two type B wells were constructed. One is in the village of Bamunka. The other, in the village of Bambalang, is still under construction at the new Health Post.

This Health Post will be managed by the local community under the supervision of the Cameroon Baptist Convention (CBC). It will provide very basic health care to the immediate community. The local church, led by Pastor Novathan, is involved in this project.

The total number of Wells constructed (or under construction) to date is 32, including refurbished wells.

A new type B well was constructed at a school in Bambalang by our constructor prior to our visit. Currently, work is underway to fully enclose the well with a wall and gate.

Construction has started on a shed (beside the well) to house six filters. These filters will provide ample water for the four hundred children who attend the school.

The children will be able to bring home some clean water from the filters.

We are very thankful for the hard work fundraisers continue to do, enabling these projects to progress.

Health Promoters



Mercy



Margaret



Christopher



Magdalene

Mercy, Margaret and Christopher are the new volunteer Health Promoters. Magdalene is working with them and training them to be health promoters and mobilisers in the community. They will work as volunteers for an initial trial period of four months.

Bio Sand Filters A new Bio Sand Filter constructor has started work in the village of Bafanji. Nestor was trained by James, Magdalene and Christopher and is now beginning to make filters. This means there are now four filter businesses up and running on the Ndop Plain.

1. James at Bamunka.
2. Christopher at Babungo
3. Samson at Bambalang.
4. **Nestor at Bafanji**

These four constructors met up at the Filter Workshop of Samson in Bambalang to discuss filter related issues. It was a good opportunity for them to discuss together the challenges facing them.

In November it is planned to have a specific day of training for the constructors on “running your own business”.

New Health Post This is an exciting project that is now well underway in the village of Bambalang. The local Baptist church led by Pastor Novathan has shown real leadership in this community project.

They asked for our assistance to help them finalise the plans to make this project become a reality. We have helped in a number of ways, including the provision of a well at the post. A number of Bio Sand Filters will also be provided. These will be made and installed by the Samson who is the filter constructor in that village. There is a lot of work to prepare the building. Two young women from the village have been selected to receive training.

The plan is to have the Health Post operational before the end of 2012



Some members of the management team of the new Health Post with well constructors at the site for the new Post.

The building in the background will be renovated and have a small new building added. There will be two trained health attendants on duty at the Post.

This project has been fully approved by the CBC Health program and will be monitored by them.

New Health Post for Bambalang

Tippy Taps The Tippy Tap is inexpensive and easy to make. Almost one hundred Tippy Taps were made on this visit. Leonard, Daniel's son, is doing an excellent job making the taps and also teaching others to make them.

Leonard was trained by Tait Powell (WA volunteer) in March 2012.

Materials for the Tippy Tap cost about € 1-50 (US\$ 2.00). The tap is usually placed close to a latrine. Very little water is needed to wash hands. This encourages good hygiene practice and also saves water. The health promoters will be encouraging use of the taps in all homes.



The community at Ngwala see the Tippy Tap



Gwen conducts a health survey

Stone Radio Ndop A good relationship has been built up with the local radio station in Ndop town.

There is a standing invitation for the visiting teams to come and be interviewed about the Ndop water program.

This is a helpful way to reach all of the communities on all of the Ndop Plain. All the team members are interviewed. It especially presents a very good opportunity for Magdalene and Daniel to communicate in their native Bamunka language and also in Pidgin.

Normally Magdalene will speak in Pidgin and Daniel will speak in his mother tongue. Daniel also uses the opportunity to talk about the work of literacy on the Ndop Plain.

Often Daniel and Magdalene are approached by people who have heard them speak and want to know more about the program and the literacy work.

We hope to develop our relationship with this radio station in the future. It could provide us with some very good opportunities to publicise the water program, literacy and other things.

Anabi Zacks is the main presenter at Stone Radio. Zacks has an interest in the water program and likes to meet the team and keep up to date with what is happening with the water program.



Magdalene



Ruth-Anne



Duncan on Stone Radio

WA Vision Team We were delighted to have a Vision team from WA come to visit the Ndop Water Program in August. Though their stay was very short they did have an opportunity to see some of the work associated with the program.



A WA Vision team visited the Ndop Water Program in August.

Water For Cameroon (Cameroon) A special meeting took place to elect a panel of people who are interested in developing the work of Water For Cameroon in the North West region.

An executive committee and a management committee will be elected from this panel of ten people.

These committee positions will be decided at a meeting to be held on October 6th.



Mercy



Magdalene



Ps George



Master George



John



Ps Novathan



Ps Edward



Ps Pius



Michael



Daniel

Photos of the newly elected member of the panel, from which the executive and management committees will be elected at their first meeting on October 6th, 2012

Praise and Thanks

Let's give praise and thanks for

- The progress that the local people involved in the water program are making.
- The newly formed Water for Cameroon (Cameroon)
- The one new filter business started in Bafanji by Nestor.
- The volunteer Health Promoters, Mercy, Margaret and Christopher.
- Ruth-Anne Heath, as she begins working on the Ndop Water Program for two years.

Pray especially for

- Wisdom, patience and endurance for those working on the program.
 - That suitable and serious minded people from the community will be willing to get involved and stay involved with the program.
 - The building of relationships with new partners who will be involved in the program.
 - That the newly elected WFC (Cameroon) committees will work together effectively.
 - The successful legalisation of WFC (Cameroon) as an association in Cameroon.
 - Magdalene and her family after the death of her elder brother Harrison.
This is an extremely difficult time for all of them.
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