



# Water for Cameroon

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## A Bamunka family

During the August visit to Cameroon Jovita Lopez and I were able to meet with numbers of families within the rural communities. One such family was that of Mr. George. He and his family live in the village of Bamunka. He has a large family, including three sets of twins. The above photo shows him and some of his family at a recent celebration for the latest set of twins.

George left school at a very young age, but soon learned that education was important. After a few years he returned to schooling and eventually qualified as a trained teacher. He is now headmaster at a Government primary school at Mbucong ( a Quarter in the village of Bamunka ). Mr. George is a board member of Water for Cameroon Ngoketunjia and also a town councillor in Ndop town. He is a very hard working and organised man. His school has about 300 children. Since WfC-N constructed a Well and Bio Sand Filter house with six Filters at his school a few years ago. He has recorded a significant reduction in sickness among the children. This is very encouraging. More and more children join the school. Some classes have up to 90 students. Most of the teachers are paid by the PTA. It will be many years before these teachers will be paid by the government.

## Hand Dug Well construction

During the twelve month period, May 2015 to April 2016 Water for Cameroon Ngoketunjia intend to construct seven hand dug wells in various villages in Ngoketunjia. Fundraising will continue in Ireland during this period. Four of the sites have already been agreed and the remaining three have yet to be identified. Of these four sites, Wells have already been completed on three of the sites. The communities pay 10% of the total cost, provide food and accommodation for the construction team of four Cameroonian men. The sites are.... Bechu ( Bamunka ) ..... Telo ( Bamunka )..... Bam ( Bamunka )..... Leo in Bambalang. Mr. Ambe and his team are now constructing the Wells in pairs. This give allows the team to work between two wells that are located withing 1 Kilometer from each other. This allows for a greater effectiveness regarding time etc.



The Lid for the Well is prepared

Jovita visits the site at Bechu in the ( village of Bamunka ). This Quarter has a population of about 600 people. This is the first public Well in that Quarter. Prior to the construction of this Well the people obtained their water from the swamp. This is a type B Well. It's a simple rope and bucket type Well. Its fully lined with concrete liners. The inside diameter is 1.0 meter.



The Type B Well is the least expensive " quality" type Well to construct. The total cost is now 1,200,000cfa ( €1,850- ) --- ( \$2,100- ). It is designed and constructed to have a total of 5meter colm of water when " full ". This is a good quantity of water to have. That gives a volume of about 4,000 Litres per day. That is 20 Litres per day to 800 people. This will be a big help to the community. It is likely to reduce sickness from water bourne diseases significantly. This in turn reduces hospital costs for families.

# The Ndop Water Shop

Marketing of the shop will begin this December. For now people are hearing about it through word of mouth. The main items for sale will be parts for Pumps and Drip Irrigation Kits. There are four fully operational Bio Sand Filters in the shop. People can have some water from these filters. Basic literature / leaflets on water related issues will be available. There is a DVD player that will show people discussing these issues speaking in the mother tongue languages that are commonly used on the Ndop Plain.

The meeting room in the shop will be used for Literacy class and other \*\*\*\*



Don & Jerry work on repairs at The Water Shop



Jerry works on the fence at The Ndop Water Shop

## Margaret

Margaret manages The Ndop Water Shop. Currently she is there three half days per week. She is a very busy woman. A mother, a wife, a farmer, a Community Health Promoter working with WfC-N, Margaret also manages the shop and is completing her teacher training schooling. Some woman.

The intention is to have the shop fully stocked with parts for India Mk. 2 and Afridev pump parts, good quality riser pipes for wells etc. These will be for sale to the public. This will take time.

DVD's on the Bio Sand Filter and other water issues will be made in the 13 languages of Ngoketunjia. Work will begin on this project in December.



Margaret

## Videos

Magdalene talks about the Bio Sand Filters at the Ndop Water Shop

<https://youtu.be/-JZnprUAFTU>

English

Margaret talks about the Ndop Water Shop

[https://youtu.be/ufNAmBxX4\\_4](https://youtu.be/ufNAmBxX4_4)

English

Jovita Lopez talks to Mr. Ambe, the Had Dug Well constructor

<https://youtu.be/sVdHokSbmJ0>

English

JovitaDr Aaron Tanner talks to Ms. Chui Magdalene ( WfC-N board member )

<https://youtu.be/NqEG0ftES3M>

English

The Ndop Water Shop has two small gardens at the front of the shop. Currently there are beans growing in the garden. Margaret attends to the crop on the days she is at the shop. During the dry season we use the gardens to demonstrate the Drip Irrigation Kits. This creates a big interest with people passing by the shop.

It is going to take a few years before the Ndop Water Shop gets to be sustainable. Currently there are funds available to keep the shop open for the next 5 months. If you would like to learn more about how you can help to keep the shop open You can email [info@waterforcameroon.com](mailto:info@waterforcameroon.com)

## Water for Cameroon Ngoketunja

Water for Cameroon is a legalised association ( a type of NGO )working in the North West Region of Cameroon. Ngoketunja is a one of seven Divisions within the North West Region of Cameroon.

The board of directors ( four men and one woman) are all Cameroonians and work on a voluntary basis. They continue to develop the work of WfC-N in their communities. All this takes time.

Water for Cameroon ( Ireland ) and others partners with them encouraging and supporting them as they identify and undertake action within the communities.

### Water for Cameroon Ngoketunja ..... The board of directors continue to make progress.



Jovita ( Grace bible Fellowship Dublin ) listens to board members at a recent board meeting. Each board member is committed to the work of WfC-N. They are also very busy within their own communities.

The board plan to construct seven Hand Dug Wells during the period May 2015 – April 2016.

Already three of these Wells are finished.

Newly trained Community Health Promoters will begin work soon.

These CHP's were trained by CAWST at a workshop organised by WfC-N

### The Bio Sand Constructors ..... Pastor Edward ( Chairman of WfC-N ) makes a presentation to the BSF business owners. installingvnbmcbmcbmbmc



Pastor **Edward** makes a presentation to the BSF business owners. Encouraging them to find ways to overcome obstacles that may occur in their Bio Sand Filter construction business. Constructing and installing Filters is very hard work. The profit from the work is very small. Its challenging work to find ways to have households buy the Filters.

Board meetings are held at **The Water Shop** on Long Street, Ndop town. The shop is currently open three days per week.

### New Well at Bambalang ..... Pastor Pius ( Treasurer WfC-N ) and the Primary partners sign contracts at Bambalang



Pastor **Pius** meets with the Primary partners at Bambalang. This is Well No. 4 of the seven wells to be constructed this year.

Mr. Amber ( Well constructor )also attended the meeting. The Well will be a hand dug Well with a rope and bucket system.

The Well will be located in the grounds of a new primary school.