

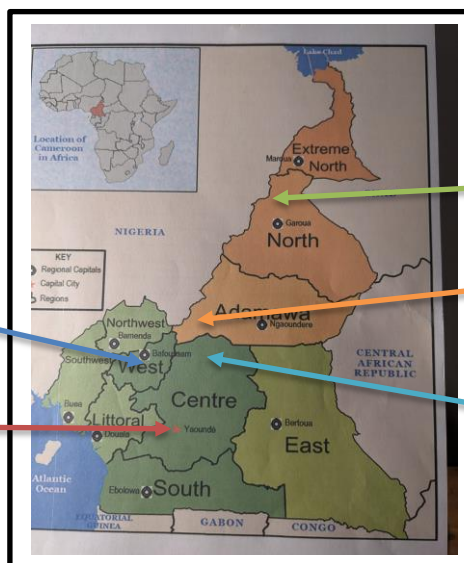
Water For Cameroon

Visit by Mick Toolan 10 February – 10 March 2025

Places visited:

Mbouda to meet the team and WfC-N

Yaoundé – arrival and departure



Wangari – (new contact with Mr Richard)

Bankim (ACOHOF), Mvoumeh (clinic and classroom) and Nklong (well)

Ngambe Tikar (pygmy camp)

Discussions with WfC-Ngoketunjia

Mick had a good meeting with Pastor Pius, but was unable to meet Pastor Edward who was in the North-West Region at the time.

They discussed our partner organisation Water for Cameroon Ngoketunjia (WfC-N) and their work. WfC-N managed the construction of a well (by our well-digger Ambe) in Bambalang last year.

Pastor Edward and Pastor Pius value the work of WfC-I and WfC-N. They are both of the view that the work has benefited their bible translation work and the people in general, and are hopeful that it will continue into the future.

ACOHOF in Bankim (Adamawa Region)

Sero and Mick had a number of meetings over 4 days with the main leaders at ACOHOF (Afoni Children of Hope Foundation), Mr. Justin, Mr. Luanga and Mr. Amud. Mr Justin (founder of ACOHOF) and his wife specially travelled from their home in Douala to meet with us. The school of about 140 students is very well run, serving both internally displaced children from the conflict in the North-West and children from Bankim families. They are very keen to develop the relationship with WfC-I.

Discussions and training sessions during this visit included the manufacture and marketing of Biosand Filters, growing moringa trees, and the use of drip irrigation to increase agriculture.

It was a real treat to have been able to stay there for a few nights in their newly built guest accommodation.

The school have asked that WfC help with constructing another well at the school. There is a huge demand on the well already constructed, as it is being used by families in the surrounding area as well as the school. It is hoped that this can be arranged this year.



Ngambe Tikar



Mick, Sero and Daniel visited 4 pygmy camps around Ngambe Tikar where a well was constructed last year. These folk are semi-nomadic, living in poor conditions with little or no health care or education. Cameroon Medical has been able to provide some funding for critical health needs.

Mvoumeh (outside Bankim)

During the visit by Mick, Sero and Daniel, Ambe was busy around the school room building a verandah and latrine. Currently there are up to eight Fulani children attending the school, as there is no other educational facility in the neighbourhood. Patricia is doing a wonderful job. A curriculum is being developed on a learn as you go basis. The trust between the school, the children and their families is developing more and more.

A few weeks ago Sero and Priscilla planted 1,000 cocoa plants. Cocoa is a very valuable cash crop. The hope is that this will help them become a lot more sustainable. It takes three years before the first crop will be ready to harvest.



Nklong

Sero, Daniel and Mick visited the Fon learning some of the history of the village. The well which was constructed last year is functioning and people are very happy having safe water in the area.

This community is about five kms from the school room further into the bush. There is no school, clinic or any medical help whatsoever.

WANGARI in North Region

Mr. Richard, a scripture engagement facilitator with CABTAL (who do Bible Translation work similar to SIL) asked that WfC visit the large community to consider the possibility of constructing a well there. Water is scarce, difficult to access and very unsafe.

Sero, Ambe and Mick were glad they visited in response to this request but sadly, having considered their report, WfC-I concluded that we should not commit to helping with a well. The travelling distance means that transport of workers and materials would be very difficult and the best use of our available resources (finance and partners) will be to continue our focus in the areas we have been serving, where there are still many needs.

We hope that CABTAL may be able to source alternative well drillers and resources for this area.