

**CAMEROON BAPTIST CONVENTION HEALTH BOARD
CHOSEN CHILDREN PROGRAM (CCP)**



HELPING FAMILIES, CHANGING LIVES

MID YEAR REPORT- JUNE 2009

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What God the father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering and to keep oneself from being corrupted by the world.

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1. CCP produced a **90** second documentary which will be used to share and raise funds for the program.
2. **42** Children have been sick and treated since the year began and their hospital bills have amounted to **780,085 FRS** for 6 months.
3. An HIV+ chosen girl child aged **13** , died in Likomba, South West Region this quarter
4. One Field Agent underwent a 3-day training on puppet making for the program (March 10 – 13 2009). She will in turn train other field agents
5. Some CBCHB staff have the chosen children at heart and have been contributing generously to the program's fund. We appreciate them and encourage that many more people should give to help these desperate children.
6. World AIDS Orphans day was observed. Donations and gifts were received and cash paid into the CCP account. The program deeply appreciates all individuals and corporate bodies that joined in the celebration and also supported the program financially and materially.
7. The South West Regional supervisor, alongside a team from SIRDEP (The Society for Initiatives in Rural Development and Environmental Protection) in Bamenda paid a visit to Catholic School Bonjongo in the South West Region (SWR) and supported the school with 5 bags of rice. It should be noted that CCP supports 17 orphans who study in this primary school.
8. A refresher course was organized for family caregivers in Mutengene on June 13 during which caregivers shared their difficulties and experiences followed by discussions aimed at reaching possible solutions.
9. Many CBC visitors from overseas have paid visits to many Chosen Children families. Some of these visitors come to Cameroon with little or no Knowledge about CCP. And while here, they become aware of the conditions of these desperate orphans and return home promising to spread the information to other friends in their home country.
10. Ten (10) families were supported with laundry soap, cooking oil, rice, school needs and toys.

11. There is a funding opportunity from a group of grand moms in the US to sponsor widowed grand moms taking care of orphaned grandchildren. The CCP is enrolling those in the program who meet the set criteria.
12. A staff was employed and is presently on orientation for the Children for Orphans (CFO) program. This initiative is Prof. Tih Pius' idea to get children together to sing and act drama in national and international milieus in order to raise awareness on the CBCHB orphan program.
13. Children for orphans singing and drama group is in the making. Field agents have already selected some sharp chosen children who are good at singing, drama, writing, recitations, etc.
14. Reports from the fields indicate that the children did well in their final examinations, and many of them have completed primary school and looking forward to learning a trade. Others have had admission into colleges. A few of them who wrote the GCE Ordinary and Advanced level are awaiting their results.
15. Reports from the field also show that before crops were ripe and ready for consumption, many families were barely struggling to make ends meet.
16. The school fee disbursement schedule for the 2009/2010 academic year has been released. The estimate stands at **16.750.000** FCFA
17. **EGPAF** has given another grant of USD **23,000** to support the CBCHB Orphans Program for the next **18** months. The program heartily appreciates this gesture.

Challenges

1. Children continue changing homes, thus making visitation difficult. Some of these children are very wayward. Some of them are getting married in primary schools and therefore dropping out of school.
2. Most of the Family Caregivers are very old and poor and have no other source of income at all.
3. Many more children are still not registered and so not benefiting from the program due to limited resources.

Way Forward

1. An additional staff or volunteer is needed in the South West Region to ease work – **preferably a male.**
2. More Manuals need to be produced.
3. We need to complete and produce brochures and posters.
4. Continue to source for more funds for the program.
5. Meeting with the children, talking with them and continuous following them up can help change some of the stubborn ones among them.
6. Educate Family Caregivers on how the program gets its funds. This may help them to be more realistic in their demands.
7. Continue following up the rest of the goals for 2009.

Sincerely,

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