



# VILLAGE à VILLAGE

## How to Become a Partner with the Emerging United Methodist Church in Cameroon, Africa

A spread of palm leaves welcomes visitors to the new home of Bethesda United Methodist Church in Monatele, located in the Central Province of Cameroon. Pastor Jean-Blaise Bikoy stands at the door with a wide grin on his face. The doors are wide open, new plastic chairs sit in rows, and a fresh coat of paint adorns the walls.

All of this has been made possible from donations to the GBGM Advance Special #00344A Cameroon New Church Initiative and managed by the Mission Office of the United Methodist Church in Cameroon. The church's new location is quite a bit more spacious than its previous building. And Pastor Bikoy has some big dreams! He hopes to hold a citywide revival campaign soon.

But Bethesda UMC and Pastor Bikoy cannot do these things alone. They are looking for companions around the world to help them take the gospel to their city.

Through a church partnership program called "Village à Village," your congregation can become a part of the work of the local churches in Cameroon, Africa.

The commitment to be a Partner Church includes the following:

◆ A **three-year commitment** to be a partner church with one of the newly-developing churches in Cameroon. Inside this brochure is a brief profile of each one of the churches which still need partners.

◆ Bear witness to God's love in Jesus Christ, through **prayer**, and the **sharing** of faith and spiritual growth experiences.

◆ Agree to **receive orientation** in developing the partnership from the Coordinators of the Cameroon New Church Initiative, Rev. George and Wanda Holcombe.

◆ Develop a **strong missional relationship** by:

... Regular sharing via Internet, e-mail, and mail

... Sending (or joining) a Volunteer In Mission team to Cameroon – at least once

◆ Provide **annual financial support** for the church, or find other churches in your area to cluster together for financial support for the partner church:

*Full partnership* -- \$3,600/year;

*¾ partnership* -- \$2,700/year;

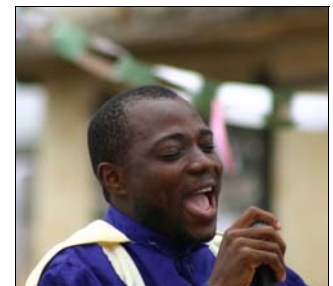
*½ partnership* -- \$1,800/year;

*¼ partnership* -- \$900/year;

Or combine with a cluster of sponsoring churches to create a full partnership of \$3,600 each year.

If you think that you or your church would be interested in helping the United Methodist Church make disciples in Cameroon by becoming a Partner Church, take a look at the churches profiled in this brochure. Prayerfully review the list of churches and email both Rev. George and Wanda Holcombe at [geowanda@earthlink.net](mailto:geowanda@earthlink.net), and GBGM Missionary Wes Magruder at [umccam@yahoo.com](mailto:umccam@yahoo.com) as to your interests to begin the process of discerning the partnership.

When your Partner Church has been confirmed, make a check out to General Board of Global Ministries, with the Advance #00344A written in the Memo line, followed by the name of your Partner Church. Send your check along with the Cameroon Church Partnership Funds Transmittal Form (found at [www.gbgm-umc.org/Cameroon](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/Cameroon)) to: General Board of Global Ministries, Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068 GPO, New York, NY 10087-9068. Annual Conference Treasurers will be informed by GBGM of funds transmitted directly in this manner, but you may wish to also send them a copy. Then start to get to know the people of your Partner Church!



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## English-Speaking Churches

### Akiriba UMC, Akiriba

*Pastor:* Sylvester Tang

*Active programs:* Youth

*Hopes and dreams:* To build their own church.

*Special note:* Akiriba is one of three churches found in villages clustered close to each other, including Defang UMC and Sumbe UMC. They are all part of the Upper Bayang sub-division, a group of 59 villages with a total population of 100,000.

### Barombi Kang UMC, Barombi Kang

*Pastor:* Michael Elango

*Active programs:* Sunday School, youth, choir

*Hopes and dreams:* To find a new place to worship

### Bova I UMC, Bova

*Pastor:* David Njie

*Active programs:* Sunday School, youth

*Hopes and dreams:* To have an adequate water supply system.

*Special note:* Pastor Njie has been actively overseeing a growing cell group in nearby Bonakanda.



### Buea UMC, Buea

*Pastor:* Henri Amabibi

*Active programs:* United Methodist Women, youth, choir

*Hopes and dreams:* To open a poultry farm.

### Defang UMC, Defang

*Pastor:* Peter Acharock

*Active programs:* Youth, evangelism

*Hopes and dreams:* To buy fifty more chairs for their worship, which meets in the town hall; and to start a pig farm.

*Special note:* One of the founding members of the church is the chief of the village, Chief Tarkang

### Fiango Cell Group, Kumba

*Pastor:* Charles Ndobe

*Active programs:* Sunday School

*Hopes and dreams:* To find a new space to worship, and to become a full church.



### Horeb UMC, Douala

*Pastor:* Sampson Ashu

*Active programs:* Sunday School, youth

*Hopes and dreams:* To make some improvements to the building where they worship.

*Special note:* Horeb is an English-speaking church in a French-speaking part of the country.

**Kumba UMC, Kumba**

*Pastor:* Solomon Mbwoqe

*Active programs:* Youth, choir

*Hopes and dreams:* To begin a radio ministry in Kumba.

**Mamfe UMC, Mamfe**

*Pastor:* Samuel Egbe

*Active programs:* Youth, orphan care, evangelism

*Hopes and dreams:* To start an agricultural and animal husbandry coop among the UMCs in the Southwest Province.

**N'Chang UMC, N'Chang**

*Pastor:* Guillian Arrey

*Active programs:* Sunday School, youth, orphan care, evangelism

*Hopes and dreams:* To build a church.

**Sumbe UMC, Sumbe**

*Pastor:* S.T. Nkwo

*Active programs:* Youth

*Hopes and dreams:* To build a health center which will provide care for the population of the Upper Bayang sub-division.

## French-Speaking Churches

**Bethany UMC, Monatele**

*Pastor:* Jean-Blaise Bikoy

*Active programs:* Sunday School

*Hopes and dreams:* To hold a major evangelistic campaign in their area.

**Bethesda UMC, Sa'a**

*Pastor:* Jean Daniel Ndo

*Active programs:* Youth, choir

*Hopes and dreams:* To make renovations and improvements to their rented worship space, including buying chairs and musical equipment, painting the walls, and installing fans and lights.

**Canaan UMC, Eseka**

*Pastor:* Seraphim Oum

*Active programs:* Sunday School, United Methodist Women

**FUMC, Douala**

*Pastor:* Victor Essama Gallous

*Active programs:* Sunday School, United Methodist Women, youth

*Hopes and dreams:* To create vocational training opportunities for youth and women



### **Galilee UMC, Douala**

*Pastor:* Bienvenue Iloga Iloga

*Active programs:* Sunday School, choir

*Hopes and dreams:* To begin an active evangelistic campaign; to purchase musical equipments for use in worship; and to begin ministry to hospitals and prisons in the Douala area.

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### **John Wesley UMC, Yaounde**

*Pastors:* David Sen, Rosalie Nzie

*Active programs:* Sunday School, choir, United Methodist Women

*Hopes and dreams:* To open a ministry to nearby hospitals; and to expand its music ministry.

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### **Mt. Olive UMC, Elig M'fomo**

*Pastor:* Atanase Ayissi

*Active programs:* Sunday School

*Hopes and dreams:* To start a soap-making project.

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### **Nazareth Cell Group, Douala**

*Pastor:* Bernard Mbehna

*Active programs:* Sunday School

*Hopes and dreams:* To improve the furnishings of its rented worship space.

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### **Peniel Cell Group, Yaounde**

*Pastor:* Monique Bassagog

*Active programs:* Sunday School

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### **Sion UMC, Obala**

*Pastor:* Simeon Nomo

*Active programs:* Sunday School, choir

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## **Special Ministries**

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### **Prison Ministry, Yaounde**

Methodist pastors lead Sunday morning worship twice a month, and lead weekly Bible studies.

### **National Youth Ministry, Yaounde**

The Mission has held two annual youth camps, and is planning for a third in 2007.

### **National Scouting Ministry**

Pastor Bernard Mbehna was elected as the National Scout Coordinator, and has already implemented one Scout training camp, held in Obala in spring 2006.

### **National Evangelist**

The Mission has a dream of appointing one pastor to the task of traveling throughout the country to do evangelism.

