

Facts about Cameroon

Cameroon is located in West Africa. The geography ranges from lush tropical rainforests in the south, to desert areas in the far north.

There are over 275 different language groups within the country, however, French and English are the two official languages.

Education is compulsory between six and 14, and nearly 90% of children receive primary education, but many do not attend secondary school.

The minimum age for working is 14 years. Some children under the age of 14 work as street vendors and on family farms.



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**ADOPT A SCHOOL
IN
CAMEROON**



“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

-Proverbs 22:6

Help provide a Christian education to young children in Cameroon, Africa.

Cameroon Adopt a School Project

The North American Baptist Conference has worked along with the Cameroon Baptist Convention since 1936 to provide Christian education throughout Cameroon. The schools provide government approved education while teaching Christian and moral education to over 30,000 Cameroonians throughout the country. In 1970, NABC handed over school operations to the CBC Education Board.



Conditions of many rural schools in Cameroon.

The Cameroonian government agreed to fund a portion of the educational budget. However, with the growing costs of education and because of other pressing problems, the government has been unable to supply all the needs of the schools. Schools have fallen into disrepair and teacher salaries are in arrears. The primary and nursery schools within the CBC are especially facing a crisis that needs immediate action.

Many schools have wooden desks that sit broken because there are no tools to fix them. Roofs are falling apart and leak on teachers and students during the rainy season. There are many schools with broken walls, windows, and dirt floors that will sit for months or years without being repaired.

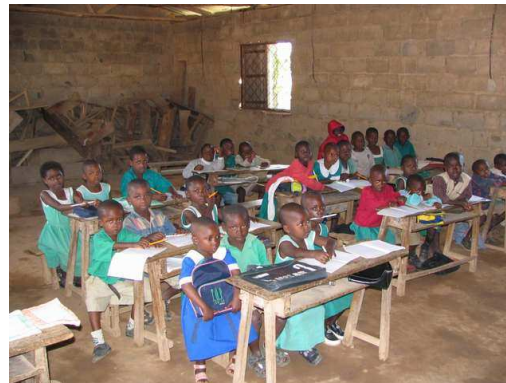
Furthermore, most nursery and primary schools do not have additional funds to buy books and supplies for their teachers. This has resulted in many teachers without the required textbooks. There are also many students without textbooks and they are not able to follow the course material. Lack of reading material has also added to the fact that illiteracy is rampant throughout many schools. These conditions are discouraging to students and to staff who have to teach and learn in this uncomfortable and unhealthy environment.

CBC School Needs

- **Replace old chalkboards and desks**
- **Repair leaky roofs and cracking walls**
- **Replace windows and window shutters**
- **Create concrete floors**
- **Provide additional teaching materials such as textbooks, charts, maps, and other teaching aids**
- **Supplement salaries**

How can you help?

Your church group can adopt a pri-



First Week of School for Class 1 students.

mary school in Cameroon.

With a donation of at least \$50.00 a month or a yearly donation of \$600.00 or more, you will help provide an improved learning environment for these children. Most importantly, you will contribute to the continuation of teaching young Cameroonians about Christ. This project could be done in conjunction with your church's youth group, Bible study or other leadership team.



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