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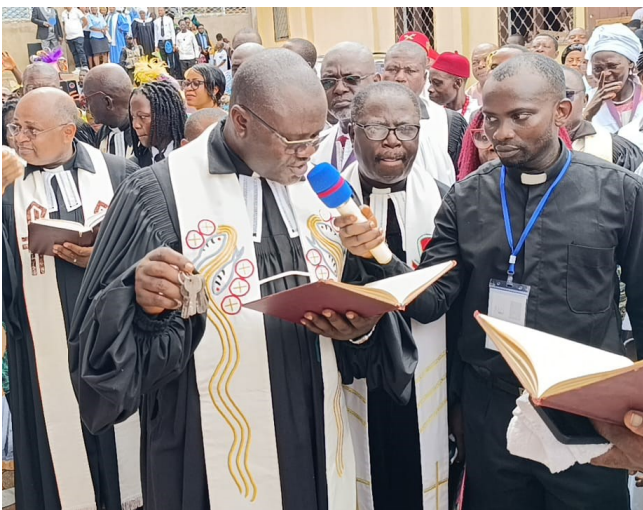


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EDITORIAL

THE IMPACT OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS ON EDUCATION



Rev. Dr. Perpetua FONKI

Alumni associations play a significant role in the field of education by fostering connections, supporting students, and contributing to the overall development of educational institutions.

Alumni associations provide a platform for former students to connect with each

other, creating a strong network of professionals in various fields. This networking opportunity can lead to mentorship relationships, job opportunities, and professional development for current students and recent graduates.

Alumni associations often play a crucial role in fundraising efforts for educational institutions. Alumni donations and contributions can provide financial support for scholarships, research projects, infrastructure development, and other initiatives that benefit students and faculty.

Alumni associations often offer career services and resources to help students and graduates navigate their career paths. This can include job fairs, networking events, resume workshops, and alumni-led mentorship programs to

support students in their professional development.

Alumni associations help maintain a strong connection between graduates and their alma mater. By organizing reunions, events, and volunteer opportunities, alumni associations encourage continued engagement with the institution and foster a sense of community among alumni.

Alumni associations facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration among alumni, students, and faculty members. Alumni who have excelled in their respective fields can share their expertise through workshops, seminars, and guest lectures, enriching the educational experience for current students.

Alumni associations can contribute to the overall development and growth of educational institutions. Alumni involvement in governance structures, advisory boards, and fundraising campaigns can help shape the strategic direction of the institution and ensure its long-term success.

In conclusion, alumni associations play a vital role in enhancing the educational experience, supporting students and faculty, and strengthening the bond between alumni and their alma mater. Their impact extends beyond graduation and contributes to the continued growth and success of educational institutions.

Congratulations to Kupexans (PSS KUMBA Ex-students) and Bobans (CPC Bali Old Boys) on their milestone anniversaries.

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At The 55th Ordinary Session of The General Assembly of the Council of Protestant Churches of Cameroon, the Rt Rev Dr Fonki Samuel Forba Says Goodbye

By Che Oliver Kum



The President of the Council of Protestant Churches of Cameroon (CPCC) , and Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Cameroon has said goodbye to the council with a message of encouragement to the member churches to work together for Protestantism to have a strong hold in Cameroon.

The Rt Rev Dr Fonki Samuel Forbah was speaking during a four day annual General Assembly of the Council, which took place from Sunday 24th to Wednesday 27th March 2024, on the theme: " LIVE BY GOD'S PLAN FOR UNITY AND PEACE IN CAMEROON" (Jeremiah 29:11).

The meeting brought together 54 delegates from eleven out of the twelve different sister churches hosted by the Cameroon Baptist Church at their resource center in Mvan Yaounde.



The Presbyterian Church in Cameroon PCC Was represented by The Rev Perpetua Fonki- National communication Department secretary, Rev Fobang Geraldine - National women work Department secretary, Rev Nebs Muagu- National Youth work Department secretary and Rev Elsie Etaka- East Mungo regional communication secretary. These four delegates and fifty others from sister churches focused on a number issues: Crisis within CPCC member churches, the social, political and security crisis in the North West and South West regions (NOSO), the phenomenon of kidnapping and Boko Haram in the Far North, the thread to social cohesion, the pre-electoral context (2024/2025), family violence and the stance of CPCC on the issue of homosexuality and same sex marriage.

These participants actively took part in this year's meeting, where a balance sheet of the Council was made visible with several achievements. It was with loud cheers and heartfelt gratitude that the delegates said, " Thanks" to the current president of CPCC, who took over this position in 2018 and was chairing the General Assembly for the last time.

"Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, This is my last General Assembly as president of this prestigious organization. This is a time for me to say goodbye to the Council of Protestant Churches in Cameroon. I thank God for the achievements we have recorded since I took over power. It was as a result of collective efforts. We need to continue to



be determined and firm, overcoming divisions in our different churches. I am leaving as president of CPCC . Be reassured that despite my departure, the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon will always honour its commitments of the Council. We need to be serious and transform the council such that it will have its place in Cameroon..... God bless the council of Protestant churches of Cameroon, God bless the Republic of Cameroon.

The delegates are expected to assemble next year come last week of March 2025 for the 56th ordinary session of CPCC General Assembly to be hosted by Eglise Evangélique Du Cameroun.



Pcc's Moderator Lays Foundation Stone of Pc Ekonou Yaounde

By Akumany David



The moderator of the Presbyterian church in Cameroon, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fonki Samuel Forba has officially laid the foundation stone for the construction of a befitting church house at PC Ekonou in Yaounde.

This was during a very colorful occasion that took place on Sunday March 17 2024. In his sermon, the moderator encouraged the christians to continue giving sacrificially for it is their sacrifices that has brought the construction of the church house this far. Moderator Fonki Samuel Forba also said the donation of the christians demonstrates their faith and their love for kingdom business " I want to encourage the christians of PCC Ekonou to continue with



commitment to continue doing the work and take the construction of the church house to completion all for his glory."

It should be noted that PC Ekonou started like a prayer cell in 1993 and today is a full flesh congregation counting over 1000 christians. The church is currently under construction as is expected to be a befitting house for God's worship.

The event had in attendance the synod clerk of the PCC the Rev Miki Hans Abia, The Presbyterial secretary for the East Mungo North the Rev Njongai Polycharp Versha, other pastors as well as the minister delegate at the presidency in charge of the supreme state Audit Mbah Rose Acha, the Division delegate for the Yaounde 4 sub division Akonji Elvis amongst many other guests.

The event as well featured the raising of funds to continue the construction of the magnificent state of the act church house .



the good work of sacrifice that they have being doing to take the construction of the church house this far. I pray they do not relent their efforts so that they can complete the church house in no distant time."

The moderator as well spelled out the symbolism of the event in the life of the congregation. He said " This event is to officially commit the construction of the church house in the house of God. It is calling on the holy spirit to fill all those who will be part of the construction process and those who will worship in the church house "

Expressing his Joy to be part of the event, the Parish Pastor of the congregation the Rev. Ngole Peter Ebot pledged his commit to work diligently and ensure the completion of the church house all for the glory of God. He said " It has been God that has brought us thus far. We pledge our



PCC's Synod Clerk Dedicates, Blesses Mamfe Presbytery Secretariat and Manse

By Boris-Karloff Batata



The Synod Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon Rev, Miki Hans Abia has dedicated and blessed the Mamfe Presbytery Secretariat and manse. This was in an event that took place Sunday March 31 2024 at PC Mamfe town.



Synod Clerk was representing the Moderator Rt, Rev, Fonki Samuel Forba who was chairing the Council of Protestant Church in Cameroon (CEPCA) General Assembly in Yaounde.

Accompanying the Synod clerk to the event were; the Secretary, committee of the Ministry, National Communication Secretary, Dean of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary Kumba, Vice Dean in Charge of Academic Affairs, Presbyterial Secretary for East Mungo South and the Director of the Presbyterian General Hospital Manyimen.

"We are very happy that for the past years it has been difficult for the workers of Mamfe to function, the office was very small because they spent time building the church house and we are amaze that the present pastor and the regime in power within a very short time could put up such a structure". Synod Clerk Rev. Miki Hans appreciated.

The Mamfe Presbytery Secretariat and Manse was constructed in less than two years. The building contains two large apartment for the Pastor and the associate, four other mini apartments to host other pastors and offices for the presbytery.

"We are very happy and thanks to the Christians of Mamfe Presbytery because they are the brain behind this building which we are inaugurating today." The Presbytery Chair Person Elder Takor Divine said.



To further appreciate the Presbyters, the Moderator issues hundreds of Certificates those whose contributions in varied forms were visible for the realization of the multi million Francs FCA Project.

The Mamfe Presbytery Secretariat who is also the Parish Pastor of PC Mamfe Town Rev, Teneng Luca Tah Championed the Faith and Miracle Project.

"When I came here, I had the vision for this secretariat, I had the vision to establish a farm for the presbytery and the farm has been established, the Health Center is functional and the Christians are vibrant spiritually. I think after this day I will go on a retreat for God to reveal the next vision". Rev, Teneng said.

For over 50 years, Mamfe Presbytery have been with an old manse with no secretariat thus it was historic for the Christians who watch the transformation from a 3 bed room structure to a mansion for their Pastors.



Pcc's Moderator Urges Christians to Stand Firm Amidst Economic Hardship.

By Akumany David



The Moderator of the Presbyterian church in Cameroon, PCC, the Rt Rev Dr Fonki Samuel Forba has encouraged Cameroonians and Christians in particular to keep striving in their faiths despite the Numerous challenges particularly that of economic hardship.

The Moderator was speaking during an Easter Sunday visit he paid to Presbyterian church Etoug Ebe Congregation on March 31st 2024.

In his sermon drawn from Acts of the apostles in the 13th chapter, Moderator Fonki stressed on the need for all Cameroonians particularly PCC Christians to build a strong resilience as they journey through life that is filled



with so many worries. He said " I know as Cameroonians we are going through a lot particularly economically. Our economy has become so difficult and it is weighing deep on us. In the midst of these challenges the message of Easter is that of hope for if the tomb could not hold our master Jesus Christ we have to be brave and believe in him for his resurrection power to fill us."

Also in his message the Moderator encouraged the Christians of PCC Etoug Ebe congregation not to relent their efforts as they strides to do God's work through the construction of the church house that will be a state of the act and magnificent edifice. He said " I want to use this opportunity to encourage the christians of PCC Etoug Ebe not relent their efforts in doing God's work. They have done a lot to get to this level in the construction of this church house and I pray that they continue in the same light to that it to completion."

In response to the message of the moderator, the chairman of PCC Etoug Ebe



Mr Muma Peter expressed joy to have received the moderator of the church on a special day such as Easter Sunday in their congregation. He said " You can see on the faces of all the christians that we are extremely happy to have the father of the church in our congregation and we are so grateful for the message he brought to us particularly the support on our ongoing project. We say a big thank you to him."

The service that had in attendance many guests including the Presbyterial Secretary for the East Mungo North Presbytery the Rev Njongai Polycharp Versha, the manager director of Globus education system Mr Marcelius saw the raising of funds to complete the church house project that will be benefiting for God's worship.

It should be noted that Easter Sunday is a day christians believe their Lord and savior Jesus Christ rose from the death to give them a new life free of sin.



Easter of Embracing the Power of Forgiving Love at PC Mamfe Town

By Angwi Njamah



It was a very bright Easter Sunday Morning at PC Mamfe Town Congregation as Christians stood in front of the church house poised to receive the Synod Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon PCC, Rev. Miki Hans Abia , who was on special assignment from the Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Fonki Samuel Forba to Mamfe Presbytery at the Presbytery Seat PC Mamfe Town Congregation.



another as Jesus Christ forgave us by hanging on the cross of Calvary to reconcile us to God and one another”

Spending this day with the Synod Clerk of the PCC and his entourage came as a thing of Joy to many of the Christians who were visibly very happy to meet and take snap shots with and of the churches hierarchy as the highlight of their Easter celebration.



Presiding over the service the Rev. Miki Hans Abia started off his sermon by taking all down memory lane to the days when he served in the Prebytery, expressing how elated he was spending such a significant day with the Christians of the presbytery. He went on to remind the Christians of the benefits of Easter paying special focus on forgiveness encouraging all present during this service to embrace a forgiving spirit to which he added “We want to dwell on the fact that Christians should forgive one



Christians of Pc Midlands/ Scotland Celebrate Easter at Pc Manchester In the Spirit and Glory of Resurrection

By Virginia Adig



Springtime Easter Sunday 31st March 2024, globally celebrated with fervor, saw PCC Manchester in the United Kingdom, sprung into existence with a spiritually animated spring! Amidst the shimmering rebirth of green, punctuated with beautiful and colourful bursts of sweet scented flowers that wins the heart, this optimistic time of goodness over death, Christians are wonderstruck, as they celebrate cheerfully the resurrection power.

The awe-inspiring sermon from Acts 13: 14-16a and 26-39, titled; FORGIVENESS OF SINS HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED TO YOU TODAY, the Servant of God called on all to be like the vulnerable Gentiles who needed Christ and were ready to receive him. With emphasis on resurrection meaning new life, peace, love, forgiveness, and unity, he beckoned on his Easter friends to exemplify this meaning by continuing to be united in Christ's body and with one another and leave their old Jewish lifestyles. He encouraged the new Gentile way of life, which doesn't give room for quarrelling, fighting, and blackmailing. "Christ took our pain on the cross and gave his amazing grace so we could see". Jesus' under shepherd said, concluding his sermon with the congregation repeating, "I can see!", after him, said. Key activities on the day included three children who benefitted the rites of Christian initiation of baptism and holy Eucharist. The readmission of members is noteworthy as they joined in partaking in the Holy communion, renewing their fresh relationships with God.



The Presbyterian Christians of West Midlands and Scotland Parish were not left out as they thronged to Manchester from sundry directions for this special introductory Easter service.

The animating service was expertly led by our energetic and eloquent Rev. Felix Dim. It was a new dawn for the PCC in Manchester.

The service started with a spiritual pep talk from our respectable Rev. Dim Felix, encouraging the mothers of the church(CWF) to make it a vibrant and lively inaugural service to remember.

In his rich baritone voice, the Minister and Teacher megaphoned his Easter message with the triumphant Christian exaltation of,

"The Lord is risen!"

"He is risen indeed!",

chorused the congregants in response.

With CWF women, in their amplified, unmissable yellow wrappers, belting their voices heaven high in rhythmic choruses of praise and victory, they remain a spiritual force to be reckoned with. Notably present also were the fishers of men, CMF, who drummed the singing into rapturous ecstasy as they continue to lead and take full responsibility of the stability in the church. The agape meal or symbolic Easter buns generously shared by excited Christians after service closed the day.



Mungo Presbyterial Secretary Exhausted to Break New Grounds For the Church

By Tambe -Besem Grace Enoh



The Sunday March 10, 2024 event which featured the Institution and Induction of Rev. Mary Nduma Wose as PRESBYTERIAL secretary for MUNGO and Parish pastor of Bonaberi, had as chief celebrant PCC Moderator Rt. Rev. Dr. Fonki Samuel Forba, who used the opportunity to dissuade Christians from allowing the be distractions and vices of the world take them away from their Faith .



educational background and skills grabbed from different related trainings, have also propelled her ministry into what it is till date.

Being one of the 3 PCC female pastors at the helm of affairs at Presbyteries, she expected by the hierarchy, to be led by the Holy Spirit in order to break new grounds for church through her works.

Being the 4th and only female Presbyterial Secretary to have served at the 10-year-old Mungo Presbytery since its creation, Rev. Mary Wose says the public recognition gotten this day of her institution and induction into office, has spurred her to carry on more exploits in the Presbytery and has thus called for the collaboration of her presbytery and congregational executive as well as all Presbyters of Mungo, so that this can be achieved.



“They should hold on to the truth of the gospel and not move away from it. Also they should in all the do, reflect Christ Jesus in this dark and challenging world.” Cited moderator Fonki

To the newly inducted servant of God, the chief shepherd of the PCC further urged her “to build his church in the Mungo Presbytery and at Bonaberi Parish at a time when the world sees Christians in a disgusting manner.

Adding that “she has an uphill task to bring the truth to bare especially in this era where honesty has lost its value and misinformation and deception is the order of the day”

Since her authorization from PTS Kumba, and later ordination into the ministry of the Word and Sacraments of the PCC, Rev. Mary Nduma Wose has served in different facets in the church. Her rich

P.C Bambili Rev. Alota Victorine Instituted and Inducted as Parish Pastor.

By Chi Faizefe Wei/ Emma Haiga



Bambili Parish in Tubah Boyo Presbytery has welcomed their Parish Pastor Rev Alota Victorine. This was during her Institution and Induction ceremony on Sunday, March 24, 2024, presided over by the Presbyterial Secretary for Tubah Boyo Presbytery ,Rev Numfor Godwin.



Being a twin event the Service saw Christians chant words of Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest while processing into the Church House with palms. In a soul-searching sermon done by the Presbyterial Secretary, Rev Numfor Godwin from Philippians 2:5-11 on the theme "Like Jesus Humble Yourself And You Will Be Lifted Up", he encouraged Rev Alota Victorine to remain humble, focus, true and active in the Service of God and called on the Christians present to humble themselves and God's word will be true in their lives.

The celebration had in attendance, the Fon of Bambili ,Fon Afungchwi III who showed his full support to the Church , Christians from her previous congregation , family members,



College of Pastors and spouses of the Presbytery ,friends and well wishers.

The event ended with a visit to the Fon's palace led by the Presbyterial Secretary, to properly show respect to the Fon and pray for the palace. The Fon while appreciating the gesture Blessed all present with a drink from His Royal Cup.

It should be noted that Rev Alota Victorine is the Correspondent of Tubah boyo Presbytery



At Evaluation Visit to PHC Mankon, PCC's Moderator Assures Population of Hospital's Commitment of Quality Health Services

By Chi Faizefu/Jude Ntam



The Moderator of the PCC has reminded staff of the Presbyterian Health Complex (PHC) Ntamulung, Bamenda on their ultimate role in providing holistic health care to the population from within and without the town of Bamenda.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fonki Samuel was speaking today during a working visit to the hospital accompanied by the Synod Clerk, Rev. Miki Hans and the PCC Health Services Secretary, Dr. Nyah Fidelis.

The first meeting held with the Senior Management Team (SMT) of the hospital, had the management present a balance sheet of the hospital's activities evaluating the



strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threads for the close to 3 years now.

Meeting with the entire staff of the hospital at the waiting hall of the eye department, the Moderator, after listening to worries presented by the hospital's staff, encouraged all to stay true to their calling as workers of the hospital while praying for better days.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Fonki Samuel, after inspecting the different units of the hospital and staff offices, praised their good sense of hygienic practices coupled with their high level of orderliness.

Inaugurated on April 23 2022, Presbyterian Health Complex located at GB Junction Bamenda, continues to provide adequate health services to the entire public especially through her community outreaches. Two years after inaugurating the Presbyterian Health Complex Ntamulung, followed by the recent dedication of solar panels and



other equipment donated by a goodwill Christian of the PCC, the hospital's Proprietor, Rt. Rev. Dr. Fonki Samuel Forba once again answered present to inspect and assess level of progress made by the Health Complex.

The working visits that took place on the Hospital premises, saw the Moderator hold meeting with the Senior Management Team, (SMT) tour the various units of the health facility, followed by another meeting held with the entire staff of the hospital.

"My first impression is that the hospital has remained very clean, I visited the toilet, I visited the offices, and I could see some orderliness amongst the workers. I also discovered that the personnel increase has cost a lot of harm to the income of the facility. We have built this hospital to give our suffering brothers and sisters mothers and fathers a place here to be taken as kings and queens and by no means should any worker reduce them from these positions". The Rt. Rev. Dr. Fonki Samuel Forba. Proprietor PCC Health Complex Ntamulung.

Despite the challenges encountered and taking into consideration, the concerns of staff, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Fonki Samuel Forba expressed optimism that the quality offered to the patient will change. The hospital's Proprietor noted that after talking to the staff, things will change while praying for prosperity, more good outings in the hospital and an improved customer service.

"We trust that, the patient who come here, especially those with psychological problems will be treated just with the love they receive from the workers in this place.

PCC Health Services Department: Donation to Support Health Care

By *Sontia Binda*



In a bid to strife for better health care services to patients, health units under the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon health services department, have received more basic health equipment from the Mount Paran Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The equipments was received by the Health Services Secretary of the PCC, Dr Nyaah Fidelis who applauded the donations and like Oliver twist, asked for more " this has been highly appreciated by the entire medical staff so I am just thanking the sponsor for thinking about us, as a church back here. And



thinking that we are going to put them into effective use to change the quality of services rendered to patients in our facilities. Like Oliver twist will always ask for more, when there's any of such opportunities again, the PCC health services is very ready to receive them and put them into use".

He encouraged the beneficiaries to use the equipment judiciously and properly. He revealed Field checks will be carried out to ensure that all the things taken back are used for the purpose intended.

The equipment mainly consisted of latex surgical and disposable isolation gloves, disposable face mask, disposable isolation gowns, hand sanitizers among others.

The distribution exercise took place at the Bepanda eye services Douala where all heads of health departments of the PCC collected some basic health equipment for their various institutions.



Dr Samuel Egbe, Chief medical officer in charge of the Presbyterian General Hospital Manyemen, expressed his delighted and happy for the equipment " this is what we need in order to function properly, to help the patient, sick people especially at this difficult times. I'll be able to do procedures that I was not able to do because of lack of certain equipments"

Dr. Akongwi stephen from Nyasoso, highlighted how important this gesture is to him as well as to the institution he works for" the equipment will go a long way to help us in our day to day management of patients because we come from an area where these patients sometimes do not have the means".

The distribution exercise was supervised by PCC health services secretary, Dr Nyaah Fidelis.



Successful Eye Surgery Acha Limbe Leaves Lasting Impressions

By Cecilia Mojoko Kondo



Three toddlers have successfully been operated for cataract at the Presbyterian Paediatric Eye Hospital Acha Limbe. These children, aged between two and three years old had congenital cataract since birth (opacity of lens). According to medics, the situation was supposed to have been treated at about six months after birth. Care givers of the

2024 with activities pegged on the theme “together for a



victims have lauded the PCC in her mission to fight against blindness resulting from cataract and glaucoma.

The operations were made possible thanks to DR. Lorin Ekpe, Paediatric Ophthalmologist and medical officer in charge of Acha Limbe. Worthy of note is that this happens to be the first ever child eye surgery conducted in the hospital after the doctor acquired necessary training abroad.

The medic reveals that as a result of the knowledge she has gained, it will limit children presenting late for congenital cataract in the nearest future. Upon operation, it is hoped that victims of cataract who ordinarily would have lost all vision in one or both eyes will have some vision in them though not 100%.

This significant gesture coincided with the commemoration of world glaucoma week, from the 10th to the 16th of March

glaucoma free world”. The one week event observed yearly is aimed at creating awareness on eye health.

Commemorative activities saw staff of Acha eye hospital Limbe embark on several sensitization tours in and out of the community to sensitize the population on the need to regularly check their eyes in a bid to guard against the silent killer glaucoma which doesn't present any warning signs. As a tradition in the PCC, the last two days of commemoration saw free consultations aimed at ensuring that many know their eye conditions.



Thousands Benefit from Free Eye Screening Organized by PHC Mankon Bamenda

By Jude Ntam



Presbyterian Health Complex Ntamulung, on March 14 and March 15 organized free eye consultation and screening as part of activities to mark the world glaucoma week celebrated this year on the theme "Uniting for a glaucoma free world".

The two day campaign were conducted from the early hours of the morning



to the latter part of the afternoon with thousands of persons getting their eyes checked.

Present to ensure the success of this activity were Ophthalmic clinical officers as well other health workers of the complex.

Over 100 persons took part in a sensitization exercise that held on the hospital premises.

Prior to the free screening, a banner was placed at the gateway of the Hospital to remind the population of the World Glaucoma Day. "Glaucoma is a progressive optic neuropathy, that is when we have peripheral visual field loss and progressively the patient will have blindness. Glaucoma has several risk factors like high intra ucular pressure, family history of glaucoma, hypertension and diabetes". Dr. Taa Shin, General Practitioner, PHC Mankon.

Although sounding like a myth, glaucoma is very common. "Recent studies carried out in Cameroon shows that we have a 5.8% of glaucoma in the world. And it is also known that many people don't know that they're glaucoma patients because the diagnosis are generally made late. In the early stages, the patients vision is conserved but with time, and age, the patient

begins to loss vision and that's when he or she will come to the hospital". Dr. Taa Shin, General Practitioner, PHC Mankon.



If not treated the Dr. emphasized that patients might likely get irreversibly blind, because glaucoma is the first cause of irreversible blindness world wide. Which means that the patients vision cannot be reversed if the optic fibres have already been lost. With early detection, doctor says will help ameliorate the situation.

Meanwhile the thousands of patients who came for the two days remarked of the positive initiative taken by the hospital to protect and enhance their vision.

In her strides to continue improving the sights of denizens, Acha Bamenda is noted for always carrying out free eye checks. This year wasn't different. Although the world glaucoma day has past, individuals are encouraged to make sure their eyes are always checked in order to avoid irreversible blindness.



Acha Eye Hospital Bepanda Screens 980, Detects 102 New Glaucoma Cases

By Boris-Karloff Batata



Acha Eye Hospital Bepanda has screened nine hundred and eighty persons, detecting one hundred and two new glaucoma cases during the 2024 World Glaucoma Week that spanned from the 10-16th of March 2024.



This was during a free screening campaign that took place on Thursday March 14 2024 at Acha Bepanda, Douala.

The free screening campaign was organized as part of week long activities to mark this year's world Glaucoma Week. The 2024 World glaucoma week was organized on the theme "Uniting for a glaucoma free world."

World Glaucoma Week is a global initiative organized by the World Glaucoma Association. It invites patients, eye care providers, health officials and the public to join forces in organizing awareness activities worldwide.

According to the World Glaucoma Association, Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness, and distinct challenges may be present in different regions of the world. Adding that their goal is to alert everyone to have regular eye and optic nerve checks to detect glaucoma as early as possible because there are available treatments for all forms of glaucoma to prevent visual loss.

It is against this background that Acha Eye Hospital Bepanda Douala organized the free screening campaign, targeting persons with disability, students, the aged and others.



"Age is a risk factor, anyone that has a family member that has glaucoma has about ten folds increase in risk of developing glaucoma" Ophthalmologist Doctor Alice Nchifor attested.

Marie-Luis is one of the participants of the free eye screening campaign; she said "I am just here to do normal check to see whether my eyes are affected and if the eyes of my child are affected."

During similar activities in 2023, Acha Eye Hospital screened 963 persons detecting 148 news cases of glaucoma.



Bafut Presbytery: PCC Mforya, Host PECA Rally 2024

By Jude Ntam



Members of the Presbyterian English Choir's Association (PECA) Bafut Presbytery have reaffirmed their commitment to see Christ as the Messiah and master of all things.

This was during the occasion to mark the celebration of their 20th Anniversary at PCC Mforya, under the theme 'Jesus our Messiah' from Mathew 16:16.

The event that witnessed the participation of 10 out of the 14 PECA groups in the Bafut Presbytery, had the choristers take part in Bible and Music Quiz, Brain Trust, Evangelical march pass and singing.



To preside over the event was the Parish Pastor of PCC Mforya, Rev Mujang John, PECA Chaplain, Rev. Tenah Christine Toche, and the PECA executive of the Bafut Presbytery led by the Presbytery President, Brother Neba Samuel.

Christians from within and without Mforya were in course of the service, thrilled with enchanting melodies that focused on Christ as the Messiah.

Officially recognized by the Church in 2004, the Presbyterian English Choir's Association is one of the first Choirs that symbolizes great historical and evangelistic past.

Over time, her choristers in the Bafut Presbytery have stood the test in evangelizing. "Bafut Presbytery is a very large Presbytery especially geographically. So there are many Choirs that find it difficult to transport themselves to rally grounds, especially as we can see that Mforya is right in the East whereas there are Choirs in the West which can take about 3000frs per chorister just to come".

Brother Samuel Neba, Presbytery President PECA Bafut. Although distance, shortage of Music directors and the ongoing Anglophone crisis prevented four PECA groups from taking part in this year's rally.

"We hope that, when things actually boil down we're going to call the normal music workshop and train the other choristers which makes the group vibrant and beg on

our pastors to make sure the English Choir exists in every other congregation in the Presbytery". Brother, Samuel Neba, Presbytery President PECA Bafut PECA Mforya was unable to take part in last year's rally in Manji, due to the ongoing Anglophone



crisis. This year however things turned out differently as the group played host.

"It has not been easy. Anybody that hears about Mforya will be very skeptical to come to Mforya. We want to thank God that the Christians have never given up. They still remain resilient and doing the best they could do to carry the name of Christ to another level". Rev. Mujang John, Parish Pastor, PCC Mforya.

"Before now, we have joined rehearsals and concerts together. Sometimes especially in very heated crisis areas. We tried to encourage the christians. Many people complained about the crisis too much but we strive as much as possible with the congregation that God give us to ensure that not all hope is lost.

While hoping for next year's PECA rally, Christians from within and without Mforya Parish were thrilled with enchanting melodies that focused on Christ as the Messiah.



Peca Mezam South Rally and 20th Anniversary Celebration

By Emma Haiga



Members of the Presbyterian English Choir Association PECA held their Annual Rally and a Celebration in Prelude to their 20th years of existence on Sunday March 3rd 2024 on the premises of PC Azire in the Mezam South Presbytery.

Activities to mark this year's dual celebration included Bible Quiz, Music Theory, Liturgical Singing and giving of Rally Bundle, the lighting of 20 Anniversary candles representing the Associations number of years in existence and cutting of the cake.

Out of 19 groups 18 of them answered present to Sing Praises To God like their motto signifies.

In a homily from Matthew 16:16 done by the Regional Secretary for Lay Training And Evangelism Rev Mformi Valentine on the theme Jesus The



Messiah he encouraged the Christians and PECA members to Put God at the center of everything and follow Him wholeheartedly and Be Rejuvenated members while preaching Peace, Love and Hope to All.

During the Divine service, Certificates of Recognition were handed over to some Patrons, Patroness and Members for their outstanding support for the Association.

Bra Tamon Clara Presbytery President of PECA Mezam South said the rally was a great one with the choirs performing both the Set and Composed Piece amazingly. With some of the challenges faced like one group Chomba which



has been affected by the socio-political crisis plaguing the Northwest Region she said the group has promised to be present come next years rally.

This year's dual celebration had for the first time the Moderator of the PCC Rt Rev Dr Fonki Samuel Forba address all members of the PECA Association nation wide on their impact in using the kings language to Bless not only Christians of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon but to those of other Denominations

Present to Grace the occasion was the Presbyterial Secretary for Mezam South Presbytery Rev Mrs Uso Theresa Bendzeh, the Presbyterial Treasurer Rev Sambu Walters and a college of pastors and their congregants.

The event ended with feasting and the dancing of ALONGE.



PECA Fako North Members Told to Look Up to the Messiah In Challenging Times

By Daniela Itoe



Members of the Presbyterian English Choirs Association, PECA in Fako North Presbytery have been Challenged to Always Look Up to God as their only Messiah.

The PECA Presbytery Chaplain for Fako North, Rev Ndumi Philomon made the call during his sermon on March 3, 2024 as he preached in the course of a divine service at PC Buea Town.

The Annual Rally which was attended by 15 Choral groups witnessed activities like Bible Quiz Brain Trust and Evangelical Singing under the watchful eyes of the Presbyterial Secretary and Parish pastor of PC Buea Town Rev Foncham Ezekiel Fomuna.



In his appraisal Fako North Presbytery President of PECA, Elder Mesumbe Manfred says though all groups in the presbytery did not turn out for this year's rally, he is satisfied with the outcome

"PECA Fako North is made of 23 choir groups but due to this crisis that has affected the Munyenge zone so much, they are not here, so we are proud of 15 groups, putting the logistics in place to make this gathering a success", the President noted.

He further encouraged groups of the Munyenge zone to shun fear and mobilize members for next year's rally since the ongoing sociopolitical crisis is not against the church.

"Especially choirs from Munyenge zone where crisis actually affected them much, our appeal is that they should throw away fear. This war is not against

the church so they should go back where their congregations are and start building up their choirs. I know in some congregations you can still find two



or three members of PECA but that is not enough to cause them to stay back, even if it's one person representing the choir I'll encourage the to come", he added.

PECA Fako North Presbytery Chaplain, Rev Ndumi Philemon drawing inspiration from this year's theme encouraged the choristers to leave lifestyles that reflect that of Christ the Messiah.

"It is just an encouragement to choristers and Christians of Fako and to the church to leave the experience of the Messiah in their daily life. This must be seen through works of faith, we must leave that experience in our daily life", Rev Ndumi said.

The rally also witnessed the fund raising to support the construction of Block B of the Ark.



HCA RALLY 2024:Mezam South

By Emma Haiga



Members of the Halleluya Choir Association HCA of the Mezam South Presbytery have converged on the premises of PC Ngomgham for their 2024 Presbytery Come together on the theme "Jesus The Messiah " from Matthew 16:16.

All 22 groups from the Mezam West Zone and Mezam Center answered present and took part in activities like Bible Quiz, Evangelical Match Past and Liturgical Singing proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Messiah.



This year's rally saw the presence of one of the most hit congregations and Halleluya Choir Group HCA chomba with 5 members who sang praises to God Almighty and for giving them the opportunity to witness the 2024 HCA annual rally .

Gracing the day was the Chaplain of HCA Mezam South Presbytery Rev Joel Suh Ngwa who encouraged all present at the rally ground to know that there are many false Messiah around but not to give up and hold on Christ for he is the Messiah and the giver of all things and will take away all their troubles if only they look up to him for directions.

Being the first choir in the PCC to sing in the vernacular all 22 groups used their drums ,gongs ,rattles and other instruments to proclaim Christ as their Messiah.



Sister Tah Vivian Presbytery President of HCA said the groups faced some difficulties but they visited the groups with little or no members and supported them financially while encouraging them to work with their group leaders, Elders, patrons and Patroness for support and prayers .

Sister Mulch Takwi Emelda Zonal President of the Mezam South West Zone who hosted the rally appreciated the efforts put in by all the members to see to it that the rally was a success.

Present for the Annual Rally celebration was the Presbyterial Secretary for Mezam South RevMrs Uso Theresa Bendzeh, Presbyterial Treasurer Rev Sambu Walters and College of Pastor ,Patrons and Patroness of HCA and the Congregation to witness the occasion .



HCA Come Together Fako South Presbytery

By Angwi Njamah



The haleluya Choir's Association HCA, of Fako South Presbytery continues to allow the light of God to lead them especially in evangelical activities such as their annual come together. This year's



come together was carried out at the school field of the Presbyterian Primary School PS. Mutengene, and had in active participation 36 out of the 38 groups from within the Presbytery.

Activities this day featured bible quiz, exhibition of items and crowning the day in a usual manner liturgical singing all which gave the different groups an opportunity to display their prowess as a group. Presiding over the event was the Rev. Adoneg Samuel Presbytery chaplain of the association who was later joined by the Pastor of PC Mutengene host congregation, Rev. Also making a quick stop at this celebration ground was Rev. Mokoko Simon Elive Presbyterial Secretary for Fako South

Presbytery and Rev. Ndip Phililp Nkongho the National Secretary Lay Training and Evangelism.

Converging and celebrating under the theme "Jesus or Messiah" Dinah Amah, Presbytery President of the association in Fako South Presbytery, rated the come together a success especially as they welcomed two new groups, and encouraged the choristers to keep letting the light of God to lead them in all they set out to achieve in life.



Haleluya Choir Come Together 2024: Members Called to Trot Out With Actions of Love

By Sontia Binda



Members of the haleluya choir association of Fako North presbytery jointly celebrated their 2024 annual come together at the field of Presbyterian School Yoke.

The celebration that saw the presence of 28 groups out of the 37 expected held on the theme ' Jesus our Messiah ' drawn from Matthew 16:16.



Presbyterian Church Yoke hosted the come together some 34 years after . Elder Ndakwa Eric, Presbytery president of the haleluya choir for Fako North for two mandate revealed that he has been everything in place to ensure the entire zone come together " within my mandate as presbytery president, I have struggled to bring the entire zone and presbytery together. Within my mandate, we had crisis and other things, but we know and believe that, with time all the groups will come" . "Every leadership always want to leave a mark , the way we took office, we should not leave it the same way"

Some groups from Penda Mboko were absent at the rally ground.Fako North Presbytery has about 37 groups of the Haleluya Choir Association

The Fako North presbyterial secretary, Rev Foncham Ezekiel Fonmuna , while preaching urged the HC Members to lead love in their every endeavor as Christ is love. He encouraged the Christian as well as the members of the Association to keep hope in Jesus by " keeping to biblical



percepts, hold restraints in the phase of adversity".To do practical things like being patient with each other because patience is a virtue. Uphold endurance through sufferings and forgive one other , because forgiveness is Divine. He applaud the fact that yoke paid host after many years" For Yoke to be host now, tells us that indeed, we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We must hope in Jesus Christ who is the Messiah, Anointed of God."

The need to be at peace with one another and self which is a way of following the footsteps of Jesus Christ who is the Messiah, who leads the way.

Some members who took part in this come together felt elated taking part in the reunion. They believe that this is an opportunity to meet new people and evangelise Christ to the nooks and crannies of the world



YP Buea West Zone Members Told to Look Beyond Challenges and Look Up to God

By Daniela Itoe



The Youth Coordinator for Fako North Presbytery has encouraged YP members of Buea West Section to look beyond the present challenging circumstances and focus their attention on serving God.

Rev Wa Ekosano Joshua Modika Cameroon was speaking on Sunday March 10, 2024 during the 2023 YP annual rally that took place at PC Tole Meveo.



The rally celebrated under the theme: "Looking Beyond", 2Corinthians 4:18 witnessed the active participation of five YP groups as against 8.

Drawing his inspiration from this year's theme, the Youth Coordinator for Fako North Presbytery, Rev Wa Ekosano Joshua Modika Cameroon encouraged the young Presbyterians to look beyond their present circumstances and look up to God.

"We leave at a time of unrest and uncertainties and it seems the pressure of the times is almost waying the youths down, and so terming from that of the National Youth Secretary with regards to his message is that the young Presbyterians should not be discouraged by the times, the should not be carried away by what is happening, they should not relent their efforts in serving God, they should focus their effort in serving God, they should focused on the cross especially as we journey through this lenten period. They should try as much as possible to be obedient and respectful

children and always be willing to serve God in whatever capacity", Rev Modika said.

In his words of appraisal, the YP Buea West Section Leader, Eleh Eric says the rally unfolded hitch free.

"We have five groups that participated in the rally instead of eight, and a look of things the kids are enjoying their rally, everything went well and all activities were carried out successfully", he said.

He added that due to the ongoing sociopolitical crisis three groups did not participate in the rally. He however, prays that everything returns to normalcy so these groups can join them next year.

Several activities such bible drill, parading, evangelistic singing, and ballet dance added color to this year's celebration.



PHS Kumba Celebrates Diamond Jubilee, Kupexsans Make Commendable Pledges

By Cecilia Mojoko Kondo



Members of the Kumba ex students Association (KUPEXSA) have pledged to construct an ultra modern information communication technology (ICT) lab for the Presbyterian High School –(PHS) Kumba.

This was revealed during a ceremony to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the institution. Activities to mark this



remarkable event unfolded for four days (Thursday February 29 to Sunday March 03 2024), within and out of the school campus.

Health walk, human investment, fund raising, and thanks giving were some among the earmarked activities which were successfully carried out for the set number of days.

The 60th anniversary of PHS Kumba presented the perfect platform for ex students to reminisce old memories of time spent in the institution.

Worthy of note is that PHS Kumba clocked 60 years in 2023 but celebrations were delayed for this year for effective results. This according to the global president of the association, Napoleon Nyake Beson, was the main driving force behind the pledge to construct an ultra modern ICT lab worth millions of

Francs CFA. He explains that “ we don’t want to celebrate and



go, we want to leave a legacy so we intend to build an ultra modern IT centre, it’s a project that is going to cost us about a hundred million(100.000.000) Francs”.

According to the acting principle of the institution, Dr. Hans Bokwe Itoe, the lab, once completed will go a long way to ease learning.

The ceremony brought together hierarchy of the church, government officials, KUPESANS and current students of the institution.



Twin Celebrations of CPC Bali at 75 and BOBA at 50: BOBANS, Commit to Building a Hall for Almamata

By Jude Ntam



Cameroon Protestant College (CPC) Bali, have been described as a true citadel of learning imbibing into her present and past students, good sense of responsibility to the family, community, and the nation as a whole.

Clergy of the PCC and state dignitaries made the comment on the occasion to celebrate the school's 75th Anniversary, and the Golden Jubilee of the Bali Old Boys Association (BOBA).

The event that took place on the school premises of CPC Bali had in attendance the Moderator



of the PCC, Proprietor of the school, represented by the Moderator's Representative for the North West, Rev. Dr. Fai Michael, Former Prime Minister and the Grand Chancellor of National Order of Valor, Philemon Yang, the Governor of the North West Region, Adolph Lele L'afrique, the Fon of Bali, His Royal Majesty, Fon Doh Ganyonga III, other state dignitaries and BOBANS from within and without Cameroon.

Speaking during the ceremony, former Prime Minister Philemon Yang, encouraged the current students of the prestigious institution to stay disciplined, work hard, never give up and show great love for country.

Students of the school were as well awarded 1st and second prizes for their participation in week long activities such as sac race, quiz, volleyball, basketball, football to name but these.

High moment of the event began when the various batches of CPC beginning from the first batch were called up to do march pass parades. It felt more like in the yesteryears where over a thousand student of the Cameroon Protestant College will storm the grandstand during youth day celebration.

From the batch of 1953, to that of future graduates come 2028, former students of CPC Bali now parents and grand parents, with the current students prides themselves of being BOBANS through this march pass "The school before the crisis started in 2016 was above a thousand and now, in the recovery phase after the conflict, we're still at three hundred and fifteen students. And now as we're, all the sections of the school are running. General education". Mr. Nurbert Ransom, Principal of CPC Bali.

"This school means a lot because it has helped tailored our lives, it has nurtured us and we want to believe that we're a reflection of the school and so, it is important to come and join and celebrate and to meet Old friends who have been lost for a while". Victor Kima,

president of the Global Organizing committee, explaining the background behind the twin celebration is the



Considering the quality of education offered by the school right from the days of the Basel mission, the ex students are more than determined to continue pushing forth this agenda. "The main project we have after this twin Anniversary celebration is offering the school a multi purpose Hall to replace the auditorium that was destroyed by ruins due to close down. So we're not sparing any efforts to make this school return to what it was before it was closed down". Prof Ernest Titanji, President General BOBA.

"A day like this only rekindles our joy that there's rebirth, rejuvenation again in this prestigious institution that has turned out many citizens of high caliber in this our own country Cameroon". Moderator's Representative for the North West Region Rev. Dr. Fai Michael.

The event attended by high ranking personalities had the current students advised by former Prime Minister Philemon Yang to be disciplined, work very hard, never give up, love their country for they cannot serve a country they do not love.

Indeed at 75, CPC Bali waxes strong and at 50 BOBA remains poised to see the school grow to higher heights



Bupexsa Douala Chapter Prioritize Ict as they Give Back to Almamata

By Cecilia Mojoko Kondo



The donation includes ten i56 generation 2018 models of modern computers to the Presbyterian Comprehensive Secondary School (PCSS Buea).



PCSS Buea it should be noted is a writing center for the GCE. As such, such a donation to the institution it should be noted is a stitch in time as exams are fast approaching.

Heading BUPEXSA Douala chapter, acting President, Adongatou Ungitoh has promised to come back in the nearest future with his team for more fellowship.



Present to receive the gifts on Wednesday March 27 on behalf of the hierarchy of the church was PCC's Education Secretary, Njie Samuel Kale, who expressed gratitude to the Buea Ex Students Association- BUPEXSA for their desire to give back to the institution that trained them. He equally called on other chapters to do same. For as he puts it, at this time of crisis, the Presbyterian Education Authority, PEA is hard hit, necessitating actors like them to boost education across the education board in the PCC. Other key actors present at the scene included the institutions principal, Elangwe Namondo, together with her staff.

At the time of installation of these machines at the computer lab of PCSS Buea, staffs of the IT Center were as well present to ensure internet connection functions smoothly with the brand new machines.

World Day of Prayer, Women Encouraged to be Ambassadors of Peace

By Nchang Carine



Women in the Northwest Region from the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, the Cameroon Baptist Convention and Eglise Protestant Du Cameroon on Saturday 2nd March 2024 converged on the Big Mankon Cathedral to join their counterparts world wide in commemorating the world



of all look at the fact that women are mothers, for the fact that women are sisters, women are wives and women play a vital role in our societies, we see that these women can use these various positions to portray the image of Christ which is all about loving one another”

According to Father Divine Ndi, second Vica to the Metropolitan Cathedral and Chaplain of Our Lady Lourdes College, women have a vital role to play in the society” I wish to encourage women that they should know that they have a vital role to play in the society, when the women succeed, the society succeeds and when they fail the society suffers, it’s worth noting that their place in the society can’t be replaced”

It’s worth noting that the world Day Of Prayer aims to encourage Christian’s to forgo denominational barriers and focus on the lord.



Day of Prayer under the Theme” I beg you to bear with each other in Love”

Being mothers, sisters and wives the women were encouraged to use their positive energy to influence the society.

After the church which had readers from all the Denominations, the Rev Nguebi Grace Dashako, Associate Pastor of Presbyterian Church In Cameroon Ntamulung explained how women can exercise love in the society” For women to exercise this aspect of love in our communities, in our societies and our world, we first

BSD Celebrates 20 Years of Promoting Deaf Education in Cameroon

By Boris-Karloff Batata



The Buea School for the Deaf (BSD) in New layout wokoko Buea have celebrated 20th anniversary with pump and colour, hoping to go inclusive in the days ahead.

Amongst the group of person present for the event were ex-trainees who came back to their Alma matter bearing gifts all different kinds including cooking pots, trashcans and more.

The event, which recently took place in the premises of the institution, pulled together local administrative officials, parents and well-wishers of the school.

Buea School for the Deaf have entertained mainly children with hearing impairment but after operating for twenty years, BSD wants to open her doors to welcome children with normal hearing.



“Now the School wants to go inclusive, we have some positive aspects in inclusion because, it will expose our deaf children with the hearing hence we have to start training them from the primary to the secondary section.” Founder N’jok Bibum Aloysius who is also having speak impairment explained through the interpretation of one of his Trainers.

Buea School for the Dead was inspired from the challenges of the founder who developed speech impairment at the age of six. Today the facility prides itself of empowering hundreds of Cameroonians with similar challenges.

Celebrating twenty years of promoting deaf education in Cameroon gave opportunity for parents to testify the impact of the school in transforming children with hearing impairment in Cameroon.

“Now I am a happy grandmother because my child has studied the sign language, she can communicate with others, she can mingle with other children who can speak and hear” one of the Parents attested.



Team Cameroon finishes 17th at the AAG

By Metege Stanley



Team Cameroon ended the 13th edition of the All African Games with 30 medals 3 of them in Gold ,13 silver and 14 bronze. Cameroon took part in only 8 sporting disciplines namely

Judo,Karate,Table



tennis ,Wrestling ,Volleyball,Handball,Athletism and Boxing

Involving 65 athletes. Weightlifter Ngadja Junior Periclex single handedly won 2 gold medals in the men's 109kg category while team captain Esem Emmanuel Alobwede picked up the 3rd gold medal for Cameroon in the Men's 100 meter race.

Perennial champions of the all African Games Egypt once again claimed the top spot at the Continent sports showpiece event in Ghana.

Out of the 53 countries in attendance Egypt boast of 187 medals with 99 gold, 46 silver and 42 bronze, second-place Team Nigeria harvested 121 medals – 47 gold, 33 silver and 41 bronze.



While South Africa come third with 106 medals 32 gold, 32 silver and 42 bronze. Algeria, Tunisia, hosts Ghana, Morocco, Mauritius, Ethiopia and Kenya complete the Top 10 spots in that order.

From the 8th to the 23rd of March,2024, 5000 athletes were present in Ghana to participate in 30 disciplines witnessing an increase from 26 in 2019 and 22 in 2015.

The end of the 13 Edition of the All African Games in Accra Ghana will now paves the way for the 14th edition build for 2027 with Current champions Egypt as host.

