



A Time to Celebrate!



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It has been a long-standing tradition to finish each hand dug well project with a celebration. In addition to the chance to share the local cuisine, it is also an



Refugee children line up at their new water source

opportunity to share the Bread of Life. We have spent a great deal of time among this unique group of Fulbe over the past months between the well work, “bush” clinics and discipling. These refugees from

the Central African Republic had an Islamic teacher who began teaching about Christ as “the way”. Many Muslim religious practices were abandoned as they sought the truth found in Christ, and a unique form of worship and prayer developed among this group unseen in other Fulbe villages. For example, men, women and children worship and sing together—something not even found in many of the Baptist churches here where men, women and children sit in different areas during the service. They also pray and sing to Yessu Alma-siihu (i.e. Jesus Christ). They do not worship in a mosque but instead use a

small prayer house in the middle of the village. These are all incredible developments among a least-reached people group where the number of believers in the entire country is smaller than the population of this village. These Fulbe thirst for the truth. We pray that with their physical thirst met, we will continue to provide for their spiritual thirst as well. (continued on page 2).



Chad & Tiff stand next to the new well

WORK CONTINUES AMONG REFUGEES TO THE EAST

Our relationship with the Fulbe village above has put us in contact with two other refugee villages in the region where physical and spiritual needs abound. Two more hand dug wells are planned. Visit <http://216.177.136.28/content/view/6673/130/> to help.



Local refugee children



Existing water source

The Top Three...

Prayer Requests—Pray the Lord will provide...

Needed equipment for the water & med. ministries	1
An understanding of the Gospel among Fulbe	2
Financial support for our transition to career	3

Prayers Answered

A safe return to Banyo after a nation-wide strike	1
Additional opportunities to help unreached Fulbe	2
A successful well project & bridge for the Gospel	3

Ministry Needs:

Please see our “How Can You Help” section on the back of this issue.



Chad teaches about “Living Water” at the well celebration with the help of a translator

WORK IN THE REFUGEE VILLAGE—Well Celebration (continued)

Fellowship and fun was had by all during the celebration. One of the greatest moments since our stay here was the response to water coming from the well once the pump had been installed. Everyone gathered around afterwards to listen to hear how the well was provided through the love of Christians and Jesus Christ for them. We talked about the Living Water of Christ and how it is a gift offered freely by God just as the water from the well was being offered



Balloons are always a big hit!

freely. My attempt to read about the Samaritan woman from the book of John in Fulfulde was accompanied by a few muffled laughs, but at least I knew they were listening! We especially want to thank Bethel Baptist Church for their contributions to this project that made this well possible.

As part of our “well operation training”, we decided to have push cart races that began and ended with the filling of a water jug. This was easily one of the

funniest things I’ve witnessed in Cameroon, and everyone loved it.

After a village-wide meal, we watched a custom film of pictures during the well work using a laptop, a projector and the wall of a hut as the screen. The film was a hit, especially for the children. Normally we show the *Jesus Film*, but a local evangelist had already brought it to the area. We concluded the night with a time for the village to share followed by singing and praising under the moonlit sky.



The work site during well installation



What’s a celebration without push cart races???

Economic and Political Turmoil Cause Nation-Wide Strike

A nation-wide strike in Cameroon left me stranded in the capitol for several days in February. The strike was in response to the rising cost of fuel and other commodities. Protests were occurring simultaneously in response to a proposed constitutional amendment. God’s hand was evident all along the way as he continued to put the right people and transport in my path that eventually brought me back



safely (although quite stinky and dirty) to my wife. I was in frequent communication with Tiffany, and she was telling me of all the prayer responses she was receiving. Thank you all and please know your prayers were heard and answered. Please continue to pray as this situation has not fully been resolved and could erupt again if prices are not lowered by the government as promised.

Partners in Missions with Chad & Tiffany Northington

Ministry Account #**179044**

Yes, I/we want to support Chad & Tiffany in their ministry in [Cameroon, West Africa](#).

- I/We will pledge to contribute a monthly amount. \$25___ \$50___ \$100___ \$200___ Other___
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A Sand Filter Provides Clean Water to the Unreached Wawa

Cameroon is a country of incredible diversity, and one does not have to go far to find an entirely different people group and language. Such is the case in a small village outside Banyo where a people group called the “Wawa” live. Their language, and even culture, is considered to be on the verge of extinction. We have spent much time with a German linguist who is living in a Wawa village nearby in an effort to preserve their language and oral history before it’s too late.

Knowing that all people groups (i.e. nations, or “ethne” as used in scripture) are to hear the Gospel (see Matthew 24:14), efforts were made to reach this people group several years ago when a foot

pump was installed in one of their villages. Unfortunately, as is often the case even in the U.S., the water quality in the region was poor due to iron-fouling. The water was tainted reddish-brown with an unpalatable taste and grittiness. Knowing that the installation of another well could



Water is pumped directly from the well to the slow sand filter unit

result in the same problem, the water team decided to install a small slow sand filter to treat the water directly from the pump. After 2 weeks, the filter was finished and the village was greeted by crystal clear water at the end of their new tap. During our time in the village, many people approached us asking us for cassette tapes of the Bible like those they had received before. It appears that the desire to hear more of the Good News still remains in this village. Both the water and the reason we had been brought back to this particular village became very clear. We look forward to the much anticipated celebration where the *Jesus Film* will be shared.

Tiffany’s Ministry in the Hospital

How do you console a person when they have just lost their child or a family member for that matter? This is the question I find myself asking over and over here in Africa. Well the reality is death happens far too often in this underdeveloped part of the world, but life also happens. Saving lives and consoling those who lose loved ones is the opportunity Christ has enabled me to do through his love and wisdom. He has granted me the knowledge and skill to help enhance their quality of life. Health education is a key to increase the quality of life among the Fulbe people. This gives us more time to

share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ. Health education is drastically needed among the people here. For example, when a child is coming into the hospital for the third time with the same illness and the child is barely holding on to what little life he/she has left, there is a major problem. This frequently happens with many of my young malaria-infected patients. I often see this same child again in a few months infected with malaria and critically ill struggling to hold on to life. Although many of these families are educated on how to prevent this life-stealing disease by using something as

“...I was sick and you looked after me.”

-Matthew 25:36

simple as a mosquito net, few of them actually own one. The main reason the families usually give is that they lack the funds, an ongoing battle in underdeveloped countries. The truth of the matter is that one can save a life and prevent much suffering from malaria by providing a mosquito net for only \$12.00 USD. This is an easy way you can make a difference here in Cameroon among these people. Contact us about our new program at the hospital to purchase nets for families with young malaria victims.

After working in the hospital here, it is clear that a significant amount of illnesses seen are caused by the consumption of dirty water, malaria, meningitis, and various tropical diseases.

The local hospital here in Banyo is able to provide the vaccines against polio and meningitis. Many people still do not get these vaccines due to lack of education or monies. We are trying to educate mothers who



Women and children wait outside the bush clinic to see Tiffany

come to our Antenatal Clinic about the need to vaccinate their new babies and other children to prevent childhood illnesses. An unfortunate example of this is that we have had a severe meningitis epidemic here in our town. Many toddlers, children and adults have come in deathly ill from this infection that could have been prevented by the vaccine. As we continue to educate and treat illnesses we strive to spread the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ and that he is the reason we do all these things.

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*Reaching the Unreached one need
at a time...*

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide for the material, spiritual, and social needs of those who need it most through sustainable, transformational development. The Gospel is the source of lasting transformation and offers a plan for a holistic and integrated approach to community development and world change.



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Ways You Can Help

Many of you have asked us how you can help with this ministry. There are six major areas we would like you to consider.

1. **Moral Support:** The “ups and downs” of missions can be very extreme, and it’s good to have someone there during those “downs”. Now that we have Skype, most people are only a “phone call away”.
2. **Logistical Support:** We’ve encountered some real challenges with banking, taxes, etc. while overseas. Our family has been a great help in this area.
3. **Financial Support:** This may be our greatest need right now. About 2/3 of our support for this first year of ministry came in the form of one-time contributions. As we transition to long-term, we are in need of more monthly supporters to ensure this ministry continues. We are 100% dependent on the gifts of others to remain in Cameroon. Our website has a great deal of information on different ways to become financial

ministry partners under the “Donate” button. We thank those who have already joined us in this area.

If you prefer to give to a ministry project, there are also several opportunities. Many of the water projects require a significant amount of funds. A Water Development Account has been set up with the BGC to receive funds for hand dug wells, gravity flow systems, sand filters, etc.

You may also want to provide much-needed equipment for the water or medical ministries. Our new Christian resource center also needs books, films, cassettes, etc. There are several appropriate technology projects in areas such as rainwater harvesting and biogas in need of sponsors to begin. Please contact us directly to learn how to help with these ministries.

4. **Prayer Support:** We have developed a special e-mail list called the “ministry team” consisting of those

who have asked to receive prayer requests. Send us an e-mail if you’d like to join.

5. **Communications Support:** There’s nothing like going to the mailbox and getting a letter, video, CD, etc. from someone back home. Leave us a message on Skype, or drop us a personal e-mail from time to time. We might not always write back, but know they mean a lot to us. And please, don’t try to send cookies. They don’t taste the same after two months in the mail...
6. **Re-entry support:** Our first home assignment will be here before we know it, and that means planning for our return to the U.S. To be honest, we’re not exactly sure what that’s going to look like. We have some ideas, but no obvious doors have opened yet. We just ask that you be willing to open yours if you find us homeless at your doorstep one day (:=

We pray you will join our support team if you haven’t already.