



Cameroon

Africa in Miniature

Cameroon has it all. Beautiful mountains, forests, deserts, and broad tropical savannahs. Colorful people speaking more than 270 indigenous languages. Big cities, rural villages and small forest camps.

This rich variety is why Cameroon is known as “Africa in miniature.” But one thing is constant throughout—Cameroonians need the gospel.



Holistic Church Planting

The northern half of the country is predominantly Muslim and the southern half predominantly Christian. But in reality, the pervading religious belief is African traditional religion overlaid with a thin veneer of Islam or Christianity. Yes, there are some vibrant Christian churches, but for many people the gospel truth has not fully displaced the animistic beliefs rooted in their hearts.

World Team has been working in Cameroon to share the gospel through holistic church-planting ministries since the 1980s. We work in close partnership with national believers and the Cameroon Baptist Convention. Our teams work with five unreached people groups. Find your place on one of these teams or help form a new one!

The Baka

The Baka people have lived in the dense rainforests of southeast Cameroon for centuries, surviving as semi-nomadic hunter-gatherers. Often marginalized by other Cameroonians, they are animists who value their freedom to roam the forest. The encroachment of the logging industry, poaching, and exploitation of resources by outside groups is changing the forest and the Baka way of life forever.

Since 1992 World Team has been working to help the Baka adjust to their changing world through holistic ministries including discipleship, medical care, and agricultural work. Chronological Bible-storying is being used to present the gospel to this preliterate group, and a fledgling church is established and growing. Baka evangelists are now sharing Bible stories with neighboring camps.

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The Fulbe

The 1.5 million Fulbe are the largest people group in the country. They are a warm and hospitable people who claim Allah as God and Islam as their life. World Team focuses on the rural Fulbe—including refugees arriving from neighboring countries—evangelizing, discipling leaders, and ministering to children.

A small core of Fulbe have committed to follow Christ and have been discipled. Leaders are emerging who are willing to take the gospel to new areas. As with all of our church planting efforts, multiplication of believing communities is the ultimate goal.

The Oroko

The Oroko are made up of ten dialect groups in the hilly rainforest of southwest Cameroon. Churches have been in the area for over 100 years, but animism is still strong. World Team missionaries arrived in the Oroko area in 1998, developed the Oroko alphabet, and began translation work. In 2017, the Jesus Film was produced and in 2018, the New Testament (with Genesis) was dedicated. Committed Christian leaders are emerging, but much work is yet to be done in literacy and teaching church leaders how to use the new Oroko Scriptures.

The Kwakum

The Kwakum live next to the Baka people. Our first missionaries to the Kwakum arrived in 2014 with the goal to strengthen and encourage the local churches by providing them with the Scriptures in their heart language. An alphabet has now been established, literacy materials are being developed, and Bible translation is scheduled to start in 2020.

The Esimbi

The Esimbi live in the North West. They are looked down upon by other Cameroonians as backward, but God is showing them that he speaks their language and cares for them. World Team missionaries are providing linguistic support for literacy and the Esimbi translation of the New Testament, which is now in progress.



Ministry Overview

People	Baka, Fulbe, Oroko, Kwakum and Esimbi
Languages	French and English, plus over 270 local languages
Location	Cameroon towns, rural villages, and forest camps
Opportunities	Translation, Literacy Community development Medical work Discipleship Church planting Ethnomusicology Leadership training Teaching/tutoring missionary kids School administration (RFIS) House parents (RFIS)

Rain Forest International School (RFIS)

RFIS serves missionary kids grades 7-12. The school is vital to World Team families, making it possible for them to continue their ministries while meeting the educational needs of their children.

Every year RFIS is in need of dedicated teachers, administrators, and hostel parents who care for kids living away from their parents while attending school. Learn more at: www.rfis.org

World Team missionary children in grades 1-6 are homeschooled, but participate in joint learning sessions at the Greenhouse, where teachers are also needed. See <https://fescam.wordpress.com/> for more info.

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