

Echoes of Hope

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Dear Partner,

The greatest event in the history of the world, the sweetest news ever told to man, the deepest Truth ever spoken, and the widest hope ever found is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!! Hallelujah!!!

Desperate Women

From April 15th to April 17th, 2014, women from different walks of life will gather for an inspiring, encouraging



and renewing time of worship, fellowship and feasting around God's word at the Apostolic Church in Great Soppo, Buea. This is the fourth year of HOIM's annual women's conference, which aims at grounding women in the word of God. This year's conference will focus on the stories of Eve, Lot's Daughters and Leah as recorded in the book of Genesis.

Please pray for Ursula Embola who is leading the sessions, as well as for the organizers and those planning to attend.

Buea Festival of Hope: Times of Refreshing

A growing number of the millions of students worldwide (25,000 in and around Buea) identify themselves as Christians. Yet, this growing number has not translated itself into a growing influence for Christ. A look at life on campus reveals students immersed in sexual relationships, enslaved to pornography, obsessed with dating, and charmed into corruption and occultism, etc. The majority of those trapped in such lifestyles lack the capacity to withdraw, even if they desire to do so. How we wish, against this backdrop, that Christians would stand as a beacon of purity and agents of spiritual transformation! Faced with similar struggles, some have grown cold and dry. There is a great need for revival and renewal. The time is now!

Preparations are underway for the outreach at Macedonia Baptist Church (MBC) in Molyko, Buea. This month, hundreds of counsellors will be trained by our local team. Our hope is that this outreach will have a resounding impact both by encouraging the local community of believers, and drawing many more people into God's family.



In anticipation of what it may please the Lord to do, we began praying for an effort to place a Bible in the hands of each of the 25,000 students. In a remarkable *Godincidence*, the local chapter of the Gideons began distributing Bibles to middle and high school students in the area on March 27. This would cover more than half of the targeted student population. Our estimate, based on support received thus far and the effort by the Gideons, is that we need another 5,000 Bibles. Please pray with us that these Bibles will make it to ready hearts, and pray with us for their lifelong and eternal impact.

Wum: Abiding Fruits

Several months after the Wum Festival of Hope, the echoes of transformed lives continue to flow. Phone calls continue to pour into our office, and the callers testify of the hope and renewal many in the community are experiencing. Similar calls and emails follow our biweekly *Hour of Hope* radio programs airing over several radio stations. Thank you for sharing in this!

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School of Practical Ministry, August 2014

We are now receiving applications for the 3rd edition of SPM which will be held in Bamenda, in the North West region of Cameroon. We are again trusting the Lord for a batch of 100 Christian leaders who will undergo this intensive training on practical ministry. We are grateful to our many partners who make this training possible by sponsoring these participants, and our appreciation goes to our friends at Evangel for facilitating this course. This year's training sessions will hold from August 5th to 15th. We are delighted that this edition will include a module on the minister and his family, to be taught by a respected national leader and marriage counsellor.

Please pray with us:

- 1. Thank God for the abiding fruits from our past outreaches and radio ministry.
- 2. For the Women's Conference being held from April 15th to 17th in Buea.
- 3. For a mighty move of God during the *Times of Refreshing* hosted by Macedonia Baptist Church (MBC) from May 2nd to 11th.
- 4. For soft hearts and productive ministry across the globe during this season.
- 5. For comfort, renewal and restoration for those mourning or hurting around us.
- 6. For the HOIM board, and for all our partners around the world.
- 7. For the HOIM staff in Cameroon, as they plan and strategize.