

A Lasting Impact

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Your faith, prayers, and gifts continue to make a difference as we prepare to depart for Cameroon! As you read about our three-pronged approach to ministry in Cameroon, would you please prayerfully consider making a donation towards this trip? There is still time to give towards our mission and make a lasting impact on the church, pastors and families to whom we will minister!



Resourcing Pastors

Imagine preparing your next presentation at work using only scratch paper and a golf pencil. For many ministers in Cameroon, this scenario is a weekly reality as they use limited resources to preach the Gospel to their congregations. I never grow tired of hearing expressions of joy as these faithful men and women exchange children's Bibles held together with rubber bands for leather study

Bibles and Bible reference works brought from US soil to their hands by your gifts and prayers.

If you have gently used Bible study reference works gathering dust on your shelf, I humbly ask for you to consider boxing these resources up and sending them to us that we might bring them to grateful hands in Cameroon. Alternatively, a donation of \$55 supplies a pastor with a leather study Bible, \$110 provides a "Pastors set" of 4 reference works and study aids, and finally a gift of \$750 provides Bibles for all pastors, teachers, and elders in a local church.



Preparing Leaders

Imagine walking two days through the bush in order to attend a weekend Bible conference which is only possible to begin with because you slashed your grocery budget 50% for the month. Once you arrive at the conference, you sleep on the floor each night in order to attend all of the sessions as the hosting church

valiantly tries to fit 200 registrants into a space designed for 125.

Already, plans are underway to not only host large group church meetings and conferences covering topics such as child-raising, marriage, and pastoral skills but to also meet daily with ministry leaders for one-on-one discipleship. Through your generosity, GCI provides scholarships to pastors, lay leaders, and Bible students for whom attendance at these meetings would otherwise be financially impossible. On more than one occasion, conference registration has exceeded capacity of all local churches in the area; in these instances, GCI steps in and covers larger site rental fees so that none who desire to hear the Word of God preached would be turned away.

A gift of \$25 covers the travel expenses for a pastor of a rural church to attend a GCI conference while a <u>donation</u> of \$650 allows us to provide lunches free of charge during a day-long conference so that those who are spiritually fed might have their physical hunger assuaged as well. Lastly, a <u>donation</u> of \$2,500 allows GCI to host a one day Pastors' Conference at no cost to all attendees (includes travel scholarships, site rental, and meals for approximately 200 pastors, lay leaders, and their wives).



Jesus Christ Lifted Up

At the end of the day, the goal is always Jesus Christ lifted up as the Gospel of truth is unashamedly proclaimed. We eagerly baptize the repentant who proclaim a faith in Jesus Christ by His grace alone. We seek to build up the church through the preaching and teaching of God's holy, eternal, and inerrant written

Word. We exhort church leadership to submit to the Lordship of Christ as they diligently serve Him. And we thank God daily for your sacrificial <u>gifts</u> and faithful prayers which ever drive our ministry forward until the Lord returns or calls us home.

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2 Corinthians 4:1