

# Vincent and Mary Taniform

Bambali, North West Province, Cameroon, Africa

## OUR MINISTRIES IN THE RURAL COMMUNITIES

### THE WONDERS OF THE PROCLAIMERS.

Over the years, we have been experiencing God fulfilling His promise of Isaiah 49:6 (*.....I will also make you a light to the gentiles that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth*) by expanding our ministry both circumstantially and strategically into different contexts/settings in Cameroon. Today's spotlight will be on the following 3 rural communities.

#### 1. Abongshe area

- Abongshe is located at the outskirts of the North West Region and is characterized by very poor roads. Some parts of it is accessed by motor bikes, while most part of it can only be accessed on foot (by trekking). It consists of.....villages and some of them are several hours (and up to one day) of trekking apart. Internet is available only on a few mountains in the entire area and it takes about 4 hours of trekking for the pastor's house to where he usually goes in order to get online. The population is made up predominantly of rural nonreaders and are very open to the Gospel.
- The Ministry here is led by pastor Godlove (he has a seminary degree on missions), the wife and their 2 year old baby girl. He was recruited to the Navigator's Ministry by Pastor Nelson and subsequently, Mary and I came in to play the coaching and mentoring role in their lives. While in the seminary, Pastor Godlove developed a passion for the unreached nations of Cameroon and after his graduation in 2016, he has been serving in this community.
- Since his audience is predominantly the rural nonreaders, the most efficient strategy that he uses in communicating the Gospel is the Oral Learning strategy and some of the tools that he uses are the audio new testament bible (Recorded in the *Proclaimers*) and the Jesus film video, both in Cameroon Pidgin English language.
- How he raises leaders for the ministry: Since the villages are far apart, he moves to each of them, shares the gospel, recruits the seekers, establishes them in their faith and trains them on how to use the *Proclaimer*. Then he empowers them with one and sends them into their community. As a result, hundreds of people are responding to the Gospel.
- Here is an excerpt of one of my WhatsApp conversations with pastor Godlove. *"Happy new year sir. I arrived safely. I had an outreach to Babylon village and 52 people came to Christ via the Pidgin Jesus film projection. I handed another proclaimer there making 3 in that village."*



*Pastor Ankiambom Godlove, wife and son.*



*Church listening to the Gospel through Proclaimer*

## **2. Ngondzen Area**

Paul, based in Ngondzen, Kumbo, NW region, is primarily accountable to uncle Vincent and Uncle Julius Nsawir. His work involves reaching out to the rural indigenous people of Ngondzen and to villagers in Memfu (3km away), Kuvlu 1 (4km away), Kuvlu 2 (4km away) Nseh (2km away), Mboliv (3km away), Takijah (4km away) and Dom (40km away). He uses Orality to reach these people. In the past he used "Proclaimers" as a tool to bring the Gospel to the mostly oral learners. Being in one of the hot spot of an armed conflict between the Military and militia groups, Paul faces tremendous challenges reaching into the "Nso" clan. Please Pray for Paul & Precilia and their seven children: Cynthia, Joyce, Nathan, Nehemiah, Franka, Leota, and Hope as the Lord leads you.

## **3. Ndop Area (Louis and his team report)**

*"Our Villages Must Hear the Gospel", said one of the participants of the first phase of our rural mission said on last day of our training. Thank you so much for your prayers. The training was very successful and encouraging. We expected 70 participants from 13 Villages but we had 78 participants from 9villages. We were amaze to see the deep love these villagers have for God, walking distances of over 2hours on foot just to take part in the training.*

The participants were a good mixture of both elderly, young people and eight Pastors. It was encouraging to hear elderly people who can't read and write sharing the gospel and biblical truth. We ended the training with a movie projection on rural mission.

The participants collected an offering to support our transport and gave us foodstuffs as a sign of their appreciation.

They are all looking forward to the phase two of the training which will focus on how to use the audio Bible as a tool for discipleship in the rural area. We are pleading with you to join us in getting these audio Bible devices before the second training as from the 25 to 28 of June. These audio Bible's will facilitate their follow up and discipleship program with those who can't read and write. We will need about 100 audio Bibles so that each individual and church can have their own personal audio Bible to avoid people traveling over long distances to share a single audio Bible. We are trusting God to have these audio Bibles before the 25th of June.

The final phase, which will take place in August will be a two weeks mission outreach to six of these villages. This will be a great event, where our students on campus will join these participants in their villages for two weeks; sharing the gospel and serving the Villagers in anyway possible. We will need about 2500,000frs ( about 4500dollars) during this last phase for transportation, feeding, materials and gifts to villagers in these six projected villages. Some of these villages doesn't have electricity, which we need to buy petrol and rents other electronic for the various movies projections that will be taking place in all the villages during this last phase.

Please pray that the zeal to share the gospel in their villages will not die in the hearts of these participants. Also pray and join us in funds for this last phase of the mission outreach in August. May the Lord continue to bless you raising as you partner with us in your support and prayers.

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