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SPOTLIGHT FOR DOUALA CITY MINISTRY.

Our ministry focus for May was on visiting some key leaders and some ministry teams. We made two trips. The first one which lasted for 10 days took us through 3 Regions and to 8 different leaders and teams. The second one, which lasted for 2 weeks saw us through 3 Regions and 3 different places where we met other leaders. Our objectives were different with different individuals and teams. But with an overarching goal of helping the individuals to develop/review their perspectives to live and ministry 10 to 15 years down the road and for the teams, to build the dynamics for sustainable ministry in terms of growth and expansion.

Our focus was especially on the Douala city ministry team which we visited twice during the two trips. Douala is cosmopolitan in nature since it is the commercial capital of Cameroon. As a result, there is a constant influx of people from different cultural backgrounds. Equally Navigators across Cameroon from different background in terms of training and exposure also move and settle there. Consequently, the ministry team here is often made up of a mixed set of individuals with different charismas due to the different exposures that they have had and because of their different levels of training/maturity. As a result, many labourers could be very effective as individuals or lone rangers but there is often lark of team cohesion.

Our contribution therefore is to trust God to help the ministry team resolve this long historical complexity. We hope that this will happen if there is a practical functional structure which focuses on vision and alignment so that every labourer coming in from different ministry backgrounds to the Douala team should be able to identify and easily fit into the structure and be relevant. We are working on developing a 2 to 3 years plan of action that we hope will generate such a team structure.

Our 2 visits have been building towards this goal and we intend to visit more frequently to address issues on teamwork, vision, alignment, principles of bible interpretation, doctrines, character, missions and others.

People living in the city of Douala easily relocate to other places for other life opportunities. Please pray that as we develop this functional ministry structure, that it will be able to impact our laboures for further expansion of the ministry.

Our prayer is that God should grant us wisdom and wise counselling as we engage on developing individuals and teams for the advance of the gospel of Jesus and His kingdom into Cameroon and beyond (Isaiah 49:6).

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