

"Go into all the world and preach the good news..."  
(Mark 16:15)

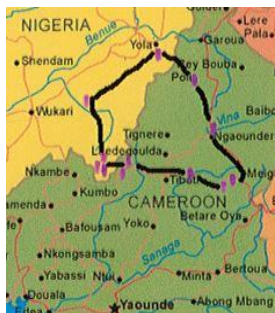
An update of the various  
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## The Ministry to the F\*Ibe People - Part Two

In last month's issue of *A MISSIONS MOMENT*, I introduced you to the outreach ministry to the world's largest semi-nomadic unreached people group. While these 30 million people are found in 17 West African countries, the work we are involved with is concentrated to a region in north-west Cameroon and east Nigeria, known as the Mambilla Plateau. Currently there are about 13 small villages within this region where the outreach efforts are being concentrated. The somewhat

oval-shaped ring on the map marks the area where these villages are located.



Several years ago the leadership of this small but faithful group of Christians launched an ambitious three-pronged ministry program, known as Nyalaande Hesre Dawn Initiative). Through these three initiatives (a) education (b) community development, and (c) evangelism, they seek to share the gospel of salvation with their people. It is often by demonstrating God's love through practical means that doors are opened for the gospel to be proclaimed.

Let me briefly highlight just two of the practical outreach efforts that are making a demonstrable impact for Christ among these F\*Ibe people:

### 1. Medical services

If we think wait times in our hospitals are too long, the people in these villages don't even have a hospital to go to or a doctor to consult. Thus a small medical clinic has recently been built and is providing basic services that were unheard of until now. But this did not just happen on its own. It required costly and proper training for a doctor and a nurse; it required the purchase of land where the clinic could be built; it required medical equipment and medications for the medical team to do their work. As you can appreciate, this required outside financial assistance.

And this is where we as God's people come in. While we as a church, as well as some other NAB churches and individuals are supporting this ministry in a limited way, the financial needs for maintaining this work are immense. Because of their limited resources, it will be years and years before the F\*Ibe people themselves will be able to support this service. For now, they desperately need our financial support.

### 2. Water projects

There is plenty of water in this area of Nigeria and Cameroon, but the problems are twofold: contamination and accessibility. For most African villagers, water is still taken from creeks and rivers that are subject to animal and human waste and diseases such as typhoid, cholera, amoebic dysentery, and hepatitis. And besides being filthy and polluted, these water sources are often located far from the villages and have to be manually carried from the source to the homes. This time-consuming work often falls to the children, which, in turn, limits the time they have for education.

Throughout these highlands, the simplest way to provide access to safe drinking water is to harness the numerous underground springs. This is done by building underground catchments and delivering pipe-borne, gravity-driven water to convenient access points in the villages. By while the solution is relatively easy, the construction costs are relatively high. Depending on the size of the community and the distance from the source, the average cost for one water project is about \$8,000, a totally unattainable amount for the local people. But with the help of God's people - you and me - bringing this fresh drinking water to a village often also opens the door for bringing the "living water" that Jesus offers to their thirsty souls.

### How can I help?

If you would like to help support these kinds of outreach projects, there is an official channel through which donations can be made (you'll receive an official tax receipt for your gift). If interested, please talk to me and I'll provide you with full details.

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