



# Open Kingdom

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*"The Kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed"*

Welcome to our 2009 newsletter, reporting on our work during the last 12 months

Since our last newsletter we are able to report that, working in partnership with our friends Paul & Justine Nchinde of MISEM, we have now installed a total of 29 wells in the mountainous western and north-western provinces of Cameroon, averaging out at around 10 wells per year so far - praise God!

Wells have now been completed in the following villages: Baligham, Bagham, Bambe, Bameka, Bangou, Ngadiwala, Nkonka, Ndonga, Ntah Ngo, Bameboro, Sonse, Mafongoh, Badeng, Batcham, Koupare and Njindoun.



Sponsors this year have included friends, family, strangers, Elton Primary School in Cheshire, Sheffield Park Academy (secondary school) in Sheffield, our former church congregation of St Owen's, Bromham together with the nearby St Mary's congregation in Oakley, and our current congregation, Charis Church here in Sheffield. We have sufficient funds to allow us to install another two wells, and a local Methodist Circuit has nominated us as their charity for this year which will allow us to continue this project into another year.

The latest wells to be installed are two in the village of Njindoun...

We have been unable to visit Cameroon this year but have been in regular contact with Paul & Justine to monitor the progress of the wells. It has been an eventful year for our friends, with an attempt made on Paul's life. Thankfully he was away from home at the time, but it was traumatic for Justine and the children, who were tied up while the would-be assassins searched for Paul.

We are considering the possibility of partnering with another ministry in Sheffield who work in Uganda, to sponsor the building of a school classroom in one of the villages.

So far we have been contacted by two charities in India, asking for support, but on further investigation these have turned out to be inappropriate. We remain open to supporting appropriate projects in other countries both in Africa and beyond, but we will always seek confirmation from known organisations before committing to a partnership.

We have been amazed and very blessed by the way people from all walks of life have supported our small project to bring clean water to villages in the poorest regions of Cameroon. We will continue to sponsor these wells, and other worthwhile projects, as long as funds keep coming in to provide for them.

One final piece of news to share: Vic was ordained on 25<sup>th</sup> September into Restoration Team Ministries, with whom we have worked for 14 years.



*Love*

*Vic and Di*

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*"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere."*

Mark 16:15