

CAMEROON LECTURESHIP CAMPAIGN

May 17th through 31st, 2017

Kumbo Christian Bible School, Nso'

In May 2017, Kumbo Christian Bible School, Nso' will celebrate its 28th Anniversary. At the suggestion of one of the Collinsville elders, we started an Annual "Scholarship" Lectureship in 2014, along the line of what Christian colleges do in the States. Graduates are asked to develop scholarly lectures, to be sent ahead of time and printed. This is scheduled after the rains have started, about six months between the rotating annual national campaigns. (Those are called "lectureships" in Cameroon, but are more evangelistic than those in the U.S.)

For the third Annual Scholarship Lectureship, we want to have a group of campaigners to come from the States, to take part and to work with surrounding congregations. This will be about 15 days, which we hope will be right after some students and teachers get out of school for the summer. There will also be opportunities to visit Paris, Brussels, Greece, or other places in Europe, on the way back, if you have the time and money!

The work of campaigners would include two Sundays with local congregations. There would be personal work with contacts, visiting backsliders, classes with members, and worship on two Sundays. Those who wish could be included as speakers on the Lectureship, including in the women's group of classes. Plenty of workers will be available to interpret, both for speaking and for local work. British English, Pidgin, and Lamnso' are our languages, but most of the graduates can understand American English well enough to "break" for you!

Logistics of the Campaign Travels

The proposed departure is Wednesday, May 17th, 2017. In past campaigns, travelers have gone from their own cities in the States to a Delta hub, such as Cincinnati or Atlanta. From there, groups travel overnight together to Paris for the last flight. Cheaper flights are now going with United (Chicago or Newark) and Brussels Airlines. The U.S. flight leaves in the evening and the last leg gets to Cameroon the next evening, Thursday. The return flight is on Tuesday, May 30th going out at 9:30 p.m.; to arrive in America on Wednesday.

The cost includes a round-trip ticket (around \$2,300), transportation, hotels, food, and extras, at least \$100 a day, (not including extra trips afterwards). The last man who visited got even cheaper tickets and only spent \$800 in ten days. Campaigners need to buy souvenirs, and also need small gifts for contributors. (A great option there is a \$25 cell phone packet, ready to go, with some credit.) The best way to send money is ahead of time through Collinsville with wire transfers, *plus* bringing \$100 bills, which get a better exchange rate.

A passport will be required, ready three months before the trip, by February. All of them will be sent to a visa service in Washington, the best way to get tourist visas. We will have to get your info early enough to get official letters from Cameroon. One shot is required, yellow fever. (Others may be recommended by that time, depending on what is happening in Cameroon.) Everyone will be taking malaria pills 4 weeks ahead of time, during the 2 weeks, and 6 weeks after. We take Daraprim every week and Janet (and our kids) has never gotten malaria, nor have any campaigners. Bring all your normal prescriptions and pain killers.

What to Bring and Plan For

Since we live at 5,200 feet and it will be in the middle of the rains, we recommend trousers (like Dickies), a couple of long sleeve shirts, five skirts or dresses for ladies, a windbreaker, a sweater, and anything else you need to stay warm. Good socks, T-shirts (not logo), etc. are needed for your comfort. If you are fond of umbrellas, you can bring a collapsing one, or buy one in Cameroon. I only use ball caps, to keep my glasses dry! If it is a normally wet year, expect 2 inches of rain a day, with cool evenings and early mornings, even though it is Africa. Please, no shorts for this campaign. **DISREGARD THESE INSTRUCTIONS AT YOUR OWN PERIL!** Of course, other parts of the country campaigners will be visiting are hot and some of our days in Nso' are very warm, so short sleeves are needed. No suits or sports jackets are recommended- too sweaty! One pair of track shoes and one pair of some kind of Sunday shoes are enough, but don't bring new or good ones- too much red mud!

A very nice digital camera with two zooms (optical and electronic) is recommended, especially if you are not going right back to the States on the 30th. We will ask each campaigner to bring some New Testaments for the campaign, plus some tracts. Each person will have one free 50 lbs. bag, for sure. Most of the time we are getting two free bags, although a second bag can be paid for, if necessary. We **DO** want you to bring some stuff for the work, and some gifts for helpers. The regulations on weight are harder going back than going to Cameroon, so one bag can be left behind. Sometimes, those traveling straight to the U.S. get a second bag free.

Post Campaign Options

Leaving together on May 30th, there is the possibility of staying in Paris or Brussels for a night or two, or staying in Europe even longer, especially if this a once-in-a-lifetime trip. Everybody will leave Douala together on Tuesday, May 30th, to fly out that night at 9:30, arriving in the States on Wednesday afternoon and evening. If you want to stay over in Europe after leaving Cameroon, you will have to decide and plan early!

Questions, Decisions, and Contacts

I hope to put this information on our website soon, www.keesincameroon.org. Our email is wpaulkee@aol.com. Our home phone is 901-386-9911, and cell phones are 618-365-0515 and 256-763-9101. Collinsville Church of Christ is at 1400 Troy Road, Collinsville, IL 62234-5146. Phone 618-667-6708. One preacher is Terry Mabery, one of the elders, who has been to Cameroon. Our financial man is Robert Patrich (he has also been) at 618- 407-9283.

Feel free to write and ask questions, without committing. We will have some suggestions about raising money and involving congregations. We will need final commitments by January 2017, ticket money, passports and shots by February, and final "meetings" by April, 2017. Please keep us in your prayers while we are in the States.

In His service,

W. Paul Kee