



NEWS



MARCH - 2018

In this Issue:

PENTECOST 2018: FIRST PART

- 02 - GHANA - EVANGELISM: WAD IN ACTION
- 03 - GRAND-BASSAM FOR CHRIST
- 04 - A HARVEST OF NEARLY 4,000 BAPTIZED
- 06 - GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE SUPPORT PENTECOST 2018

SOON COMING EVENTS:

- 07 - ALL AFRICA RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONGRESS AND FESTIVAL (AARLC)
- 08 - IMPACT WEEK OF PRAYER - APRIL 14-21, 2018
- 08 - WORLD MASS DISTRIBUTION DAY - APRIL 21, 2018
- 08 - TURBO CHARGED CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP FOR THE MASTER
- 08 - PATHFINDER CAMPOREE - WAD
- 09 - DYNAMIC FAMILY RELATIONS

PREVIOUS EVENTS:

- 10 - THE SECRETARIES ON THE BENCHES FOR THE NEW SYSTEM
- 11 - PINPOINTING LANGUAGES FOR MISSION
- 12 - PASTORS AND WIVES IGNITE THE FIRE
- 13 - THE EVALUATION THAT NURTURES THE SECRETARIAT



GHANA - PENTECOST 2018

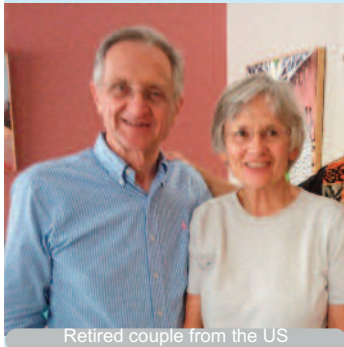
EVANGELISM: WAD IN ACTION

I believe that Pentecost is becoming a milestone in the history of WAD Church. Everywhere in the Division, we see leaders and church members involved in Pentecost 2018 evangelism activities. Not everyone preaches or sings, but they know how to distribute invitations, volunteer to prepare the audience, or take care of the sound system, welcome visitors etc...

In Ghana, I was able to witness this. In Kumasi, the Union leaders and church members worked hard together for the success of evangelism.

Some campaigns were done outdoors, and every day volunteers were assembling chairs, pulpits, sound systems, lights, and were making sure that everything was ready even after the event and well kept. And this was done every day and every night!

In Kumasi, I saw leaders from the General Conference, the Division, the Union and even Conferences preaching. I saw a retired elderly couple, who traveled on US account to preach in Ghana. I also saw a teenager, who came from the US as a volunteer preaching and bringing several people to God! This is Pentecost!



Retired couple from the US

For the first time in WAD's history, we broadcasted in live all the sermons preached by President Elie Weick around the world on internet. We had people listening to the preaching in different parts of the world, such as Germany, the United States, Brazil, and in several countries in Africa. Union President, Pastor Kwame Kwanin translated Pastor Weick's sermons in



Pr Koch and brother Harrison transmitting sermon online



Pr Elie Weick, WAD President preaching while Pr Kwame Kwanin is translating in Twi.

Twi, their local language.

I participated in the harvest baptism at Bantama Church in Kumasi. I have never baptized in as much as people in my life as I did on that day! People were coming from different places where pastors

and laymen preached. The majority of those who came to be baptized were young people despite the presence of old men. After about an hour baptizing people, I got out of the water, but different people continued the baptism until the night, and more than a thousand were baptized on that day!



Ongoing baptism in Kumasi



Ongoing baptism in Cape Coast



Ongoing baptism in Cape Coast

Praise God for this great opportunity. Together, we can preach the gospel and save lives for Christ! Congratulations to the Leaders and Members for their total involvement in this initiative called "**Pentecost 2018!**"

WAD Editors

CÔTE D'IVOIRE - PENTECOST 2018 GRAND-BASSAM FOR CHRIST

The district six like other districts of Abidjan and its surroundings was involved in the ongoing Pentecost 2018 activities. For this occasion, all the churches of the district, (Port-Bouët, Gonzaque-Ville and Grand-Bassam) invaded Quartier Phare of Grand-Bassam, inviting people to come to a grand rendez-vous of salvation.

From the 10-24 February 2018, the city of Grand-Bassam witnessed a great event of another dimension: Pentecost 2018 or the proclamation of the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Before the beginning of this evangelistic campaign, members of the three churches of the district went throughout the city of Grand-Bassam to prepare the ground before the preaching starts. Pastor Kingsley Anonaba, Executive Secretary of the West-Central Africa Division, under the control of the Spirit of God announced to the population that came to listen to him, the three Angels' Message which calls them to "Come out of her (Babylon), my people, that you have no participation in her sins, and that you don't receive of her plagues."

For 14 days, the Pastor gave the necessary tools that help walking justly with God running away from the corruption that reign in the world.



Pr Anonaba K., praying with some candidates



From left to right: Pr Baka P., the Côte d'Ivoire Conference President translating Pr Anonaba K., WAD Executive Secretary.

On Saturday, February 24, before more than 250 people who gathered, the preacher invited them to take into serious the message he came to deliver. Thus, to those who answered the altar call, he has this to say: "You are of the family of God, because He doesn't know those who are out and do not want to come in, who refuse His Word, who do not listen to His Word, and who do not believe in the Gospel."

From 2 texts selected from the book of Matthew 13 and 12 related to the Sower and who are Christ's parents, the Pastor admonished his listeners to come to Christ without delay.

Pasteur Kingsley was supported in this task by the President of the Côte d'Ivoire Conference, Pasteur Paul Baka and the district Pastor, Pastor Grah Michel. This campaign ended up with the baptism of 39 new souls. One of the converts, Mr. Ferdinand Koffi, full of joy said that: "I am very happy because God gave me the grace to be baptized. This is the time I have waited for. I will do all my possible best to depend on God for more blessings."



Pr. Michel Grah baptizing in Grand-Bassam

Praise God for this great opportunity. Together, we can preach the gospel and save lives for Christ! Congratulations to the Leaders and Members for their total involvement in this initiative called "**Pentecost 2018!**"

WAD Editors

CAMEROON - PENTECOST 2018: A HARVEST OF NEARLY 4,000 BAPTIZED

The vow of these precious souls came at the end of a series of biblical messages delivered from January 28 to February 17, 2018 on a little over 4,000 sites in Cameroon.

The entire Adventist Church in Cameroon combined the efforts for this result to the glory of God. The choice is made. The Pentecost 2018 harvest campaigns will be preceded by acts of community service and charity. On that line, ADRA Cameroon, the Evangelism and Health Departments of the Cameroon Union Mission organized a " *Health Mobile Clinic*" to provide diverse care to the landlocked populations of Elat in the Central region and Zoguella in the East. Several specialists have joined the caravan: cardiologists, ophthalmologists, dentists, gynecologists, laboratory technicians and nurses.

During field operations, the medical team encountered a desperate case. A father was out of breath. His daughter Edima Géneviève, who was victim of burns, must go back home and wait for the end. In right time, as a ray of hope, the team provided spiritual, clinical and financial support. Today God has brought Géneviève back to normal life and given a smile to her father and the whole Elat village. The father recognizes that "*the Seventh-day Adventist is a blessing.*"

A few days later, the mobile clinic team discovered a newborn baby thrown in a plastic package in the bush. God directed the care and the child was saved from the ants that had attacked his face. The eyes have been spared. The emotions were visible. The name of God has been glorified. And the miraculously saved baby is left in the care of the Elat Medical Center for investigative purposes.

This preparation made it possible to launch the final phase of preaching on a total of 4,093 sites including 3,482 small groups and 611 public sites. These campaigns were held in House porches and lounges, public spaces and temples. The Young and the old, the men and the women, all contributed with constant efforts.



Ps. Udoh-ENUC President, addressing the audience. Standing at the back, Ps. Elie Weick-Dido and Ps. Same, respectively President and Evangelism Coordinator - WAD.

In addition to the local preachers, support came from the headquarters of the West-Central Division with Dr. Nda André, Pastor Selom Sessou and Sister Stella Love Drah who were in Yaoundé. Besides, Pastor Hensley Mooroooven, Associate Secretary

at the General Conference, shared the message in Yaounde. It was a beautiful and uplifting experience. Sister Stella can testify : "*I felt blessed as every evening I could share God's Word. The people were blessed and grateful to God for the simple yet deep the presentations.*"

A remarkable joy animated the hearts of these 3,741 people who decided to follow Jesus. Here are the details from the various fields in Cameroon:

***North Cameroon Conference - 1,251
Central-South Cameroon Conference - 1,002
West Cameroon Conference - 70
Adamaoua Conference - 180
East Cameroon Conference - 892
Benoue Mission - 346***

This covenant with Jesus Christ has brought great joy. A thousand candidates are on the waiting list for baptism in the near future. The challenge of holding these harvest campaigns was met. Almost the entire Cameroon territory had been cordoned off.



Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu Abia State Governor



Church members assembled for the campaign launching

Pastor Meting Jean Pourrat, CMUM Evangelism director said: "Once again God has led us through. We can still do better than this to the Glory of God." The mobilization of the members for the "Total Membership Involvement" concept can be improved.

The Adventist Church in Cameroon has just brought its statistics to about 108,000 members in nearly 1,500 churches and groups (After FX). Keeping those members inside the sheepfold is a real challenge that has to be addressed. As Pastor Assembe Valere, president of CMUM put it: "by involving every newly baptized member in missionary and community activities we will make strong disciples committed to prayer and Bible studies."

The 163 pastors called to minister to the members had just ended a spiritual retreat under the coordination of the couple Jerry and Janet Page from the General Conference. It was all about rekindling the flame so that the authentic experience of the early Church can be reproduced. That was a beautiful conclusion of Pentecost 2018 in Cameroon. It really rained.

Abraham BAKARI
Director of Communication (CMUM)

WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION PATHFINDER CAMPOREE



August 13 - 18, 2018 in Abidjan - Côte d'Ivoire



Difficult separation, the late Odonkor's body on the way to the cemetery

The Southern Ghana Union Conference is hosting a team of 18 preachers from the Greater New York Conference, USA, who are in Ghana for the Pentecost 2018 campaign.

The team, led by its Executive Secretary, Dr. Alanzo Smith and Treasurer, Dr. Ebenezer Agboka, arrived on Friday, February 16, 2018, and will preach on 13 Public campuses and 5 community sites within the Southern Ghana Union Conference.

Welcoming them the President of the Union, Pastor Thomas Techie Ocran noted the sacrifice they had made to come to Ghana to support the evangelistic programme.

Dr. Smith said the Greater New York team was equally excited to be in Ghana and were hopeful that the Lord will bless their efforts with baptisms.

Other members of the delegation include:
Dr. Jose Joseph, Dr. Andy Lee Lagredelle, Neil Anthony Turner, Dr. Gregory A. Carol, John Kam Hong Lee,



Dr Alanzo Executive Secretary of the Conference

Pierre Elie Omelet, Dr. Reginald Rouzier Barthelmey, Burnett Lenroy Robinson, Gregory Melbourne, Dr. Metellus Pierre Odillis, Dr. Lesly Jacques, Eddly Bonnard Benoit, Dr. Milton G. Gregory, Dr. Henry and Lilian Michel, and Oriel Thomas.

Solace Yawa Asafo
Communication Director
Southern Ghana Union Conference - Accra



Dr Alanzo Executive Secretary of the Conference

SOON COMING EVENTS:

3RD ALL AFRICA CONGRESS



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

and the

Building of
a Tolerant and
Peaceful Continent

Save the Date

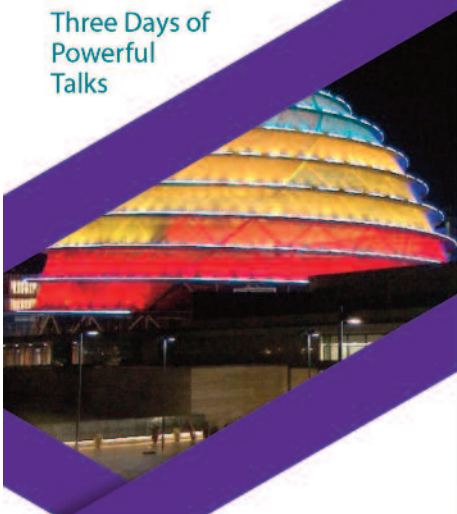
September 13-15,
2018
Kigali, Rwanda

www.aarla.org



3RD ALL AFRICA CONGRESS

Three Days of
Powerful
Talks



You are invited at the Kigali convention center in the beautiful country of a thousand hills, Rwanda

Join 1000 religious liberty leaders, public officials, academicians and lawyers from all over Africa for the 3rd All Africa Religious Liberty Congress and festival

Know before you go

Dates

September 12, - Arrival and registration
September 13,15, 2018- 3rd All Africa Congress
for Religious freedom

Registration

Online registration opens September 1,2017
at Your Local Church
Early discounted registration by 30th April 2018
is US\$ 300 per person.
Late registration by 30th June 2018 is US\$ 340
per person.
Registration closes June 30, 2018

Package Costs

- › Airport transport picking and dropping
- › Use of convention centre
- › Facilitation
- › Daily drop and pick up to the convention center
- › 10 Am snack
- › Lunch
- › 4 Pm snack
- › Genocide sites tour

Specially discounted daily room rates starting from
US\$80 - US\$149 for single

Sponsors

All Africa Religious Liberty Association, in collaboration with the
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department of the Seventh-day
Adventist Church in Africa

Why should I attend?

Hear continental renowned speakers and experts
and choose from a broad range of breakout groups
available in English, French, Arabic, Portuguese and
Swahili

Engage with an issue that has become increasingly
urgent within today's geopolitical landscape:

**'Religious Freedom: Hope for Building a Tolerant and
Peaceful Continent**

Participate in a vibrant continental religious liberty
festival with over 30,000 participants

Visit the Rwanda genocide memorial sites

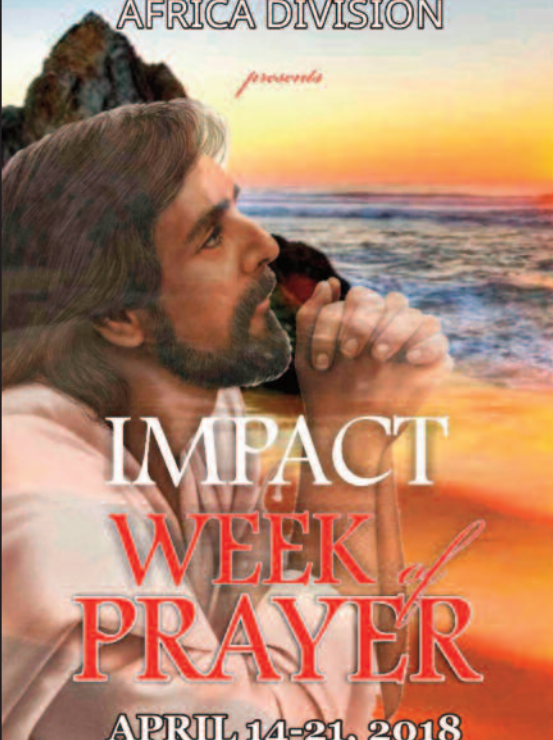
Speakers

You will listen to variety speakers drawn from the
International Religious liberty Association, African
Union, African Ambassadors in Rwanda, Legal
experts, top academicians, religious liberty experts
from across faiths, human rights experts from all
over Africa and the middle East.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

**WEST-CENTRAL
AFRICA DIVISION**

presents



**IMPACT
WEEK of
PRAYER**

APRIL 14-21, 2018

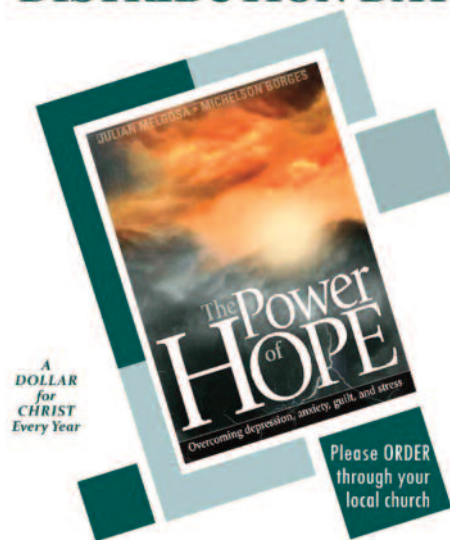
To download the reading material, visit www.wad-adventist.org or contact your Publishing Director



Seventh-day Adventist Church

APRIL 21, 2018

**WORLD MASS
DISTRIBUTION DAY**



2018
WORLD MISSIONARY BOOK

Church Leaders, Pastors & Elders shall organize, promote & mobilize churches for mass distribution of this Missionary Book



DOWNLOAD



West - Central Africa Division

**Division - wide
Children's Ministries
Convention
2018**



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES**



Turbo Charged
Children's Leadership
for the Master

From August 26 to September 2, 2018
in Abidjan - Côte d'Ivoire





ADVENTIST PAN-AFRICAN
CONFERENCE ON

Dynamic **FAMILY RELATIONS**



When:
Thursday 1st to
Sabbath 3rd, March 2018

Where:
Adventist University of Africa,
Advent Hill, Kenya

Who:
For African Divisions: Union Presidents and
Union Directors of Family Ministries

HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration will take place through your Division Department of Family Ministries

ECD



East-Central Africa Division
Dr. Musa Mitekaro
mitekaro@ecd.adventist.org

SID



Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
Dr. Kagelo Rakwena
rakwenak@sid.adventist.org

WAD



West-Central Africa Division
Pastor Stephen Bindas
Bindas8@yahoo.com

NOTE:
Please check to make sure
you know the requirements
to enter Kenya.

PLEASE KEEP THIS CONFERENCE IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR GOD TO BLESS THE FAMILIES OF AFRICA IN A SPECIAL WAY



East-Central Africa Division
Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
West-Central Africa Division



PREVIOUS EVENTS:

CAMEROON - ACMS

THE SECRETARIES ON THE BENCHES FOR THE NEW SYSTEM

Nearly 30 people have been trained in the use of the Church management system

tool. It was from February 12 to 14, 2018 in Yaoundé under the coordination of the secretariat of the West-Central Africa Division (WAD).

The Adventist Church Management System (ACMS) is adopted at the WAD. According to Pastor Selom Sessou, assistant Secretary and one of the facilitators, *"the Cameroon Union Mission is the first among other Union in WAD to take this training."*

The expertise was in place that February 12, 2018 in the morning: pastor Selom Sessou, sister Stella Love Drah, elder René Kamonou from Côte d'Ivoire and elder Owusu Baffouk, ACMS specialist from Ghana. They put the package to pass on all the necessary knowledge for the implementation of the new Church membership management system. Obviously, it was necessary to imbibe the very principles of



Part of Novo Tempo Team (from Brazil)

After three days of intense sessions, it was a success. Pastor Espoir

Pergamine, Secretary of the Adamaoua Conference said, *"This program will revolutionize the statistics of the Church and will allow us to work better"*. Pastor Issa Babba, Secretary of the North Cameroon Conference, shared the same view: *"With this tool we will be able to better establish the administration."*

Subsequently one of the trainers, Pastor Sessou, reassured: *"It has been a great success. The expected participants came. The essentials have been given. The most important thing is that they have mastered the use of the software that will help us to better manage our membership."* The ACMS experts still bear the mission of anchoring to the new system the eight other Unions in WAD.



Novo Tempo first transmission (Guinea-Bissau)



Novo Tempo first transmission (Guinea-Bissau)

Abraham BAKARI
Director of Communication (CMUM)

CAMEROON PINPOINTING LANGUAGES FOR MISSION



Elder Clyde Morgan and Delegates on training session

The Adventist Mission coordinators from the General Conference (GC) and the West-Central Africa Division (WAD) worked on this with their collaborators from the fields of Cameroon from February 5 to 8, 2018 in Yaounde.

A dozen people responded to the invitation. The mission of the Church is at the center of the initiative of this seminar. It took place at the headquarters of the initiative of this seminar. It took place at the headquarters of the Cameroon Union Mission (UMCM) under the leadership of Elder Clyde Morgan, Head of the Adventist Mission at the GC and Elder Kassoule Zakari, his collaborator at WAD. The latter explained the quintessence of their work in the unions within the WAD territory. *"Through the map of the country and the information we receive from the coordinators, we identify the different languages not yet penetrated by the Gospel and the different strategies to reach them. We also try to pinpoint the priority places for evangelism. Then we attempt to see the emerging languages and finally we identify the places where the work is already established. After all these, we would find adequate strategies to progress."*

At the end of the exercise, Pastor Kassoule made these remarks: "So far so good and people are collaborating to advance our work." Four Unions have already been visited: the two unions of Ghana, the Eastern Sahel Union in Togo and the Cameroon Union. Pastor René Juiliard, coordinator of the Adventist Mission in the Far North Cameroon Conference, expressed his satisfaction: "It is a very informative exercise and it will really inspire us in the planning of our evangelism efforts to reach the maximum of languages and peoples."



Family photo of delegates

The work will continue in the other five WAD Unions until March 2018. By that time, all the necessary data should be gathered that will help redefine strategies to influence the non-penetrated territories or languages.

Abraham BAKARI
Director of Communication (CMUM)

CAMEROON - PASTORAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT PASTORS AND WIVES IGNITE THE FIRE

They were more than 400 from the whole Cameroon who gathered around the couple

Jerry and Janet Page from the Ministerial Association at the General Conference. Meetings were held from February 14 to 17, 2018 in Yaounde.

The theme "***Ignite the Fire: Living the Authentic Acts Experience***" is revealing at the end of the Pentecost 2018 campaign. The servants of God took up quarters in a remote corner of the city of Yaoundé, at the Vallée verte complex. It offers a calm and quiet place with accommodation on site. The complete logistics was also ensured.

This is the second national retreat in Cameroon. After that of Nanga Eboko in 2017, pastors and shepherds can still benefit from the insightful lessons taught. The couple Jerry Page and Janet Page, accompanied by Pastor Daniel Opoku-Boateng, Ministerial Association Secretary of the West-Central Africa Division, spared no effort to make the most of their experiences.



Pastor Jerry Page Teaching



Pastor Opoku-Boateng Teaching

They pulled up the service model so as to introduce it to their fellow colleagues.

Shepherdess International Janet Page was interviewed by the media at the end of this spiritual retreat at Djoungolo 2

about the contribution of such a meeting in a partly troubled Cameroon. She answered that "*the message is to focus on drawing people to Jesus Christ. Then people will love each other and unite.*" They mostly came to share the passion for prayer and for fellowship. These characteristics of the early church must be seen today. Pastor Jerry Page did not fail to thank the organizers of this retreat for the good conduct of workshops and teachings. In the afternoon, an extended meeting with church elders and their wives, deacons and deaconesses was held at the Seventh-day Adventist Tem-



Pastor Opoku (left) - Jerry and Janet Page couple

ple of Djoungolo 2. The Page couple urged participants to rekindle this flame of prayer. A retired pastor, Menguewe Amos, from the Far North Cameroon, said, "*It's a total success. Such meetings must be frequently organized.*"

Abraham BAKARI
CMUM Communication



The team from the General Conference (GC) and the West-Central Africa Division (WAD) examined the copy of the Cameroon Union Mission on February 5 and 6, 2018 in Yaounde. That was the very first experience.

The atmosphere is apprehensive because it is the first time for many participants. The secretariat evaluation and nurture started well in the morning of February 5, 2018. Twenty people met for the session.

On the first side, the team members were composed of the two associate secretaries of the GC, John Thomas and Hensley Mooroooven; the WAD secretary, Kingsley Anonaba with the two assistant secretaries, Stella Love Drah and Selom Sessou; and four other members. Then on the other side, the interviewees included the president and the treasurer of the Cameroon Union Mission (CMUM) as well as some departmental and institution directors. And besides, four observers were invited. From the beginning, John Thomas, Associate Secretary at the General Conference clarified the purpose of such an exercise in the life of the organization. Reports of poor documentation management and challenging access to the Church information around the world have fueled. This initiative. It is not going to be about attacking someone's position, but rather building the structural and functional capacity of the secretariat by reviewing the practices. And then some recommendations will be made for more effective and efficient service.

The first day of the interviews provided an insight into the functioning of the secretariat, of its weaknesses and strengths. Using two questionnaires, the Executive Secretary and his department were fully evaluated. From spiritual qualities and professional skills to the interpersonal and administrative skills, a triple evaluation was conducted. The first evaluation was submitted before the session: the Executive Secretary online self-assessment. The second evaluation before the session was submitted online by the interviewees. And the third evaluation was collective.

The second day made it possible to touch the secretariat service environment. The visit of the offices and the new documentation center revealed that CMUM is a good student. Indeed, in December 2017, the two assistant secretaries of the WAD, Selom Sessou and Stella Love Drah trained the secretariat team and coached the implementation of the reforms. A state-of-the-art fire-proof equipment has been purchased and all archives are tidy and safe from paper-damaging factors such as moisture and light.

The CMUM secretary, Yenge Yenge Yenge Isaac could express his appreciation: *"our administration is integrated and is now tied to the professionalism drive."* As a result of this assessment, the WAD Secretary, Anonaba Kingsley said:



CMUM Secretariat Evaluation Family picture

"it was a wonderful exercise. Today we can see the Division personnel and the Secretariat are results-oriented, well focused and Cameroon has taken a stand to claim professionalism."

The head of this evaluation mission, the GC Associate Secretary, John Thomas expressed his satisfaction: *"We have had an enjoyable time here at the Cameroon Union Mission. And through God's grace, we have found that things are in order and are moving ahead to a higher level of professionalism for which we are very grateful".* The mission of preaching the Gospel was at the rendezvous. After the rough hours of the day, Hensley Mooroven, Selom Sessou and Stella Love Drah regained the various sites where they had to share the Word of God in the context of Pentecost 2018. The heart of the Secretariat in Cameroon can normally beat.

By
Abraham BAKARI
CMUM Communication

LAST WADNEWS:

JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 2018



FRENCH



ENGLISH

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 2017



FRENCH



ENGLISH

WADNEWS Staff: Editor: Irineo Koch - Communication Director; Assistant Editor: Bollet Zahi Nestor; Infographe: Ouattara Hyacinthe, Proofreader: Moussoh, Pierre; Ps. Bindas, Stephen.

WAD - Rue du Belier Lot 10, 22 BP 1764 Abidjan 22, Côte d'Ivoire.
E-mail: wadnews@wad.adventist.org / Website: www.wad.adventist.org

WADNEWS is an information bulletin issued by the communication departement of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the West-Central Africa Division. You are free to re-print any portion of the bulletin without the need for special permission. However, we kindly request that you identify WAD-NEWS whenever you publish these materials.