



Project REDEMPTION

'Sharing hope in the French Speaking World'

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26: 18

Bonjour!

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In September of 2009, Emmanuel Bile Okeke was, at first, simply one face in a crowd of men who attended training for church leaders in Sangmélina, Cameroon. Soon, his was one of a few that distinguished themselves from the rest. I still remember Emmanuel's reaction when asked if he would be willing to relocate his family to Yaoundé for training. "What?! This is what I am been praying for. I don't have to think about my answer. How could I do anything else? Yes, I want to come and do that."

In the years to follow, Emmanuel accomplished a number of things for which we give all the praise to our Lord Jesus Christ:

- He formally separated from the group he had associated with previously.
- Working with Damien Owona, he began a church plant in the Nsam Quarter of Yaoundé.
- He finished a Bachelor's degree in excellent form.
- He was accepted by BIBM as an associate missionary with Project Redemption.
- He enrolled the aid of another student to share in and take over the leadership of the Nsam church after Damien finished school and went to Gabon to establish a different work.
- Continuing on to complete Master's program, he maintained the Nsam work while mentoring a young man from Sangmélina and working with him to evangelize a group of people who are now ready to form a new church.

Next month, by the grace of God, Emmanuel will move his family to Sangmélina to begin their ministry in a rented house. Through a series of events, God has revealed His will that we seek to purchase a plot of land squarely in the main quarter of Sangmélina and construct a building for the Biles to live in as well as continue the work. As Emmanuel and I prayed about this and sought wise counsel, the determination was made that if God would give us peace and would touch the hearts of His people to give to purchase the land, we would move in that direction. Within two weeks, I went to Calgary, Alberta and presented this burden to three pastors who immediately responded in a stunning manner. Two churches raised \$2684 (Canadian) to purchase the land (this may be enough to complete the land purchase) and a third has challenged the church he serves to give toward the construction and to join with us in prayer that God would provide all the needed funds. Praise the Lord! We look forward to His provision and direction in a ministry destined to changed lives for eternity.

Sincerely,

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