



# Mission of Hope

Quarterly Newsletter for April, May and June 2023



**Greetings to you all from Mission of Hope located in the east region of Cameroon commonly referred to as the land of the “Rising Sun” it is always a wonder when one is opportune to watch the sun rising majestically in all its glow and power early in the morning, sending its beautiful rays across the horizon, shining with dazzling brightness as it affirms the breaking of a new day**

In the past 3 months our mission continued with: -

- Education
- Dignity for Every Girl Program
- Feeding of the children
- Combating Malaria
- Spreading of the good news
- Our Farm
- Maintenance



Bringing Hope to Communities:

Etoile’s mother said “ All our community members especially the children have hope for a brighter and a better tomorrow and we can confidently dream about our children doing better and becoming greater”

**Here are some important events or accomplishments that have taken place in the past t**

## Education



This quarter has been very crucial in our school as it marks the months that precedes the national entrance exams into middle school. The teachers and the children including some parents all stepped up their commitment towards success by being more organized, more disciplined, better time management and healthcare.



The new headteacher of Mission School of Hope Molobo Mr. Aleokakol Jean Bedel said they come to school as early as 6am to help children who need to catch up with lessons and come on Saturdays to have classes with the of the examination class.

At the Owens Family Campus, it is the first time they will be sitting for the national entrance exams into middle

school so the teachers and the children work extremely hard to give the school a good name through their performance at the exams. What is peculiar about this class is that they are all girls and no boy in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



Another high moment we faced in school was the visit of the regional delegate of basic education of the east region to our school. He was impressed with all that was going on in school and he encouraged the teachers and management to keep up the good job. He was really amazed to find this quality of schools in the heart of the jungle



The regional delegate of education visited all the classrooms accompanied by the headteacher



Beatrice with the regional delegate during the working session in school

## Dignity for Every Girl Program

Poverty steals choices from children.

At Mission of Hope, we are intentional in our mission to bring hope to communities and it is in addressing the challenges and plight of the young girls that we created The Dignity For Every Girl Program



I am Maeva, 15 years of age. I live in a village miles away from the school. My parents have always lived on hunting and never had the opportunity to go to school since there were no schools in their days. They did not even see the need for me going to school but I love school and I have always believed what Papa Charles Sagay tells us that education can change our lives and transform our families.

Over the years, I never imagined to get to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, as I used to always absent from school because of my monthly period. After absents from school, I came back after my period was over and I was always confused and frustrated as I could neither understand the lessons nor catch up with the others. I was already resolved to abandon school and continue with the idea that subsistent farming is the ultimate means of survival and finding of livelihood. Though I knew other children were attending school in my village and succeeding especially boys, most of the time I cried at night and I wondered why God made me a girl, I really hated the fact that I was a girl due to my enormous challenge in dealing with menstrual

issues. I had already dropped out of school and one Monday, when my father was sick and the family decided to stay at home, a childhood friend of mine informed me that there was going to be distribution of some things in school the following day but she had no idea what it was. I decided to go to school very early the following day, and to my greatest surprise I received the gift that changed my life, brought me back to school, restored my dreams, turned my world around and gave me confidence and great sense of importance, this was 2 years ago and I am now in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and very proud to be a girl. That memorable day, I received 2 packets containing 6 packets of sanitary pads each making 12 packets to use for one year and 7 underwear. All my problems were solved and we have been receiving these gifts since that day.

*My dreams that were dead came alive through Dignity for Every Girl Program. I am now looking forward to going to middle school when I pass my exams.*

### **Spreading The Good News**

Easter was a time where many took on baptismal classes and more than 15 persons were baptized , over the years we have witnessed more and more persons accepting Jesus as their Lord and savior and continue to fellowship in our missionary church. We are grateful to God and for all our partners for the light that has come into our community which has been so instrumental in transforming lives positively.



**We will always be thankful to God for Rev. Charles Sagay who has taught us by his lifestyle “who a missionary is “ and he has raised so many missionaries who are effectively serving God, winning souls and transforming communities. God indeed needs just 1 person who says Yes to His calling and His will.**

## Health

As part of disease burden reduction among mothers and new-borns, the program focuses on the prevention and treatment of malaria. Different activities were accomplished during this quarter, including awareness creation sessions involving 2,000 households, training of 30 schoolteachers and training of 40 community leaders on the importance of preventing malaria and methods of prevention at home. This training contributed to an increase in the number of households that have not been sick in the community. We also noticed a drop in the usage of mosquito tents on the farms instead of sleeping under it to prevent mosquito bites and malaria. It's a gradual process but we will keep on sensitizing the community.

**We have 5% increase in the number of families who now sleep in mosquito tents instead of using it to protect vegetables and dried cassava like others do**



## Feeding the Children



Lunch time in school does not only prevent hunger but has become one of the major drives for children to come to school.

Marie Divine's mother said Divine can hardly miss school even on days when she is not feeling well, she would always hurry to school because of the lunch time.





### Our Farm

Our Pepper farm is doing fine and we just got our 2<sup>nd</sup> harvest, we are making sure the farm is purely organic and healthy. Our plan is to put a dehydrator and the grinder on the farm to ease the transformation process from pepper fruits to ground dry pepper for cooking and table use.



**Thousands of community members continue to benefit from our water supply, water is Life!!!**



Mr. Raphael says he comes to school 2 times a week to fetch drinking water for his family and he keeps the water jealously. Ever since his family started drinking water from Mission School of Hope, they have not suffered from any waterborne disease. He used the opportunity to express his heartfelt gratitude to all the partners and staff of mission school of Hope for the love and care for us and our entire community.

## **Maintenance**

**Our hand pump for our water system in Molobo had a breakdown for a week but we thank God we were able to repair the pump. It was one week of severe difficulties on our community members as they could not get clean water.**

## **Challenges the mission has faced in the past three months:**

We have faced the following challenges

Continuous rise in the prices of almost everything

Difficulties with processing the pepper

Lack of light at night in school to help children read. We plan to install solar lights on poles in our 2 campuses to help children and teachers do their homework and also to reduce the darkness at night.

## **Plans to drop established projects or programs:**

No plans to drop established projects

## **Discuss any plans for new projects or programs:**

Solar panels on poles on our schools

Processing unit for our pepper

## **Thank you**

On behalf of Mission of Hope, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and generous contributions towards our mission. Your dedication and commitment is making a significant impact on the lives of our children and the entire community. Together we are transforming lives and creating a better future for all through the hope we bring in Christ Jesus.

SIGNED BY HEAD OF MISSION:

*Charles Sagay*

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