



The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada

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Update on the Cameroon clinic project for affordable healthcare

Cameroon, on the Gulf of Guinea, is a Central African country of varied terrain and wildlife. Its inland capital is Yaoundé, and its biggest city, the seaport Douala.

ARDFC has committed **C \$ 85,000** to the Diocese of Cameroon for the construction of a health clinic to be named the Anglican Help Clinic. 48,000 peoples' lives will be impacted. Cost per beneficiary is very low at C \$1.70. We have already raised and transferred C \$ 65,000. This has enabled the Diocese to start construction which is expected to be finished by the end of this year.



We need to raise another C \$ 20,000 by the end of June to assure continued

construction. Who can give? Who can pray?



This wonderful medical facility will provide outpatient services, hospital rooms, medical equipment and dispensing of medicine. The facility will include an outpatient department, diagnostic center, pharmacy, 12 hospital beds, and a surgical theater.

The diocese will also ensure that patients and their families hear about God, the ultimate healer, through the care provided by Christian health professionals and in the theater. The diocese under Bishop Dibo Elango will provide oversight of the project, which will be managed as a separate ministry with its own financial accounting. The diocese is providing the land.



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Thailand Boarding House Programme for Externally Displaced Karen Children

Many of us take for granted the freedom to travel and freedom to work. Others have



learned to take for granted that they are unable to do so. Thousands of refugees from Myanmar have lived confined to the camps in Thailand for over 30 years. Although refugee camps are hardly natural places to live, thousands have been born in the camps and never left. For the vast majority of them, the only way of life they have ever known is one forced to be dependent on outside

assistance. As other refugee situations have had media attention, the plight of this group has largely fallen off the radar.

The Anglican Church in Thailand (part of the diocese of Singapore) has for many years



been working with the Karen Anglican Ministry at the Border among the refugees. This ministry operates 6 boarding houses. The students live and study here. They come from villages and within Myanmar will only see their families on school holiday. Some are orphans, others are from poor families who cannot support their schooling. This is where the Anglican Church provides them with

accommodation, food and caring in Christ's love.

The Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver has supported the boarding house programme for many years. This is about food, shelter and education. It is now facilitated through ARDFC. This is a wonderful story where a parish has brought this project to ARDFC, then made a commitment to take on the full amount. The whole congregation has rallied around the project and is raising the full amount of C \$ 40,000 over a period of 25 months. **Thank you Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver.**

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A message from Bishop Charlie Masters, Chair ARDFC

My dear friends,

It is truly wonderful that by making a gift to ARDFC we can actually help care for literally thousands of people in Cameroon who desperately need a health clinic. These dear people, it is likely we may never meet but God knows them and loves them and we can help them by our gift, given in Jesus name.

It is wonderful to know that because of the \$65,000 already given, the construction of this Anglican Help Clinic is already well on the way.

But we must raise a final \$20,000 in order to complete the project and thus make medical care available. Our deadline to keep things going is to raise the \$20,000 by the end of June/2018.

Please consider sending a special gift this May or June to enable us to complete this medical facility. Your prayer is always needed.

We can be sure that your generous gift and prayer will be a great help in causing the Anglican Help Clinic to be built and certainly will lead to much thanksgiving to God.

“For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:12) Partnering with Bishop Elango and the Diocese of Cameroon we can know all those cared for and their families will hear about the Lord Jesus and be given the opportunity to come to know him.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and your ongoing support. It is a great honour to be partners with you in this important ministry.

Every Blessing,

+Charlie

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Did you know that.....

- All ARDF projects are approved by the ARDF Global Trustees only <https://ardf.org/our-leaders>
- ARDF has vision trips. There are upcoming trips to Ghana, Nepal and Brazil <https://ardf.org/vision-trips>
- ARDFA stands for ARDF Australia
- Work is in progress on establishing ARDF Kenya and ARDF Egypt
- ARDF Canada has a new website <http://www.ardfc.ca>
- Churches are adding ARDFC as a line item into their annual budget
- The Cuba project of providing a vehicle for the diocese is already generating income for the diocese in an effort to make it self-sufficient http://www.ardfc.ca/pdf/ARDFC_newsletter_0218.pdf
- ARDF Canada has no paid staff and all work is done by volunteers.
- ARDF Canada is looking for 2 additional board members. Email info@ardfc.ca for more information.

Luke 4:38-40

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

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