



# Cameroon

## Africa in Miniature

Cameroon has it all. Beautiful mountains, forests, deserts and broad tropical savannahs. Colorful people speaking more than 270 indigenous languages. Big cities, rural villages and small forest camps.

This rich variety is why Cameroon is known as “Africa in miniature.” But one thing is constant throughout—Cameroonians need the gospel.



### Holistic Church Planting

The northern half of the country is predominantly Muslim, and the southern half predominantly Christian. But in reality, the pervading religious belief is African traditional religion overlaid with a thin veneer of Islam or Christianity. Yes, there are some vibrant Christian churches, but for many people, the gospel truth has not fully displaced the animistic beliefs rooted in their hearts.

World Team has been working in Cameroon to share the gospel through holistic church-planting ministries since the 1980s. We work in close partnership with national believers and the Cameroon Baptist Convention. Our teams work with five unreached people groups. Find your place on one of these teams or help form a new one!

### The Baka

The Baka people have lived in the dense rainforests of southeast Cameroon for centuries, surviving as semi-nomadic hunter-gatherers. Often marginalized by other Cameroonians, they are animists who value their freedom to roam the forest. The encroachment of the logging industry, poaching and exploitation of resources by outside groups is changing the forest and the Baka way of life forever.

Since 1992 World Team has been working to help the Baka adjust to their changing world through holistic ministries, including discipleship, medical care, agricultural work and life skills training. Bible storying is being used to present the gospel to this preliterate group, and a fledgling church is established and growing. Baka evangelists are now sharing Bible stories with neighboring camps.

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## The Fulbe

The 1.5 million Fulbe are the largest people group in the country. They are a hospitable people who claim Allah as God and Islam as their life. A small core of Fulbe have chosen to follow Christ and have been disciplined. Leaders are emerging who are willing to take the gospel to new areas, but they desire training to enable them to do evangelism, discipleship and leadership training.

## The Kwakum

The Kwakum live next to the Baka people. Our first missionaries to the Kwakum arrived in 2014 with the goal of strengthening and encouraging the local churches by providing them with the Scriptures in their heart language. An alphabet and literacy materials have been developed, and Bible translation has begun. Through Bible studies and a community literacy center, people are coming to Christ and being disciplined.

## The Oroko

World Team missionaries served with the Oroko in southwest Cameroon from 1998 until 2018, when civil unrest pushed them out. During that time, the Oroko alphabet and literacy materials were developed, the Jesus Film was produced, and in 2018, the New Testament (with Genesis) was completed. Pray for the use of these resources to lead many to Christ.

## The Esimbi

The Esimbi live in the North West. They are looked down upon as backward, but God is showing them that he speaks their language and cares for them. World Team missionaries have been providing linguistic support for literacy and the Esimbi translation of the New Testament, which is now at the publishers and scheduled for dedication in the fall of 2022.

## Ministry Overview

People	Baka, Fulbe, Oroko, Kwakum, Esimbi and Pol
Languages	French and English, plus over 270 local languages
Location	Cameroon towns, rural villages, and forest camps
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translation, Literacy</li> <li>• Community development</li> <li>• Medical work</li> <li>• Discipleship</li> <li>• Church planting</li> <li>• Ethnomusicology</li> <li>• Leadership training</li> <li>• Teaching/tutoring missionary kids</li> <li>• School administration (RFIS)</li> </ul>

## The Pol

The Pol are subsistence farmers located between the Baka and Kwakum. They are physically and spiritually poor and without God's word in their language. A few churches exist, but they are not preaching the gospel clearly. World Team desires to minister among the Pol, but needs workers to begin among them.

## Rain Forest International School (RFIS)

RFIS serves missionary kids grades 7-12. The school is vital to World Team families, making it possible for them to continue their ministries while meeting the educational needs of their children. Every year RFIS is in need of dedicated teachers and administrators. Learn more at: [www.rfis.org](http://www.rfis.org).

World Team missionary children in grades 1-6 are homeschooled, but participate in joint learning sessions at the Greenhouse, where teachers are also needed. See <https://fescam.wordpress.com/> for more info.

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