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## NOTHING CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF PARTNERSHIP

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your partnership in the Great Commission! It is an honour to serve alongside you as you obey God's command: "Go into all the world and make disciples." You may say, "I haven't gone anywhere," but that is the beauty of working in a partnership, as the whole body of Christ. Let me explain.

We focus on going to unreached people groups, which are less than 2% Christian and have no mature, self-reproducing church. They need help. Most of these people groups have been forgotten by the majority populations of the countries they are in. The areas in which we work are marked by little infrastructure, low literacy, and a small workforce. But all these barriers are overcome with the use of radio broadcasts and solar-powered radio receivers and audio Bibles. One person with the right equipment can reach tens of thousands, even if they



Uganda, 2023

In this edition of our newsletter, we share the story of a partnership to plant Christian radio in Cameroon. Our story focuses on one group being equipped and trained; however, there are official travel restrictions on visiting various regions of the country. Partners from another region had to come to us for training and to receive equipment.

### ESTABLISHING A RADIO STATION STARTS WITH YOUR INVOLVEMENT.

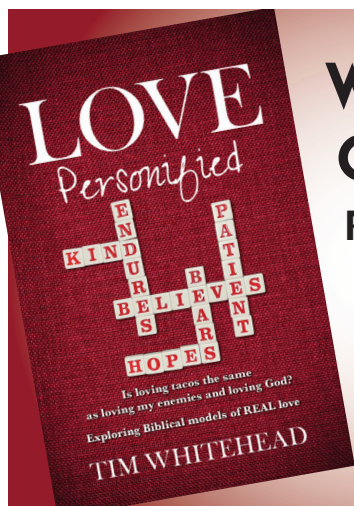
are in remote mountains or jungles where it would take days to get to by traditional missionary methods.

There is a fourth barrier to missions, and that is geo-political unrest. There are areas in the world where missionaries simply cannot go: think North Korea or other areas where it is dangerous, like Somalia. But radio broadcasts can reach into these areas while the missionary is safely housed elsewhere.

We wanted to share what it takes to establish a radio station. Starting with your involvement, our volunteers assemble the station, our partnering agencies contribute funds, our engineer travels, the team on the ground prepares the broadcasts and follows up with listeners. Now imagine doing it in an area where your life is at risk, nobody can know your name to pray for you specifically, nor come to help you.

We covet your prayers for our partners around the world. Pray today for their health, safety, effectiveness, and impact.

With you in Christ's service,



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TIM WHITEHEAD



Tim Whitehead  
Executive Director

# CONVERGENCE in Cameroon

When ministries, communities, and people come together single-mindedly on a project, amazing things can happen!

Pierre-Yves Mutrux, Galcom's Engineer, has contacts dating way back to the time of his missionary work in Africa in the 1990s. One such is Andreas Ernst from SIL Cameroon. Andreas had been working in Scripture engagement and literacy, and he saw the need for a radio station to increase his efficiency in order to serve a larger area than he was able to minister to physically.

No radio station was able to reach the entire region at the time, so three neighbouring villages formed an association and procured a radio station licence. Tom Blackstone at Galcom USA adopted the project and provided the funds for an OmniStation, which Pierre-Yves carried into the Mayo-Banyo region of Cameroon in November 2024.

This area of Cameroon is mountainous, which can cause reception problems for an FM signal. So, the first job was to find a transmitter site that would broadcast the signal to all the villages. Representatives from all three areas accompanied Pierre-Yves on a scouting trip; it was important that each region felt represented and included, as giving the correct honour to each member is crucial in African culture.

"The confidence Galcom has shown in sending the OmniStation has made the project tangible again, touchable even, and this has revitalized this project!" Local project manager Hamayadji says.

Day two was spent in instruction, teaching all of those involved how to use the OmniStation equipment and any potential maintenance that might be necessary. Another radio broadcaster travelled from a volatile region of Cameroon to participate as well. Once they felt competent, the staff started to record programs that they would use for the next day's test broadcast.

Then came the day for the live test: willing volunteers carried two generators, the two-part OmniStation, and other equipment by hand (or balanced on their heads!) all the way up the mountain for the on-location test, which was a complete success.

The next step in the process will be to install solar panels at the studio and the transmitter site as there is no electricity grid in the area. The station will serve to not only share the Gospel but also to unite the entire valley and its villages, separated by geography and tribalism.





SIL Cameroon,  
Reach Beyond,  
Radio Africa  
Network, Galcom USA,  
and Galcom Canada  
all worked together  
to make this project  
happen.



Clockwise from top left:

- Market scene in Cameroon
- The chosen transmitter site
- Schoolchildren checking out the visitors
- Recording programs to air
- All the equipment was hand carried up the mountain
- Men from all 3 villages were required to approve the site
- Villagers celebrating with Pierre-Yves and the others

"Spending of funds is confined to programs and projects approved by the organization. Each restricted contribution designated toward such an approved program or project will be used as designated with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the organization, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where needed most. Gifts are acknowledged and receipted with an official receipt for income tax purposes."

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