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New Project: Affordable healthcare in Cameroon

Goal: \$69,000 US (approximately \$89,000 Canadian)

The project: Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC) is partnering with the Anglican Diocese of Cameroon to build a desperately needed, full-service clinic in the seaport of Douala. It will provide inexpensive, quality care to about 1000 patients each month, people who currently do not have access to affordable health care.

Cameroon, on the Gulf of Guinea in Central/West Africa, is a poor country with a population of about 24-million. Healthcare is scarce and when available is often unaffordable. Malaria, cholera and other tropical diseases take a high toll – especially among children.

- For more information and to download material see the ARDFC website
- You can support this project online here

Updates

Cuba project – Praise the Lord! The \$60,000 needed to purchase a 12-passanger van for the Reformed Episcopal church plants has been raised and sent to Cuba. ARDFC national director, Claus Lenk, had the joy of visiting the Cuban churches with a team in late May. During his time in Cuba, Claus visited a number of the churches as well as attended their Synod. He was both impressed and moved by what he saw and experienced. He reports, "The most exciting part of the trip was to witness and be part of the 4th Synod of REC Diocese of Cuba, under the able leadership of Bishop Willians. I was very impressed with the careful accountability in the Finance Committee meeting and the excellent reporting in the Standing Committee meeting. The Bishop's charge was a wonderful report of God's grace and blessing on the Diocese, and included some of the challenges and disappointments. We learned that the 11 parishes and many small house groups now have an average attendance of 857. Many of these are new believers in Christ." Read Claus' full report here.

South Sudan emergency famine relief – Thank you! \$16.000 has been donated through ARDFC for famine relief in the Diocese of Wau, South Sudan. May God use these gifts to His glory and the preserving of many lives!

Haiti emergency hurricane relief – A year ago, ARDFC raised funds to help families in Haiti who lost so much when Hurricane Matthew tore across that island. Our partner, Compassion Canada, worked with local churches in Haiti to provide almost \$330,000 in emergency relief – including the funds raised by ARDFC. You can read Compassion's excellent report here. We thank God – and you – that ARDFC was able to have a small part in making such a difference for these families.



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Special event in Ottawa, September 23

You are invited to a unique event, a luncheon with a member of the British House of Lords and a fearless humanitarian – Baroness Caroline Cox. Plan on joining us if you possibly can. And please help us spread the word!

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2017, 12 noon (Luncheon)
Location: Metropolitan Bible Church, 2176 Prince of Wales Dr,
Nepean (Ottawa), Ontario (www.metbiblechurch.ca)

Cost: No charge. A freewill offering for ARDFC's

Cameroon project will be taken

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We are privileged to have someone of Baroness Cox's international stature as our guest speaker. We expect to be entertained by her tales of adventure, convicted by her drive to help "the least of these", challenged by the desperate needs in the world, and galvanized to act. And we hope to raise awareness of Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC) and our new project in Cameroon.

While she is in Ottawa, we have arranged meetings for Baroness Cox with members of the diplomatic and political communities on the theme of religious freedom around the world.

The Right Honourable The Baroness Cox, of Queensbury is a cross-bench member of the British House of Lords. She is president of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (www.hart-uk.org/) and is a fervent Anglican Christian who travels the world on behalf of persecuted and oppressed Christians, famine victims and refugees. Lady Cox was created a Life Peer in 1982. This former Baroness-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth II has been dodging bombs in Sudan, Nigeria and Syria where she has been bringing humanitarian aid to war zones, deemed too high-risk by other aid agencies. Baroness Cox is Honorary Chair Emeritus of the Global Anglican Relief and Development Fund. (You may wish to read more about Baroness Cox here: https://juicyecumenism.com/2017/07/18/heroes-heroines-faith/

Prayer requests

- Please pray for the September 23rd **luncheon in Ottawa**. Pray for Baroness Cox, her ministry, and the meetings we have lined up for her in Ottawa. Pray for good attendance. (This fundraising event is a first for ARDFC.)
- Pray that ARDFC's base of supporters will grow as more people become aware of ARDFC.
- Please keep praying for the furtherance of the gospel in **Cuba**. This is a place where people are searching and God is working. Pray for a good used van to come available quickly at a reasonable price.
- Pray for our new Cameroon project. Pray for the needed funds to come in. This is a relatively large project for ARDFC.
 Pray for the construction of this clinic to go well and that its ministry will serve the Kingdom of God.