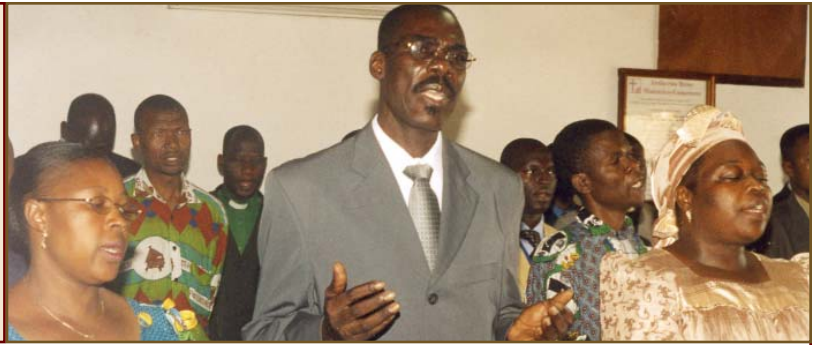




**LUTHERAN HOUR  
MINISTRIES**

*International Ministries Facts about*

# Cameroon



## THE MINISTRY...

### Office Established:

Yaounde, 2001

### Locally known as:

Lutheran Hour Ministries

### Director:

Dr. Samuel Frouisou  
since 2004

### Population:

17,340,702

### Ministry in Action:

- Prison ministry
- Door-to-door evangelism
- Outreach to patients in hospitals and children living on the streets
- Newspaper advertisements
- **Bible Correspondence Courses**
- TV and radio spots
- Print materials
- Performing Arts: music, concerts, and drama
- **Equipping the Saints**



*ETS graduates*

## TODAY IN CAMEROON...

There is freedom of religion in Cameroon, but radio broadcasts and television airings are limited. Therefore, the most effective method of ministry in Cameroon is a personalized one-on-one approach, which brings staff and volunteers to the front doors of those to whom they are reaching out. Though this method is hampered by an infrastructure with often impassable roads, it is effective, especially in the northern portion of the country where the influence of Islam is spreading. Many times, Christians in local areas are presenting the Gospel to their neighbors. This has helped the volunteering Christians gain confidence in their abilities and faith. It also adds to a large base of volunteers. Diversity in language is another reason why the door-to-door approach is most effective.

Often called "Africa in miniature," there are 24 major African language groups in Cameroon, including more than 300 individual languages and the two official languages of English and French. A network of Christian volunteers is needed to reach many parts of the country. Visiting people in prisons, and hospitals conducting Bible studies and prayer meeting sessions, visiting people in their homes, conducting training, and encouraging church members to be Christ's witnesses in their places of work are the types of ministry that work well in Cameroon

today. This interaction encourages the distribution of booklets and other printed materials. The current multicultural and linguistic makeup of the country is an asset for evangelism throughout Cameroon. LHM's staff members and volunteers can use their knowledge of other people's languages and cultures to present them with the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in a culturally appropriate way.

## RELIGION IN CAMEROON...

Since 1990, the people of Cameroon have been free to practice any religion they choose. Since then, the number of religious groups has grown significantly. Indigenous beliefs, or those religions native to the people, involve 40 percent of the population. Christians make up another 40 percent and are primarily a mix of the Roman Catholic and Protestant religions, which includes approximately 255,000 Lutherans. The Muslim faith makes up the other 20 percent. This atmosphere of freedom of choice of religion allows LHM to bring Christ to all people and to minister to their various needs in society. The Christian churches are strongest in Southern Cameroon. In the central and northern parts, Christians have faced stiff resistance from Islam.

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**Our world is full of people who NEED to know they are loved. Please join us in reaching out to them with God's love.**

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## THE COUNTRY...

Cameroon is located in west central Africa, along the Atlantic coast. Bordered by Nigeria to the west, Central African Republic, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Chad, and Gabon surround the rest of its borders. Exported commodities include crude oil and petroleum products, lumber, cocoa beans, aluminum, coffee and cotton. Cameroon's economy is agrarian, and it prides itself on its dense tropical forests. Agriculturally, Cameroon produces coffee, cocoa, cotton, rubber, bananas, and more. The terrain varies from tropical along the coast to semiarid and hot in the north. It has a coastal plain in the southwest, a dissected plateau in the center, mountains in the west, and plains in the north. The former French Cameroon and part of British Cameroon merged in 1961 to form the present country. Since 1962, a one party "democratic" government has ruled the country. In 1990, a significant change of law on the liberalization of cultural, social and religious life in Cameroon occurred. Today, the national government is more restrictive on issuing authorizations for new religious movements.



## THE PEOPLE...

Cameroon has enjoyed relative stability, permitting development of agriculture, roads, railways, and a petroleum industry. During the late 1770s and early 1800s, the Fulani, a pastoral Islamic people of the western Sahel, conquered most of what is now northern Cameroon, subjugating or displacing its largely non-Muslim inhabitants. Although the Portuguese arrived on Cameroon's coast in the 1500s, malaria prevented significant European settlement of the interior until the 1870s, when large supplies of the malaria suppressant, quinine, first became available. Christian missions established a presence in the late 19th century and continue to play a role in Cameroonian life. The people include Highlanders (31 percent), Equatorial Bantu (19 percent), Kirdi (11 percent), Fulani (10 percent), Northwestern Bantu (8 percent), Eastern Nigritic (7 percent), other Africans (13 percent), and non-Africans (less than 1 percent).

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- Getting involved in short-term mission trips
- Continuing to learn about the ministry by visiting our Web site at [www.lhmint.org](http://www.lhmint.org).

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*LHM - Cameroon emphasizes cultural performances with dedicated staff and volunteers to share the Gospel*