



Cameroon, Africa

Serving God at
Mbingo Baptist Hospital
in an English speaking
area of Cameroon

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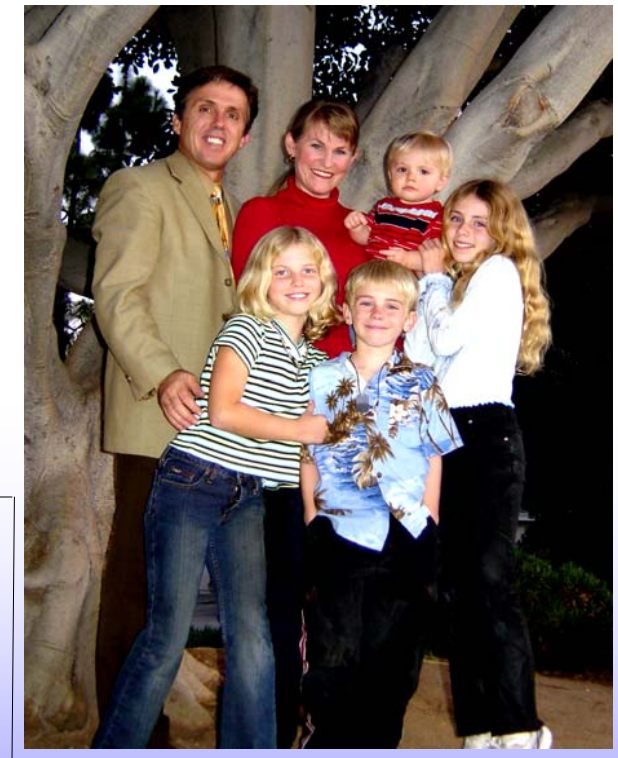


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Being "God's Hands"
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The country of Cameroon in West Africa is a place of contrasts – rainforest and savannah, wealth and poverty, beauty and darkness. While political and economic structures have remained fairly stable, thousands of Cameroonians are still unemployed and live in squalid conditions. What is worse, they live in spiritual darkness, without hope that their physical or spiritual circumstances will ever change.

The Baptist General Conference (BGC), in association with the Cameroon Baptist Convention, has helped to establish Mbingo Baptist Hospital in the Northwest Province of Cameroon. Founded in 1952, this 250 bed facility is considered to be one of the best hospitals in the country. Staff members there are making a difference in the lives of a million people every year by attending to their physical needs, while at the same time offering hope for their spiritual emptiness and confusion.



Mbingo Baptist Hospital Entrance

Many qualified surgeons are desperately needed in West and Central Africa. There are currently only two surgical residency training programs available there to teach doctors. Mbingo Baptist Hospital would like to establish a surgery training program, but they lack the surgeons, curriculum and expertise in creating educational protocols.



Steve delivers baby by c-section at African hospital

Dr. Steven Sparks is a board-certified general and vascular surgeon and is the Chief of Vascular Surgery at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). He has been highly instrumental in the training of surgical residents at UCSD, and won awards for excellence in education. Steve is also on the lay staff at his local BGC church, teaching, preaching, and organizing mission trips to Mexico and Vietnam. God has called Steve and his family to go to Cameroon. There he will provide life-changing surgical solutions for his patients. He will also teach other Christian doctors to do the same using current Western surgical techniques. By training more Christian

surgeons, Steve will be able to affect thousands of lives who would otherwise go without effective medical care. He would also offer them the hope that only Christ can give.

More importantly, Steve, his wife Suzanne and their four children hope to have a spiritual impact on the lives of those living around them. At Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Steve will have the



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opportunity to speak with and pray for every patient he encounters. This is something he cannot do under United States laws.

Steve desires to be "God's hands" in Cameroon – will you be His "feet" by helping them to get there? The Sparks family is looking for committed people who will pray for them and financially support this ministry. You can be a part of this opportunity. An opportunity that will change the physical and spiritual circumstances for thousands of people! Please pray about how God can use you for His glory.