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Some of the refugee children going to school again



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We are grateful for the passed peaceful year in the francophone regions of Cameroon .

To avoid further accidents in front of our clinic, the Government granted at last our frequent petitions to build speedbreaks on the road passing by, paid by us.

The number of eye consultation increased due to the internally displaced people, who fled for safety to the francophone provinces.

With the help of an NGO and others, we could send 78 internally displaced children back to school after three years of no education.

Staff:

We are 50 co-workers of whom 14 are working in the permanent outstations in Bamenda and Douala.

1.	1 Ophthalmologist	9.	1 Accountant
2.	1 Cataract Surgeon	10.	6 Opticians
3.	3 Ophthalmic Nurses	11.	1 Store keeper
4.	9 State Registered Nurses	12.	5 Cashiers
5.	3 Assistant Nurses	131	1 Technician
6.	1 Nursing aid	14.	2 Drivers
7.	8 Auxiliaries	153	3 Security Guards
8.	1 Administrator	164	4 Cleaners

Statistics:

Description	2016	2017	2018	2019
Consultations	52,785	55,632	54,376	63,608
Major eye operations	879	909	935	973
Minor eye operations	221	228	151	145
Yag and Argon laser treatment	259	161	60	60
Visual field, B-Scan, fundus photo	Eyes 259	Eyes 364	Eyes 405	749
Eye drops produced	44,308	46,617	47,357	44,528
Glasses produced (single vision, bifocals and progressives)	5,392	6,235	6761	8,395
Reading glasses given or sold	2,882	2,900	2,435	1,963
Outreach locations	27	25	20	20
Outreach consultation times	198	159	181	145

Problems:

We are still unable to consult in the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon due the ongoing war in this area. This is very regrettable especially for the chronically ill patients.

There is a lack of retinal surgeons in Cameroon who are willing to operate for a reasonable price. As the patients from our clinic cannot afford the requested high operation fees, the clinic pays the bills (from donations) especially if the only seeing eye is affected.

Two of our trained workers resigned.

Further Plans:

1. Training of a State Registered Nurse in Ophthalmic Nursing in Gambia
2. Training of a second cataract surgeon in Gambia
3. Continuous education in the clinic and outreach stations about the dangers of glaucoma and use of native medicines in the eye.
4. Intensify the in service training of the staff.

Visits

We are grateful for the visits of:

Dr. Gatz and team,

Dr. Mattejat,

Dr./Mrs Mouse,

Dr. Schnell (3x) ,

the team of Mr. Thomas Schneider and Mr. Dy Toudjip (2x), the team of the Orphanage of Dimako,

Mr/Mrs Gebhardt, Rev. Abraham Kayeh and team from Baptist Mission-Cameroon.

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