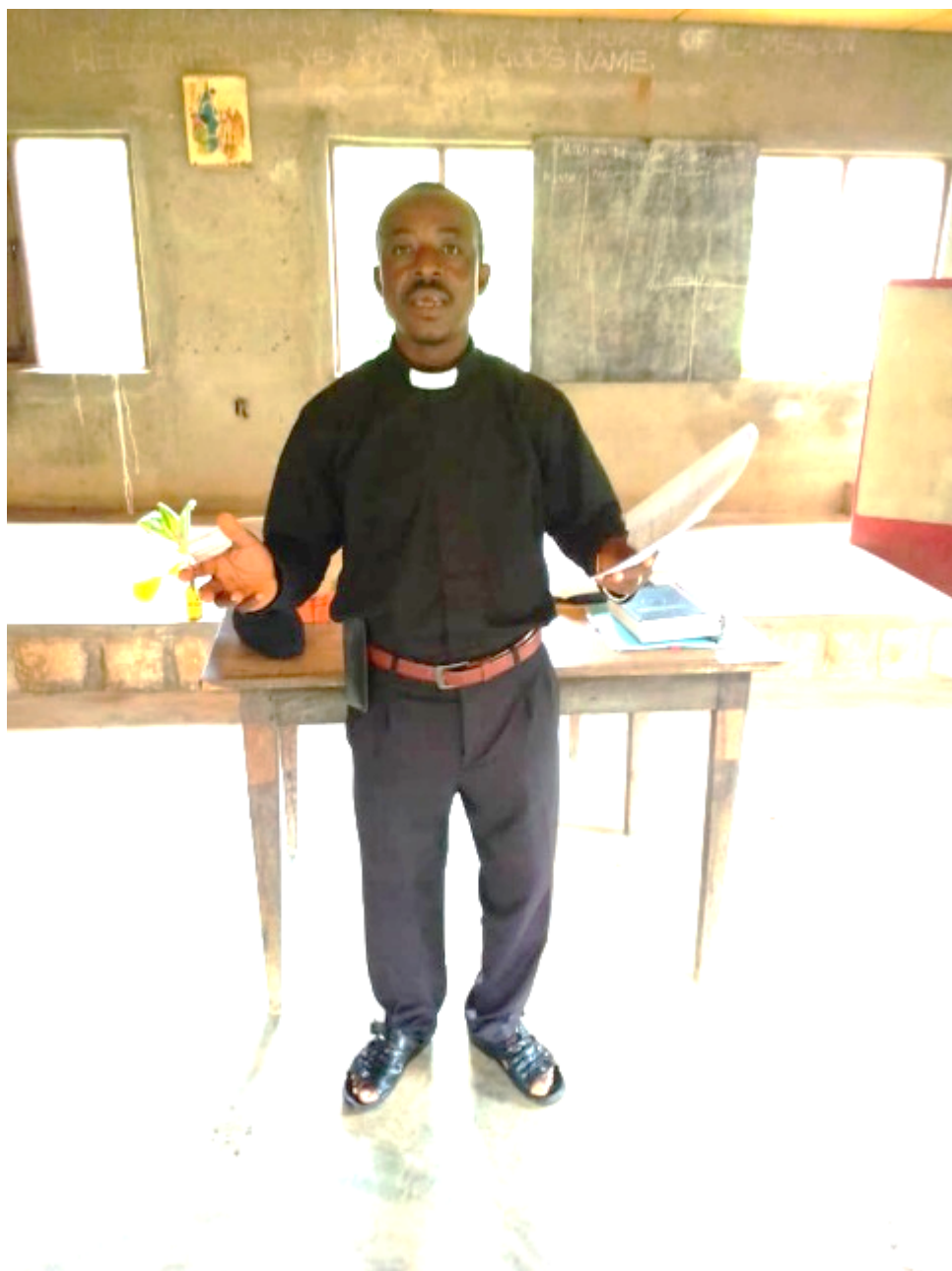


Try, Try Again



Cameroon has had its ups and downs the past few years – which always give more opportunity for the gospel message to take priority. Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33) Our partners in Cameroon have the message of hope in Jesus and they’re taking every opportunity to share it.

We need more people to do the work! Last March, we hoped that classes would be able to resume at our campus there at Barombi Kang. But those plans had to be scrapped when the only Cameroonian Seminary teacher, Rev Israel Mesue, was informed by armed thugs that “if you open that school, you yourself will be taken for ransom (kidnapped).”



Pastor Isreal emphasizing the importance of law and gospel preaching

But as the old saying goes, "If at first you don't succeed try, try again." Just a few months later Pastor Isreal proposed to continue teaching his students in Cameroon via "Satellite Seminary" in order to re-invigorate students about preparing for the full-time ministry. Pastor Isreal spends six weeks on the road, spending up to two weeks in each of the three districts of the Lutheran Church of Cameroon (LCC). He is currently teaching lessons on "The Three Ecumenical Creeds," "Homiletics (Preaching)" and "The Large Catechism" (Pt 1 - Commandments), together with worksheets, discussion topics and even tests for those courses.



James (left) and Isreal (right)

Rev. Isreal began his first tour in the Western Bakossi District (Nyadong Village) with students Thomas and Vincent. The teaching went well and the students were happy to be back into the books. One of the LCC's members sat in on the classes at Nyandong and decided that he might be interested in pursuing studies for the ministry in the future. If the Satellite Seminary program runs smoothly, James will be able to start his studies in September of 2022! We see the Lord of the harvest answering our prayers to provide men who are eager to serve him.



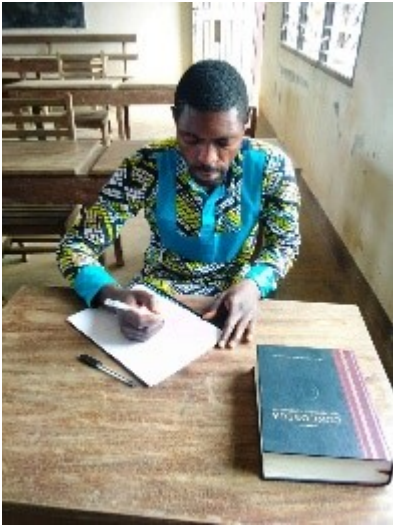
Beard for Worker Training Chairman Rev. George (right) with students Crispos (left) and David (center)

It can be bumpy at times teaching seminary students on the road. On his trip to the Northwest District, Pastor Israel's bus broke down close to where some of fighting has been taking place between pro-government and separatist forces. When the military showed up, Pastor Isreal found himself less ten feet away from a shoot-out! Thankfully nobody was injured. Pastor Isreal looks to the Lord for protection and praises him for the many things that went well on his first trip.



Solo

Two weeks ago Rev. Israel was at Northwestern District (Mbemi Village) with the Chairman of the Board for Worker Training Rev. Fon George, along with students Crispos and David. He was a bit delayed in starting his visit there because of another “project” in his home town of Kumba where he is teaching students Ferdinand and Solo (pictured here writing their final tests).



Ferdinand

A French-speaking student, Jean-Jacque, did not join his fellow students in the English-speaking region of Cameroon because of the political climate. Nico, another student, was not able to join the program either because of his work. Both Jean-Jacque and Nico will have some catching up to do. While at Kumba there were a few interruptions, but Rev. Isreal adjusted the schedule as necessary to ensure that the students learned the material well.

It was a great blessing for both the students and their teacher to spend time together in God’s Word during this “Seminary road trip.” The next step will be to “try, try again” and bring all the students together on the campus of the LCC Seminary at Barombi Kang in Kumba. Please pray for the peace and safety of the people of Cameroon, and that God continues to bless the work of our partners in the LCC.

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Please pray for those working in fields that are ripe for harvest. Share their story,

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<https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/africa>