



Cameroon



Introduction to CAMEROON

THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON is a country of comparative stability surrounded by countries of relative instability. Located on Africa's western shore, the former French and British colony boasts relaxing beaches and scenic mountains for tourists, and rich, arable land and oil reserves for its citizens.

The CAMEROONIAN people

Total population:	18,879,301
Children under 15:	7,714,632
Average Life Expectancy:	53.69 years
Per capita annual income:	\$2,300
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	9 years
Literacy rate:	67.9%
Internet users:	725,000
Cell phones in use:	6.161 million
Major/official language(s):	English, French, local African languages

Risk issues impacting children:

- Malaria accounts for 40% of childhood deaths.
- The educational system is hampered by a shortage of qualified teachers. Many schools lack clean water and sanitation.
- Some 2 million city dwellers lack safe drinking water and adequate sanitation.
- Cameroon is a transit country for child trafficking.

More about CAMEROON

Capital city:	Yaounde
Type of government:	Republic; Multiparty presidential regime
Square kilometers:	475,440
General terrain:	Coastal Plain in southwest, mountains in the west, dissected plateau in the center, and plains in the north
Major industries/jobs:	Agriculture, petroleum refining, textiles
National motto:	"Peace, Work, Fatherland"
Major airport(s):	Yaounde, Douala

Reaching CAMEROON

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

- Indigenous - 40%
- Christian - 40%
- Muslim - 20%

Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 38.6%
- Other - 34.6%
- Protestant - 21.9%
- Independent - 4.8%

Unreached People Groups:	15 (13.5% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.069
Average annual baptisms:	355,922
Foreign missionaries:	3,700
Per million:	207.92
National Christian workers/pastors:	15,000
Per million:	842.93
Number of churches/congregations:	18,900

Children's ministry in CAMEROON

- Overview:**
- Many churches in Cameroon have programming for children, especially those in larger towns and cities.
 - There is a strong evangelistic heart toward children. Many people run Bible clubs in their homes and neighborhoods during the week to reach out to local children and provide more opportunities for growth. A stronger focus on transformation in discipleship is needed.
 - Many denominations offer curriculum resources for children's ministry programs.
 - Many social challenges (poverty, tribal religions, etc.) present obstacles to reaching and discipling children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
18,900 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
7,714,632 children for Christ