

Our mission is to strengthen churches by means of theological education, church-planting and outreach to the least reached peoples of Cameroon and beyond.



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Having grown up in a religious home and spending a season as a hippie wannabe, I came to Christ a couple weeks before my 17th birthday. Professor John Piper deeply influenced me while a student at Bethel College. After studying at Fuller Seminary, my 40-year ministry at Bethlehem Baptist Church began.

Eighteen of those years were spent as Pastor for Missions and Leadership Development. This was followed by another two decades of teaching and mentoring in The Bethlehem Institute which, to our surprise and delight, evolved into Bethlehem College & Seminary.

I have accepted the position of Director of Theological Education in Cameroon, Central Africa. Bethlehem Baptist Church has appointed me as a global partner with Training Leaders International as my sending agency, an agency which was birthed out of Bethlehem over a decade ago. The process has begun in earnest to raise my prayer and financial support, hoping to transition to TLI as soon as possible. No reason to drag one's feet when the 65th birthday has come and gone! I plan to give the next 5 years of my life to this effort. Then, if the Lord wills, I will re-commit for the next five years.

The 7 block walk east to Bethlehem is about to become a 10 block westward walk to the TLI headquarters in downtown Minneapolis. The current plan is to spend 20-25% of my time on site in Yaoundé, the capital of Cameroon. A major part of my efforts will be to recruit, train, and serve with like-minded laborers. Partnering with Cameroonian leaders we hope to stimulate a Cameroonian led church-planting/church-revitalizing movement which has in its DNA theological education and outreach to the least reached peoples of Cameroon and beyond.

The strategy for accomplishing this goal is to recruit, train and mobilize godly Cameroonian leaders in a way that empowers without creating dependency and results in true multi-ethnic worship of our triune God. I am summarizing this ministry as **"Ministry of the Word: Exponential Multiplication."**





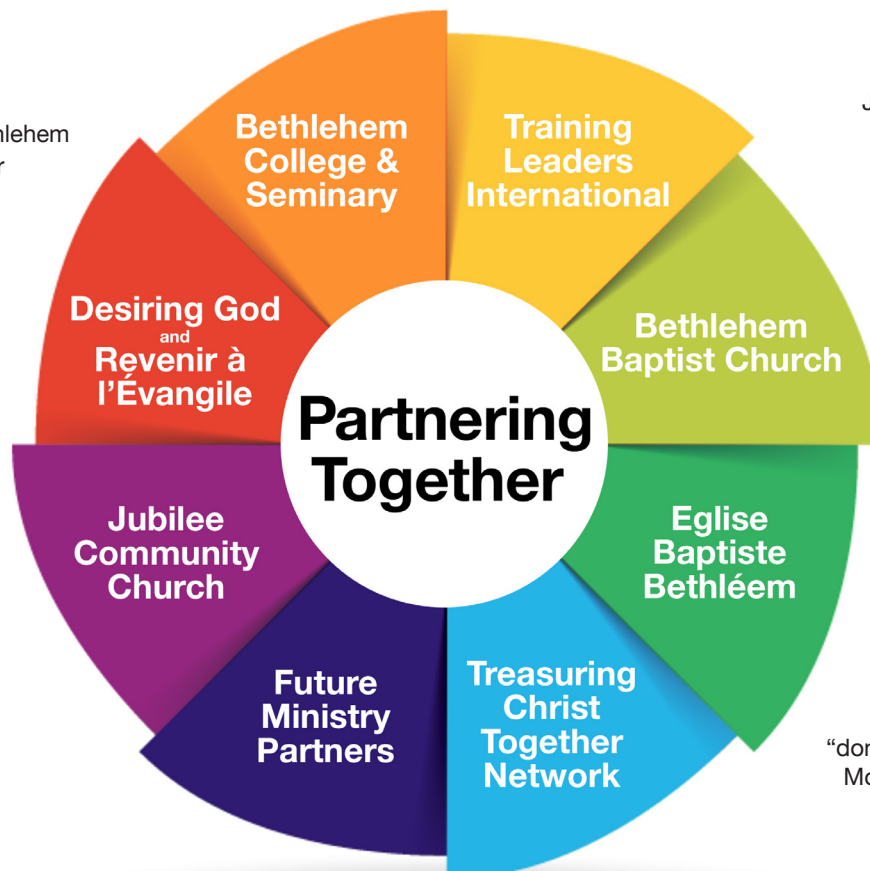
## Dieudonne's Story

Dieudonne Tamfu was a barber. You can see in the picture the barber shop he used to own. His life was changed when some seminary students in his village came for haircuts and challenged him to consider the person and work of Jesus Christ. He was annoyed! He began to study the Bible so he could refute them, but instead he was converted. A short time later someone gave him two cassettes containing four sermons, and providentially he heard John Piper, the preacher on those cassettes, speak at a missions conference at the seminary in his village. It was there he sensed God's call to ministry. God opened the door for him to study with us at Bethlehem College & Seminary, followed by earning his doctorate at Southern Seminary. This barber is now the Executive Director of our extension site in Cameroon, Central Africa. Dieudonne is a pastor and a professor with a big vision, a humble dependence on his Lord, and a passion to teach the Good News of God's Word to the peoples of Cameroon and beyond. I have been given the privilege to be one of his partners in this work. This is a long-term dream already beginning to come true. It is a work of love for the peoples of Cameroon. We would love you to be a fellow-worker with us.



### Our ECOSYSTEM

The extension site of Bethlehem College & Seminary under Cameroonian leadership and the non-formal educational expertise of Training Leaders International desire to work together as crucial parts of an ECOSYSTEM of ministries, bringing together seasoned resources that have stood the test of time. We are eager to work together; synergistic teamwork is the goal to bring Christ glory as we align for the Great Commission.



Join us in praying for God to grant Macedonian-like joy (cf. 2 Cor. 8:2) to many who will partner with us. Prayerfully consider becoming part of our long-term financial team (either by giving monthly, quarterly, or annually).

One-time gifts are appreciated as well and also are tax deductible. There are unique tax efficient ways to give assets instead of cash. Please contact me for a short explanation of how many are giving from assets versus day to day cash flow. If God leads you to give online, you will find a "donate" button on my website. Most of all, please pray for us.