



# EDUCATION REPORT

## 2004

### Education for thousands of children and youths

More than **10,000 children** in Africa have access to **schooling** thanks to the support of the European Baptist Mission. Nearly **400 young women and men** are offered **vocational training** through EBM, and more than **400 men and women** are trained to be **pastors**. In addition, there are the more than **150 pastors' wives** who are trained in **home economics**. These are astonishing numbers; they illustrate how children and youths, young women and men are offered prospects for their lives in spite of poverty and misery. It is our goal to help people in their personal, spiritual and material need, with the task of education being an essential part of our missionary ministry. *"It's not what you pour into a student which matters, but what you plant inside him,"* this is the way Eugen Bertin once put it to get to the heart of it: Life is meant to grow and to unfold.

### Life with a future

To the churches in Africa, theological education is an important area. After their education, students are often given leadership tasks in churches and communities. Over and over again, our support is requested in this area, as this training is especially cost-intensive. Referring to theological education, Dr Timothy Bouba (Cameroon) says: *"A pastor, be it man or woman, should be well qualified and well informed; without these two conditions he or she would not be up to today's demands and would not be in a position to listen to his or her church, nor to further its spiritual life. These considerations have motivated the U.E.B.C. (Baptist Union in Cameroon) to act, for it realizes that mission presupposes detailed knowledge of the environment and that a pastor must be well qualified for his work. God's Spirit, of course, must be at work, too, and round off our efforts to train for the pastor's ministry."*

€504,420 are an enormous amount of money

Yet each euro is urgently needed in order to ensure the future of children and youths, of young women and men. Out of this amount, € 122,400 are needed for schooling and € 108,620 for vocational training (charitable gifts). For theological education, € 273,400 are needed in order to build and maintain schools and seminaries, to award scholarships to pupils and students, to buy teaching materials, to finance salaries for national and European staff (church-related gifts).

A comprehensive education report containing the reports by the staff workers responsible on site is available at the EBM Head Office, or you may download it from our web site: [www.ebm-masa.org](http://www.ebm-masa.org).

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On behalf of the great numbers of people in Africa who are offered prospects for their future through your donation, I'd like to thank you very much, indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Volker Bohle  
Africa Promotion Secretary

## A. Pre-schools, Primary Schools, Secondary Schools (O- and A-levels)

**Equatorial Guinea: Primary School at Malabo**  
1 ½ years ago, we could complete the rebuilding and extension of our primary school in Malabo. The Spanish Baptist Union has committed itself to this project in a special way. With its more than 600 pupils the school has become an institution much in demand in Equatorial Guinea. Its headmaster is Rev Mario Bolo, who will be succeeded by the Spanish missionary couple Pérez in autumn 2004.

**Financial requirements: €10,000.-**



*Primary school in Malabo (Equatorial Guinea)*

### **Cameroon: Primary Schools in Dagai, Gamboura and Garoua**

The primary school in DAGAI/DIAMARE was attended by 401 pupils in 2003/2004; 10 teachers shared in the teaching, with the success rate in the CEP (exams at the end of primary school) being 89.47 %. In GAMBOURA/MAYOTSANAGA, 417 pupils attended primary school, with 9 teachers. The success rate in the CEP was 90.67 %. The bilingual school complex LA VICTOIRE in Garoua had 389 pupils and 11 teachers. As of 2004/2005, classes 1 through 5 are all scheduled to be taught in a new complex.

### **Cameroon: Collège Protestant in Mokolo**

The Collège Protestant (CEG) is a private denominational secondary school, which offers schooling through to A-levels. 22 teachers work to make this education a success: At the 2003 BEPC exams (O-levels), the success rate was 56.76%, at the intermediate exams (probatoire), it was 52.38 % and at the A-level exams 26.09 %. Among the schools in the province Mokolo be-

longs to, the Collège ranked first on the list of the education authorities! It can accommodate 120 boarders, 74 boys and 46 girls. 2003/2004: In mid-October 2003, there were 531 pupils. Some of them (a total of 20) were forced to break off for lack of money. At the end of the school year, there were 511 pupils, 144 girls (i.e. roughly 28 %) and 367 boys. Some 72 % of them come from our churches (UEBC or UEEC); 11 % are Catholic or belong to other Christian denominations; 11 % are Muslims, and 6 % don't have any religious background. These figures are typical and should make us think. Ever more Muslims send their children to our schools. They want their children to be taught and looked after well, but we must seize this opportunity to make them familiar with God's love and preach the gospel to them. Scholarships enable a certain number of pupils to continue their education.

**Total financial requirements: €77,000.-**



*Girl student in Mokolo (Cameroon)*

### **Mozambique: Primary Schools**

Continuing a project supported by EBM we are responsible for several primary school classes in the following churches: Incaia (36 pupils), Incoluane (75), Messano (40) and Tres de Fevereiro (65 pupils). Literacy courses are offered as well in the churches of Tres de Fevereiro (60 participants) and in Messano (92 participants).

**Financial requirements: €7,900.-**



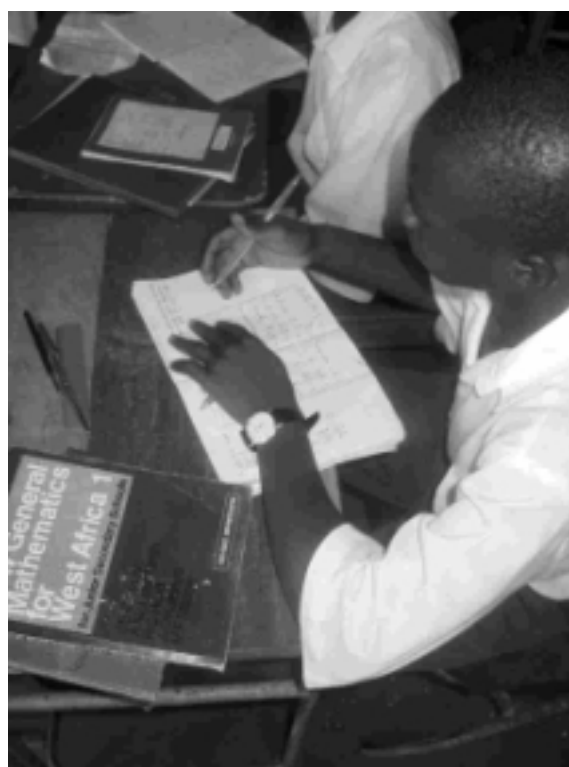
*Primary School Pupils in Mozambique*

### **Sierra Leone: Primary and Secondary Schools**

In this country, the Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone (BCSL) is responsible for 20 primary schools with more than 5,400 pupils and 130 teachers. In addition, there are the four secondary schools with 1,578 pupils and 93 teachers. They also support a technical-vocational institute with 300 students and 30 teachers, as well as two vocational centres with 45 students and 5 teachers. All in all, there is a total number of 7,323 pupils. BCSL has been committed in Mambolo since 1971, in Gbendembu since 1980, in Kassiri since 1986 and in Makama since 1994. In Mambolo and Gbendembu the pupils can even obtain A-levels. The Baptist schools can operate on a single shift, except for one primary school in Freetown (double-shift system). All BCSL schools are managed by the BCSL Social Ministries Department, the principal and staff, and the respective Community Teachers' Association. Each BCSL school has such a governing board to decide on school policy. The lack of educational facilities, of material and equipment in the educational institutions has been a cause of serious concern. The war has made the situation worse, as few schools had the

materials and equipment for the prosecution of the educational task. Most school equipment was vandalized and looted during the war. The mission of the BCSL is to draw together all pupils attending schools in regional associations and to seek in all its endeavours to fulfill the will of Christ through education, so that the lives of the pupils will be in harmony with the word of God and that people will see Christ through them.

**Financial requirements: €27,500.-**



*Pupil in Sierra Leone*

## ***B. Vocational Schools and Training Centres***

### **Cameroon: CAREJ Training Centre in Nkondjock**

Because of the great demand of the Nkondjock population for a centre to take care of young people and to enable them to acquire skills, the UEBC conceived a project for training in 1977, with the following goals: literacy courses (especially for women); training of youths in agriculture and livestock farming; training in electrical mechanics; training of the girls who failed in secondary school in office communication, especially in typ-

ing. The "Centre d'Animation Rurale et d'Encadrement des Jeunes" (CAREJ; Centre for Rural Development and Youth Activities) aims to avoid the exodus of youths from the Nkondjock region by allowing them to take up vocational training. Currently, CAREJ has 60 students: 20 are taught electrical mechanics, 20 typing / EDP / office work, and 20 agriculture and livestock farming. Literacy courses are also available.

The staff on site comprises 9 teachers: a young man from Rwanda manages the CAREJ, a gradu-

ate of the Panafrican Institute for Development; there is also a pastor who received training in agriculture and pastoral agriculture, as well as a lady from Rwanda to take care of the girls and women (literacy, typing, EDP, etc.). The remaining 6 teachers are commuters, living in the city.

**Financial requirements: €10,400.-**

**Cameroon: Centre Technique de Garoua**

For a number of years, we have supported the building up of the Technical Centre, the “Centre Technique de Garoua” (CTG), in Garoua, which has by now become very successful. This is a vocational training centre, which now offers basic apprenticeships to more than 200 young women and men in several trades: dress making (sewing, tailoring, design), metal processing (welding, lathe operating, mill-cutting, etc.) and in automotive mechanics (repairs of cars and motorbikes, paint spraying etc.). This institution has now become one of the biggest training projects in Northern Cameroon. It was started and built up by our former missionary Wim Hardeman from the Netherlands and has now been managed by his successor Peter Boers (from the Netherlands as well) with competence and success for 1 ½ years.

**Financial requirements: €35,000.-**



*Tailoring Classes in Garoua (Cameroon)*

**Mozambique: Social Centre in Macia**

The Social Centre is still in the building-up stage. Priority had to be given to establishing the legal frame and the premises, i.e. the conditions promised and required before starting any courses. Both steps are time and energy consuming. The



*Mozambique: Training for Women*

Social Centre offers, among others, courses in computer work, computer-assisted English courses and typing courses. Trades such as welding and metal processing, laying water pipes and electrical mechanics, wood processing are also taught here. These skills are taught to individuals who are working with us. Besides, there are courses for girls and women in needlework and sewing: a course with 10 participants is being run in Macia, and there is a waiting list in Graça Machel. There’s also been a new group (of 9–11 participants) at the Centre preparing for examstaken by distance learners, and a small course of three persons who learn how to repair manual water pumps. This training has been introduced because of the fact that in vast regions around Macia nearly all the water pumps are out of order and that the persons who are supposedly qualified to repair them lack the know-how to repair them for lasting use.

**Financial requirements: €56,000.-**

**Sierra Leone: Vocational Training Projects**

The training of women continues to develop in astonishing ways. In Gbendembu the Women’s Department of the Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone (BCSL) offers courses in tailoring and design. Besides, literacy and literature courses are available to women so that these can learn how to read and write. In Kassiri and Makama, more than 100 young people are given the chance of training in the areas of metal processing, secretarial work, horticulture, landscape gardening and wood processing.

**Financial requirements: €5,600.-**

### **South Africa: Thusong Vocational Training Centre**

The Baptist Convention of South Africa runs a vocational training centre named Thusong (“Place to find help”). The Centre offers education or training in the following areas: dress making, catering, motor mechanics, motor vehicle electro-mechanics, panel beating and spray painting.

The students come from Soweto and its surroundings, but also from other parts of South Africa. In 2002 the Centre trained 96 students in various

courses. They all received certificates from an institution which has been authorized by the government to deliver them. In 2003 and 2004, the Thusong Centre only enrolled people for the dress making classes, they were women living with AIDS. No other courses could be offered for lack of funds. The income from fees is not sufficient to finance the training. At present, the BCSA is engaged in talks with the government department which allocates funds for training measures.

## ***C. Theological Education***

### **Cameroon: Theological Seminary at Ndiki (IBFI)**

The academic year is coming to a close, and for teacher and students as well, everything is at its best. Next year the 19 students will finish their studies. They come from the UEBC, the Native Baptist Church (EBC) and the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (EPC). The degree obtained is the Bachelor of Theology.

Without EBM support many of them would not be in a position to pursue these studies because they would have to pay the tuition fees themselves.

We have five teachers: Rev. Mboule Nkong Emmanuel, who teaches Hebrew, Church history, Old Testament and Methodology; Mr Nando Mbende Paul, who teaches Greek, History of religions, New Testament and who is also in charge of the administration; Mr Mendogo Mendogo Aloys, who teaches music, philosophy, French and English. These three have all got a Master of theology degree. Rev Dr Eiom Nnanga Charles teaches ethics and dogmatics. Rev Dr Bouba Mbima Timothy is the dean and teaches practical theology. It is the aim of all the churches to bring forth spiritually oriented students and to heed the needs of the Christians. It is our mission to reach this goal in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Financial requirements: €117,000.-**



*End of semester in Ndiki (Cameroon)*



*Ntcheu Bible School in Malawi*

### **Malawi: Bible Schools in Ntcheu and Rhumphi**

Theological education is the hub of the ministry of the Baptist Convention in Malawi for the future. One of the major challenges is the lack of qualified and well prepared leaders. At the Baptist Seminary in Lilongwe, there are 10 students at present.

On a lower level there is a programme which is offered to those leaders who are literate. This programme is fully furthered and supported by the European Baptist Mission: In the Bible Schools of Ntcheu and Rhumphi basic Biblical knowledge is made available to the local church leaders, these courses are taught by Hauke Kuzalo and Brasswell Nkhonjera. Students at these Bible Schools (30) must be literate in the vernacular, not necessarily in English. Yet the students who know English have an added advantage since they can read the materials for themselves. In addition, decentralized training courses are being considered.

**Financial requirements: €5,600.-**

### **Mozambique: Theological Education**

Together with staff from the Union, Eduardo Melo has been busy further developing theological education since 2002. The following minimum

services exist : Intensive basic courses are taught mainly in five different zones of Mozambique: Macia, Tete, Beira, Quelimane and Nampula. Basic level courses are taught in the three cities of Maputo, Beira and Nampula. They consist mainly of a three-year programme including the following subjects: Biblical theology, church administration, Baptist history, homiletics and hermeneutics, overview of the Biblical books, pastoral ethics and counselling, religious education, leadership principles for the local church, cults, traditional religions and African customs, Baptist identity and personal lifestyle, discipleship, evangelism and mission, Portuguese, and New and Old Testament theology. "Medium level" is a new programme to be introduced in 2005; it is meant to further train senior pastors and to reach the students who finished their studies at the three Bible Schools in the past four of five years. In the past two years, the intensive courses enrolled between 110 and 130 students in the five areas. In Beira there are 25 students (15 in Beira and 10 in Mafarinha); Maputo and Nampula each have enrolled six.

**Financial requirements: €15,300.-**



*Leadership Training in Mozambique*

**Sierra Leone: The Evangelical College of Theology (TECT) in Jui**

A total number of 43 students, seven of them women, graduated in 2003 in various programmes. The three female students who were trained to serve the college on the teaching staff were among these and have now been employed. For the academic year 2003/2004, 45 students were admitted: Degree course 20, Diploma of Theology 8, Diploma in Christian Ministries 11, Diploma in Computer Studies 6. together with the returning 74 students, the total number of students is now 119. The admission process for 2004/05 is in progress. The academic performance of our students is very satisfactory. We continue to maintain the standards set by ACTEA and the University of Sierra Leone in order to keep our accreditation status. It's now been ten years since the

ACTEA accredited TECT. In the near future ACTEA will be sending their personnel in view of a re-evaluation of the College. The staff in Jui totals 22, including three female teachers: Agnes Lamin, Juliana Walker and Elizabeth Sowa. Another lady employed is Grace Bangurah, who lectures in Development Studies.

**Financial requirements: €15,000.-**



*Library of the TECT in Jui (Sierra Leone)*

**South Africa: The Baptist Convention College (BCC) in Soweto**

The Baptist Convention College (BCC) in Soweto is the official training institution for the pastors of the Baptist Convention of South Africa (BCSA). The BCC was founded in 1995 and will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. In 2004 already the country of South Africa is celebrating 10 years of freedom and democracy, and the BCC is joining by choosing the topic "10 Years On – Celebration and Challenge" (June 29 – July 2) for its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter School. In 2004, the BCC has 59 registered students, 14 female and 45 male. 21 students study full-time, 38 part-time; 45 study for a diploma, whereas 13 take specific courses only. 18 students are boarders. In March we celebrated the graduation of 8 students (7 with a diploma, 1 with a certificate), which brings the total number of graduates since the foundation of the College to 38. The students come from all over South Africa, as the BCC is the only theological seminary of the BCSA. We have even trained one pastor from Botswana and one from Sudan.

**Financial requirements: €59,200.-**



*Student in front of the BCC in Soweto (South Africa)*

### **Central African Republic**

Our partner union, the UFEB, is the proprietor and makes use of 4 theological training centres to train its pastors and leaders.

#### ***The Faculté de Théologie Evangélique in Bangui (FATEB)***

... is a theological institution at university level, founded by the Association des Evangéliques d'Afrique. It offers three courses of study: theology, religious studies and Bible translation, there is also a department for the advancement of women. The total number of students is 144: 62 in theology, 32 in religious studies and 6 in Bible translation; 46 women have enrolled in the courses offered to them. The staff comprises 19 teachers, seven being permanent teachers, six visiting teachers and six supply teachers.

#### ***The Ecole de Théologie Evangélique in Bangui (ETEBA)***

ETEBA is a theological training institution which may be compared to secondary school (A-levels). Subjects include OT and NT Survey, theology, home economics and advancement of women. There are 61 students: 30 male and 5 female students studying OT and NT survey and theology, and 26 take the courses in the advancement of women department. After finishing their studies, the students receive a diploma, a certificate or the diploma of the ETEBA school for the advancement of women. The graduates may continue their training at other vocational schools in Africa.

The staff totals 18: 5 permanent and 13 supply teachers. ETEBA aims at training medium-level leadership, pastors for the churches and for the theological training institutions of the UFEB.

#### ***The Institut Biblique in Kembe (IBK)***

The IBK is an institution where OT and NT survey and theology are taught at secondary school level, O-levels. Home economics is another subject. There are 46 pupils: 22 men and 2 women in OT and NT survey and theology, and 22 girls in home economics. The staff numbers 8; 2 are permanent teachers and six supply and visiting teachers. The minimum degree required for the teachers is the ETEBA diploma. The aim is training pastors and evangelists for the large communities and villages.

#### ***The Ecole Biblique in Kaga Bandoro (EBKB)***

The EBKB is a school mainly teaching knowledge of the Bible. The level corresponds to O-levels/A-levels. Subjects taught are Bible, theology and home economics. There are 50 students (25 couples): 24 men and two women attend Bible School and 24 young women are taught home economics. The aim is training pastors and evangelists for the rural areas.

**Total Financial requirements: €36,000.-**



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