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Community and Mission of Douala(Cameroon)

"AFRICA, KEEP THE LAMP OF HOSPITALITY ALIGHT HOSPITALIDAD"

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Douala, Cameroon Mission In the heart of the mental health

The sisters present at Yaoundé noted that many of the patients who came for the consultation of the Center came from Douala and its surroundings. At the same time the Church of Douala and the Department of Psychiatry of general Laquintinie hospital ask the Congregation to build in this city a Center similar to that Center of Yaoundé in order to bring this device of health to the population of the coastal region.

The CSM of Douala started his activity on 24 April 2000 in a small room in a popular area of Deido. The new CSM San Benito Menni operates since August 2002 in Ndog Passi III and consists of the following structures: clinic, day assistance, Conference Hall, housing for aid workers and neurological service with electroencephalography devices.

The ministerial decree of approval was signed on March 3, 2005, and a few months later the official opening took place.

External consultation jobs.

The shortage of health resources for mental health led to the CSM to move his team to peripheral locations in order to bring the psychiatric assistance to other populations:

Kola, town located approximately 130 km from Douala. The consultation takes place in the dispensary of the diocese.

Edéa, town located 60 km from Douala, Douala-Yaoundé shaft. The consultation is performed in the center of the religious missionaries of charity (Mother Teresa of Calcutta).

Tole, situated in the South West Province of Cameroon, whose capital is BUEA; It is about 80 km from Douala in the midst of tea plantations. the consultation takes place in the clinic "The Grace". This region is part of the area of Cameroonian English language

Kribi, fishing port located on the Atlantic coast, 200 km from Douala, Cameroon seaside. The team travels once a month and passes the consultation in the Diocesan clinic of the place.

Bonaberri, the district city of Douala. The consultation is conducted in the premises of the hospital of the diocese.

CSM collaborates with the Cameroonian Association of Mental Hygiene (ACAHM), as well as with the institutions that accommodate people suffering from mental illness and people with disabilities.

Human resources: sisters, nurses, auxiliary nurses, Secretariat, cleaning staff, personnel security, animators and educators, managers, driver.

CSM welcomes students in practical nursing, mental health, etc. These are accompanied by a reference staff.

Specialists: Psychiatrist, Neurologist, Psychologist.

Responsible for the CSM with the health team ensures: meetings team, hospitaller identity and continuous training and health education/training to the population that attends to the CSM. With regard to the formation inter-centers collaborates with CSM Benedict Menni of Yaoundé team.

The hospitaller family "the brothers and sisters of Saint Benedict Menni", will meet with the mentally ill wandering through the streets of the city, they seek, and find a family, participate in the reintegration of the same; they are available in the middle of their own vocation as students, parents, and mothers in family, etc. Put their gifts and time, along with the sisters and the team, at the service of poor, mentally ill, marginalized.

The community of Douala: is composed by 3 Sisters of perpetual vows, two young professed, a candidate and a candidate.

This community welcomes the postulancy in Cameroon and the young aspirants. Forming sister Françoise



Françoise, superiora and administrator
Hortense, directress of CSM
Florence, responsible of the ergotherapy
Amandine, junior
Joséphine, junior

PRAYER for the Community and Mission of Douala(CAMEROON)

Oh God, father of believers, you multiply on Earth the sons of the promise, with gratefulness for the adoption and for the Paschal mystery, you did your servant Abraham the father of all Nations, as you had promised. Today we are here before you to entrust the work of the Hospitaller Committee of Africa (CHAF). You raised in the Church, the charism of hospitality, we give you thanks for the seed planted in Africa, so that today as yesterday and forever, we commit ourselves like Abraham, out of our self interests, out of our securities, out of our personal projects to enter into the great Congregational Community project in Africa, where everyone wants to be the actors and the steward in its construction. Grant that we may hear Your voice and follow the example of our Father in faith. We ask you today for the community and for the Mission of Douala(Cameroon) and at the same time we ask the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of the Sacred heart of Jesus, Saint Augustine, Saint Benedict Menni, and of the sisters who have gone before us. Amen.