

"AFRICA, KEEP THE LAMP OF HOSPITALITY ALIGHT HOSPITALIDAD"

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Mission of the Congregation in Cameroon in the heart of mental health

Yaounde

The call of the local church, on September 22, 1993 the Congregation reach Cameroon with the intention of creating a project on mental health. From the beginning this project enjoyed not only of the approval of the health authorities of the country but told with its support and stimulus.

The opening of the mission was preceded by an intense programme of training and awareness in Psychiatry, program that is simultaneously with the attention to admit the sick people. At the same time, solidarity with other congregations, the sisters claimed a health presence and social in the central prison, activity that still continue until now .

The ministerial decree of approval of the Center was given on June 19, 1997 and a few months later opened the new center of Mental Health at Efoulan (Yaounde) with two structures: clinic and day center. This Hill is the site of the novitiate and religious community that ensures mission.

International cooperation. The Foundation Benito Menni. Important support to concretize these projects.

Currently: the Benito Menni Center of Yaounde makes consultation in

The Center is structured:

- Daily consultation**
- Rehabilitation**
- Occupational therapy**
- Out patient consultation**
- Presence in the central jail**
- 3 external stations or "channel" of consultation.**

This Center caters nearly two hundred fifty patients daily

A team of sisters, motivated employees, in the Service of the mentally ill.

The «formative community» of Yaounde

*The sisters that ensure the Apostolic mission: CSM, linkages, jail

*The Group of 15 Juniors: formation / studies, Apostolic activity .

*Ensures the accompaniment of the Group of aspirants from the city.

The novitiate: the formation team and 17 novices (12 of 2 ° year and 5 of 1st. year). Participate with the group

"Hospitaller family -friends of the Hospitaller Sisters" (in general students from university), and give Service to the mental patients in the Street.

To assist in the self-financing, teach them



Prayer for the Community and Mission of Yaounde(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 Yaounde (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.