

Cameroon: Support for Martyrs' families

Overview

This project is assisting the widows, families and communities of two literacy facilitators of Bible Society Cameroon who were murdered by Islamic militant group, Boko Haram, in 2020. This project is enabling the two widows

and 15 children to be housed, fed, clothed, and educated, as well as receive trauma counselling. It will also train trauma healing facilitators to ensure the broader community can begin the process of healing.

The Need

The death of two of Bible Society of Cameroon's literacy facilitators has been a massive loss, not just to their families but to the translation project in the Podoko language, Parkwa. Other members of the community are also victims of frequent attacks and live in fear, often taking refuge in caves. The people were traumatised by what they witnessed and the stress of hiding out.



Project Goals

The goals of this project are to 1) meet the physical, psychological, educational and spiritual needs of the 15 children and their mothers over 3-5 years; and 2) to train additional facilitators to help families and the community heal from their trauma.

In 2022, the project will continue to meet the needs of the two families; medical, food and education, as well as ongoing trauma healing support in the communities.

Impact

This project will impact 485 people in total, which includes the families of the murdered literacy workers, the trauma counsellors to be trained, and the people in their communities reached with the healing groups.

So far, the widows have been relocated and are safer, comfortable and happy in their new village, away from the fear and insecurity of the Kassa area.

In 2021, all school and exam fees were covered for 13 children for the school year. The two widows (and their children) attended healing sessions in September and October 2021 and began their healing, as they rebuild their lives and have their faith in God nurtured and supported

Also in 2021, 35 people attended a healing group run by newly trained facilitators.

Prayer Needs

- Please pray for the healing of wounds created by the loss of the two men, both in their families, and their communities.
- Pray for the widows, caring for their children without their fathers.
- Pray that God would raise those children with trust in him.