

2013 Year In Review



The OK Clean Water Project's 10th Anniversary Year proved to be a success in Ottawa and in Cameroon. In Ottawa our successful fundraising events raised over \$100,000 and in Cameroon some long term projects were completed while others received extensions. We are grateful for the support given so that these achievements could be accomplished. Beri Wo!

In 2013 many successful fundraising activities took place in Ottawa. Twenty-five schools in the Ottawa area collected a very generous \$33,000. Other activities included a Night at the Races bringing in almost \$1800, a Barbeque with \$2700 profit, a Rock and Roll Night totalling \$1500 and a very successful Annual Brunch with a profit of \$8,200. Our new and very popular fundraising event was the FUNraiser Fashion Show at Shepherd's which brought in \$5400 and a lot of new supporters. We plan to repeat this in 2014! Overall with the fundraising activities and the donors either on-line or through regular support the OK Clean Water Project was able to send over \$100,000 to Cameroon in 2013. This is our second highest amount sent in our ten year history. We are proud of our accomplishments and are most grateful to our many supporters who make this all possible.

2013 also made it possible for the partners in the life-giving project to come together. Cathy Molloy, the OK Clean coordinator, Edwin Visi, the OK Clean Water consultant and Edwin's wife, Doris, travelled to Ottawa to be in attendance and to speak to the audience at our 10th Anniversary Brunch in October. During their visit they also visited three schools and met with the OK Clean Water Project Committee to discuss successes, challenges and future plans. Upon their return to Cameroon Carmel Horan from the OK Clean Water Project Committee and her niece, Ali Purcell, traveled with them to Kumbo. Carmel and Ali were in attendance at the 10th Anniversary celebrations held in Tobin on November 9. Here they witnessed the jubilation and gratitude of the many people present from the villages as they celebrated the gift of clean water in song, dance, speeches and a delicious feast.

While we celebrated the many successes in the 2013, the 10th Anniversary Year we also realize there are more villages waiting in hope for the gift of clean water. As we move forward in 2014 we continue to strive to bring the gift of water to those who wait in hope. We keep abreast of their aspirations and achievements in Kumbo through regular email and we pray that this partnership may grow between OK in Ottawa and Kumbo to more villagers as we continue to sing

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WATER IS LIFE!