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We are very excited and wish for strength as we begin a new decade of fundraising, after a year of celebrations both in Ottawa and Kumbo to commemorate OK Clean Water Project's 10th Anniversary.

10th ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS:

We are very proud to share that over the 10 year period we raised and sent to Kumbo **\$675,000 CAD**. School fundraising produced **\$230,000** over ten years! With these funds

34 villages gained access to clean water in the Kumbo region of Cameroon. Villagers were able to lay more than **136** kilometers of pipe; and build **32** spring catchments, **24** storage

tanks and **193** public standpipes. This success story has been spreading in the Kumbo region and beyond. We continue to receive requests for assistance from nearby villages.

OUR NEXT STEPS—WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

FROM CAMEROON

As with most significant anniversaries, people take time to reflect on the past, assess the present, and plan for the future. We were very pleased to meet with Sr. Cathy Molloy, our coordinator in Kumbo and Edwin Visi, our consultant, before their return to Kumbo in October 2013. At the final celebration in Kumbo on November 9th there were echoes in the air of "Water is Life" and "We are Together as One". However "Education for Sustainability" is becoming the slogan now heard more frequently on the lips of the villagers. Those who have been trained to care and maintain the water system for their village are becoming leaders and mentors for those who are just beginning their projects. Pride in ownership and responsibility is giving the villagers strength and confidence to help others. Representatives from

30 villages participated and contributed to the celebration of November 9th in Kumbo. An Advisory Committee has been organized with a representative from each of the main four subdivisions where there are OK village partners. A first meeting was held on December 19th, 2013. Their agenda included in part a review of completed projects, and in progress, dates for Water Management training sessions for 2014, current village requests for financial assistance, as well as plans for moving forward.

Water Management Training Sessions for four villages: Mbven/Mbiame, Jakiri-Shiy, Kiloovey, Kumbo I-Ngoylum,

and Kumbo II-Ngoylum have been scheduled for February and March. For each training session, one member of our newly created OK Advisory Committee in Kumbo will be asked to present along with our consultant, Edwin Visi. They will be using the water

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The Water Management Advisory Committee, Kumbo

2014 UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 30th
U of O and OK Basketball
Friendly Tournament

Tuesday, April 29th, 6:00–9:00 pm
Fashion Show
Shepherds Fashions Trainyards

Thursday, June 19th, 6:00 pm
Night at the Races
Rideau-Carleton Raceway

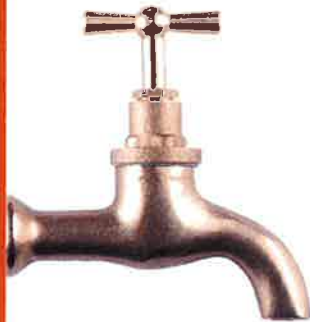
Thursday, July 10, 11:00 am–1:30 pm
Summer BBQ
174 Colonnade Road

Sunday, October 19th, 11:00 am
Annual Brunch
Centurion Conference Centre

Please note our Annual General Meeting
will be held on Monday, April 21st at
7:00 pm located at 580 Chapel Street.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

OUR NEXT STEPS *continued*



management teaching charts prepared by Mr. Visi for this purpose. We are very excited about this new focus.

We invite you to refer to our website (www.okcleanwaterproject.org) for new stories and pictures about the Ottawa 10th Anniversary brunch held on October 20th, the November 9th celebration held in Kumbo, Carmel and Ali's recent visit to Cameroon, as well as Cathy Molloy's visit to Mbokov in December.

NEWS FROM OTTAWA

Our Ottawa team and supporters worked endlessly to raise funds. By the end of 2013, we were able to send to Kumbo \$100,000.

Shepherds Fashion Show: **\$5,000**

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Night at the Races: **\$1,720**

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Summer BBQ's: **\$2,570**

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Maxwell's Dance Event: **\$1,495**

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Fall Brunch: **\$8,155**

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Schools Fundraising: **\$33,700**

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Donations including US\$, Canada Helps,
United Way, etc: **\$51,260**

Our school visits, that will be supporting OK Clean Water Project during the Lenten season this year, have now started. We will be presenting some new photos and updates of the work being done in Kumbo. Anyone wishing to have us visit their school or office is asked to contact Carmel Horan at 613-737-3681 or horanc@sympatico.ca.

We are thankful to have the internet which helps us to keep in closer contact with Cathy Molloy and Edwin Visi, even though they experience many power outages in their remote areas. The 10th anniversary "connectedness" has definitely brought us closer together with the villagers. We are blessed with a dedicated group of people in Ottawa, as well as in Kumbo, who volunteer their time for this wonderful charity. It is our hope that interest and momentum continue to grow in the future. Anyone living in Ottawa, who can spare some time to join us for a monthly meeting and assist with our fundraising events, is welcome to contact us at our email address info@okcleanwaterproject.org.



The Brunch 2013 Committee with guests, Sr. Cathy Molloy, Doris and Edwin Visi