

Year in Review 2010
AGM 2011

The OK Clean Water Project has completed a successful 2010 year in partnership with the people of Kumbo, Cameroon. Our collaborative efforts as partners have worked to provide the gift of clean water to more villagers as well as improving the sustainability of the projects in the many villages as the training sessions continue.

We are very pleased with the progress made to the website. People can access newsletters, upcoming events and the progress of the projects in Cameroon. We are very grateful for the many volunteers and the companies who have donated their time and services to make this all happen.

In Cameroon Cathy Molloy and Edwin Visi work with the villagers to bring about a better quality of life as the clean water comes to them. Edwin, the project developer, works closely with the villagers in the initial planning of each project. He also holds workshops and training sessions for water management committees, caretakers and standtap committees on an ongoing basis to ensure the maintenance and sustainability of each project. Cathy works closely with Edwin in the overall costing of each village project and scheduling the training sessions.

In 2010 catchments, storage tanks, intake chambers, standtaps and pipelines were completed in three more villages. At this time twenty-seven villages have received the gift of clean water. The villagers have been most diligent and faithful in all of this work as they provide the necessary physical labour required to complete the tasks and maintain the project once it has been completed.

At home we are very grateful to have received two grants- one from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) for \$5,000 and another from the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) for \$4,000. Our fundraising events included a Night at the Races, a Brunch, summer barbeques, a garage sale and two bake sales and a concert hosted by Ottawa University students. Our school visits brought in a total of \$29,712. We also have received financial support from many generous donors over the past year. A volunteer appreciation event was held in April to express our gratitude to all the supporters.

Plans are now underway to have a Night at the Races on May 19 at the Rideau Carleton Raceway and our annual Brunch on October 16 at the Centurion Conference and Event Centre. Barbeques will be scheduled and other fundraising activities will be posted on the website. Thirty schools have been visited this year and proceeds from these will be posted in June.

On a sad note our beloved Norma McCoy, the initiator of the OK Clean Water Project, passed away on July 22. Norma, who always worked for the cause of justice for all, really gave the gift of life to many more people in Kumbo, Cameroon through the OK Clean Water Project. WATER IS LIFE! Norma truly believed this! We know that Norma rests peacefully and remains with us as we journey onward in our quest to improve the lives of more villagers in Cameroon.

Once again as we reflect on another year in the life of the OK Clean Water Project with gratitude for all who have made this all possible- the people of Canada, the US and elsewhere who support the project in various ways and the people of Kumbo, Cameroon who do all the physical work to bring the water to the people. This is truly a partnership!