



Buea Community Church (BCC)

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



*Bringing hope in Jesus Christ to the
people of Buea and beyond.*

*BCC seeks to meet as a New Testament Church by giving a faithful representation
of the body of Christ and by obeying the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Discipleship (funly called "The Multiplication Anointing" by her members) is the
moving force and cornerstone of BCC.*

Sundays: 9:00am

Wednesdays: 6:00pm

Besides COGENI, Bonduma, Buea

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1. SOUTH AFRICA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY



From January to June 2008, four of us including Genesis Tinshu,



Marceline Tinshu, Manga Ade, and Simon Njock, together with Naomi Tinshu (Genesis & Marceline Tinshu's first daughter) left for South Africa where we spent close to 6 months at the Hatfield Training Centre at Hatfield Christian Church in Pretoria. During that time, we received training in almost all aspects of Ministry especially related to Church planting and Pastoral Ministry.

During that time, we were also blessed with the arrival on March 3 of Marie-Toni W. Tinshu.

The training and experience we received is now helping us do the work of the ministry at Buea Community Church.

2. DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS (DGs)



The church operates Discipleship Groups which are geared towards raising disciples and leaders in church and in the different departments of the Ministry. Currently, there are 4 DGs going on run by Pastors Genesis, Marceline, Simon and Manga. These DGs have been running for about two months now.

These groups provide an excellent way for people to experience greater care and relationships in the Church. Currently, only about 30% of all Church members belong to a DG but we working on having most of the people to belong to at least a group.

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These groups follow from the premise that Jesus was not so concerned with reaching the multitudes himself but with raising disciples who will reach the multitude!

3. LIFE GROUPS (LGs)



One month after the launching of BCC, we immediately launched five “Life Groups” as follows:

- Simon and Joe’s residence situated along Paramount Hotel Street in Molyko,
- Genesis & Marceline Tinshu’s residence behind the Chief’s house in Bonduma, Buea,
- Brother Lyonga’s house in Upper Bonduma Village
- Mama Kale’s house in Sandpit
- Alfred & Delphine Wamei’s house in Clerks’ quarter.

Out of all the LGs, the most effective is the one at Mr. Lyonga’ house at Upper Bonduma village just some few meters from where the last Crusade held.

Life Groups provide opportunity for sharing, prayer and evangelism as well as building closer relationships with Church member. About 40% of Church members currently attend a LG. We are working on a re-launch of the LGs at the end of February 2009.

4. CHILDREN MINISTRY



We have witnessed a growth in the children ministry each Sunday. The children meet at HINT’s IT Centre each Sunday. An average of 30 kids attend Church every Sunday. In collaboration with other Sunday school teachers, the church runs an interdenominational children Ministry called Children for God (C4G) every Sunday at 4pm. Over 40 kids attend these meetings each Sunday. The children have a challenge which is that of accommodation.

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5. COMMUNITY OUTREACHES

We have been reaching out to the community through the following programs:

a. Football



competition involving about 12 teams. Huge!

BCC has been interacting with the young people of Bonduma through football. We have had very exciting moments as we build relationships with these boys while playing and praying with them. We played about 4 matches in 2008 and are considering a huge project called Football for Community Development – FCD to run July-August 2009. FCD will be an inter-quarter football

b. Crusades



From 30th October to 2nd November, BCC organized and held her first outdoor evangelistic Crusade at Bonduma Village where 50 decisions were registered, some of which are actively involved in church. Meanwhile, every last Thursday of each month has been dedicated as a day for evangelism for the church.

c. Community Feeding Program



people. This is an excellent way to reach people's hearts with the gospel.

After the crusade in October, BCC held a reception dinner for all crusade converts. It was also an occasion to extend appreciations to the village head and the notables of the land. 100 people were present for this reception, including children. We have it at heart to run a feeding program for those who are struggling to afford food every 3 months. If you can sponsor this program, please let us know. It cost just US\$ 300 to feed over 150

d. Community Work



As part of our commitment to develop our community, BCC took upon herself to clean streets and gutters in Buea. The first one held on September 20th while the second took place on the 4th of October. Several people were amazed and touched by the fact that a Church would be so interested in the cleanliness of its community. One man was so touch that he decided to provide food to those who were working. He

admitted that neighbor surrounding the gutters we were cleaning spent a lot of money in previous years to keep the environment clean.

6. COFFEE SHOP

Since the launching of BCC, our coffee shop has been a tool to create and strengthen friendships and relationships between Church members. So far, the coffee shop has been open and running every Sunday from 9:00 – 9:25 am before the service that begins at 9:30am.

This makes our ministry very unique as we are the only Church in town that offers such hospitality.

7. BAPTISM



From August to December 2008, BCC has baptized 18 candidates in three baptism sessions. Worthy of note is the fact that at the baptism sites, the Gospel is being preached and some of those who go to fetch water and wash their clothes have made a public commitment to follow Jesus. We have been facing some difficulties in transporting the candidates to and from the baptism sites; given that the more convenient site is a great distance from where the church is located. Meanwhile, as part of the developing our community, the church is doing

some research and considering the possibility of developing one of the sites close to the Church. It is a spring popularly called Ndongo Streams that will benefit the other churches in Buea and the entire community. We will like to also research the possibly of providing safe Drinking water to the people of Buea through Ndongo.

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Sometime in the near future, a team of engineering students from the UK will come to Buea for on-the-spot assessment and research of possibilities. The project will be a partnership between Engineers Without Border – UK and Helps International (HINT). Details of the research proposal are available at <http://www.ewb-uk.org/HINT>

8. MEDIA MINSITRIES

We have been using different media to extend the work of the ministry from the church to the city, town, regions and nations of the world. These ministries include: radio, newsletter, daily Devotional, and Internet publications.

a. Radio Ministry



blessed through that ministry.

Since November 2008, BCC has been producing and presenting a radio programme over one of the Christian (Presbyterian) Gospel stations here in Buea called Christian Broadcasting Service (CBS). The programme runs every Thursdays, from 9:45 to 0:45a.m. Over 100,000 people listen to the station every day. We have been having positive feedbacks from listeners and many have been

b. Newsletters



Every Sunday, BCC publishes a newsletter called Sunday Morning for both members in church and those out of the church. It covers news about the work of the ministry in church and other past and up-coming events at Church, a synopsis of the message for that day, testimonies and articles, and a monthly calendar of activities. It is a source of information and inspiration to its readers.

c. Internet/Website/Publications

BCC has a web site (www.bueachurch.org) which is a great tool for information and communication purposes. Through the church website, the world can read and know about the work of the church, the ministry opportunities available in the

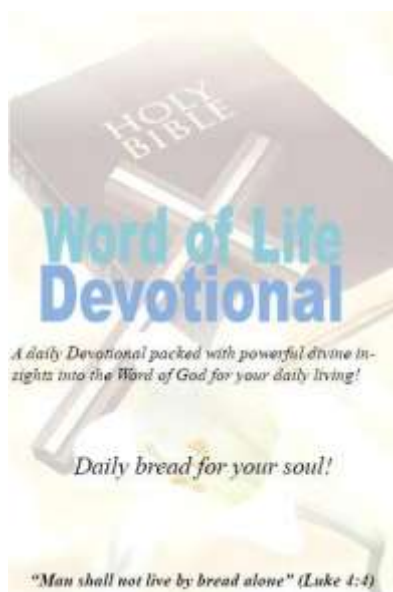
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church. People can also check and find out how they can serve in the church and support the work. BCC also has a social networking site at www.bueachurch.ning.com.

d. Daily Devotional



The Core Leadership of the Church worked and produced a devotional that is currently being used by people in and out of Church. It is also shared online to over 2500 subscribers daily.

9. OTHER ACTIVITIES

There are different activities which go on in church each week such as:

a. Sunday's Praise & Worship Service

Our Sunday morning Praise & Worship Service starts at 9:00am and end between 11:45 and 12 noon. Averagely, 60 adults and 30 children have been attending the Sunday services but the numbers are increasing weekly.

b. Mid-Week Service

A midweek service holds every Wednesday for those who cannot come on Sunday for different reasons. Christians from other churches come on Wednesdays and many of them have eventually liked the Church and have started to come on Sunday. About 35 adults on average attend these midweek services.

c. Choir

The Choir named 'Aroma Praise & Worship Team' meets for prayer and practice on Saturdays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

d. Core Leadership

The Core leadership is a restricted group of leaders (7) from the general leadership of the church, who meet weekly to pray, evaluate and plan for the progress of the

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work and members of the church. They are responsible for the fulfillment of the vision of the Church and the direction in which the Church takes. Here are BCC Core Leaders:

Leader	Responsibility
Genesis Tinshu	General Oversight
Marceline Tinshu	Aroma Children and C4G
Manga Ade Joseph	Evangelism, Outreach & Youths
Njock Simon	Treasurer/Discipleship & Training
Pascal Akembom	Financial Secretary/Administration
Alfred Wamei	Family Ministries
Delphine Wamei	Family Ministries

e. **General Leadership**

The general leadership is an enlarge forum of members from the church who have been chosen to serve God's Church in one way or the other. There are about 19 departments working together to keep the Church functioning well. These leaders meet weekly on Fridays at 4:00pm to pray, evaluate and plan for the future and also handle some needs and issues related to the overall mission of the Church.

The different departments are:

No.	Department	Leader
1	Administration	Pascal Akembom
2	Choir/Praise & Worship	Simon Njock/Jane Frances/Genesis Tinshu
3	Ushering	Elvis Teghen
4	Children	Marceline Tinshu
5	Coffee Shop	Magdalene Atemkeng/Sandrine Ojong
6	Cleaning/Decoration	Seraphine Teghen
7	Member Relationships	Bridget Atemkeng/Simon Njock
8	Technical Equipment	Kelso Ngeh/Ebai Etchi
9	IT & Internet Publications	Manga Ade/Genesis Tinshu
10	Statistics	Genevieve Mengi/Anita Atemkeng
11	Baptism/Lord's Table	Gaston Wandji
12	Community Work/Impact	Lyonga Esembe
13	Media/Radio	Manga Ade
14	Media/Newsletter	Manga Ade /Delphine W. /Genesis Tinshu
15	Interpretation	Gaston Wandji
16	Finances	SimonNjock/Pascal Akembom
17	Musicians	Samuel Lyonga
18	Aroma Dance Group	Sandrine Ojong/Marceline Tinshu
19	Church Secretariat	Manga Ade

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f. SUMMIT/Praise & Worship Night



The Church also runs monthly program dubbed “SUMMIT”. During each SUMMIT, we trust God for an extra-ordinary release of his presence, power and Spirit. It is a time to be filled with the Holy Spirit, experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit and receive diverse gifts from God.

We equally come together on the last Sunday of every month for a time of just praise and worship. We are considering merging these two meetings to all hold last Sunday of the month in 2009.

10. CHURCH ASSETS

Below is a list of equipments and property items owned by BCC:

- A complete Jazz set with spare parts for two small drums plus seat
- 2 microphones, 2 microphone stands and 2 cords
- 2 Guitars (Solo and Bass) plus 2 cords and 2 guitar bags
- 2 Cordless microphones plus amplifier
- A 10 entries Power Amplifier/Mixer
- 1 Power amplifier
- 1 Keyboard
- 1 DVD and 1 VCD players
- 4 Speakers

11. FINANCIAL REPORTS & RECORDS:

See separate attachments

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12. MONTHLY SYNOPSIS (August - December, 2008)

a. AUGUST



After participating in an Evangelist crusade by Hope Outreach International Ministries, BCC had a Buffet-styled Luncheon with some influential leaders in Buea which held on 9th and 24 persons were in attendance. On the 13th, BCC leaders had a launched with Ps Jack Groblewski and Brother Julius Esunge which was aimed at acquainting ourselves with each other. On Sunday 17th BCC was

formally launched in the presence of Ps Jack & Brother Julius Esunge during which Pasttor Jack preached a prolific sermon and made prophetic declarations about BCC as a Church of Honor and Breakthrough in Cameroon. 160 adults were present to witness this occasion besides children. Immediately after the church launch, about 60 candidates registered for our first School of Discipleship that ran for two weeks (intensive) out of which 30 graduated on August 30th and were awarded certificates at the end. The students were schooled on topics such as New life in Christ, Christian disciplines etc and practical teachings on sharing your faith which saw the students going out to witness for Christ in a one-on-one evangelism. The month closed with BCC baptizing 5 candidates (new believers) on Sunday 31st at 7am.

b. SEPTEMBER



After the first school of Discipleship, we went on to launch the second school in September which began on the 1st and ran till 27th. The month saw the launching of 4 Life Groups in different homes (Molyko, Bonduma, Upper Bonduma Village and Sandpit). Our first midweek service held on Wednesday 3rd. In a bid to reach out to the youths of Bondum, BCC organized and played friendly

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matches. BCC was beaten 2 to 1. A fellowship meal held at Ps Genesis' residence at the end of the first encounter and 4 youths accepted the call for salvation. Brother Lyonga, who graduated from the first School of Discipleship, got baptized during the first baptism and now has a Life Group running in his house in Upper Bonduma Village.

On the 20th, BCC was involved in developing the community by cleaning the gutters on the main highway of the town that was filled with mud. In the evening, the members had a time of relaxation and playing games at the Senior Pastor's residence.

Outdoor one-on-one evangelism that was introduced during the school of discipleship in August was adopted and is being followed as the church evangelism day that holds every last Thursday of each month and on 25th, the church gathered at 4pm, prayed and went out to witness of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.



On Saturday 27th, the second batch of students from the School of Discipleship (SOD) graduated. 14 persons graduated and were awarded certificates and on Sunday 28th, 4 got baptized. Worthy to note is the fact that we break bread on the Sundays of baptism.

c. OCTOBER



In this month, we had a dual school that was running concurrently viz: Music Training School and the third School of Discipleship. A film on Passion of the Christ held on the 5th, meanwhile BCC went to clean the streets for the second time earlier on the 4th. In the course of the month, BCC dedicated a set of twins named Jack and Julius born to Alfred and Delphine Wamei who are on the core leadership of the Church. On

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Saturday 11th, a Life Group was launched at the Wamei's home.

The return leg football match was played on Saturday 18th and even the re-enforcement of the BCC team could not stop the village youths from beating us again 2:1. Later that evening a film titled INDESCRIBABLE was projected with the youths of the village invited to watch and chew some pop corn.

The month rounded up with BCC's first Crusade that held from Oct. 30th – Nov. 2 where 50 adults made commitments to Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Out of this number, 5 are committed members of the church.



d. NOVEMBER



The month of November began with baptism on the 9th, during which 3 got baptized. The third session of the School of Disciple and the continuation of the Music training school ran from 3rd – 30th.

A fellowship meal and thanksgiving for the first crusade in the village held on Sunday 23rd at 6pm. Some converts of the crusade and notables of the land were in attendance. From the 25th

– 30th, BCC celebrated its 4th anniversary under the theme "Higher Grounds." having been initially planted on November 14, 2004.

A Praise and worship night was introduced and the first held on Sunday 30th. Meanwhile, the 10 students graduated from the third edition of the SOD and 9 candidates got baptized on this day.

e. DECEMBER



The month of December had not much of events as families were focused towards the festive periods and chose to spend time with them and rest from much labor throughout the year. But as a Church, we held the first **Anointed Marriage Seminar** from 16th – 20th after which we focused on praying as leadership and trusting God for a clear word and direction for 2009. Thus, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we

spent the last day of the month and year in a Cross-over Night that held on 31st from 9pm to 2am. After having some time to thank God for 2008, asking for forgiveness for the sins of the past year and praying for the year ahead of us, the Senior Pastor reading from Hag 2:9, declared 2009 as our year of GREATER GLORY. It was on this note that we kissed goodbye to 2008 and only refer to it for posterity as we read in this annual report.

13. CHALLENGES

- **Musicians**

It was not easy dealing with the issue of musicians in the Church. To try and solve this we ran a music school for 2 months as reported above but that could not really solve the problem as one does not learn to play a musical instrument overnight.

Recently, we have had to hire a musician (Pianist) for the Church and Lyonga Samuel will now be in charge of music in the Church and of raising musicians. We hope to work with him for at least 3 years during which we hope to see the desired change in Church. Lyonga is our first staff paid by the Church locally and we trust God to meet up with the challenge of providing his monthly stipend.

- **Technicians**

Our equipment also suffered greatly at the beginning given that those involved did not have as much detailed knowledge about that field. However, the situation has now greatly improved as they have become used to the equipment.

We still hope to get the wired microphones working properly

- **Members into Life Groups & Discipleship Groups**

Integrating Church members into discipleship avenues such as Life Groups and Discipleship Groups has not been an easy task. A bulk of the Church is still out of these groups and we are working towards having more members belong to these groups.

- **Financial**

By God's grace we did not face such a huge financial challenge since our partners provided for Church Venue rents and monthly stipends for the three main pastors in Church.

However, being able to meet up with the daily running cost, outreach cost and program cost was quite of a challenge.

- **Electricity**

Low voltage is a common problem in Buea especially with the coming of street lights and sometimes our equipment does not come on. This problem is especially disturbing when we go out for outdoor meetings.

Our plan for 2009 is to buy an electric generator to help solve this.

14. PLANS/PROSPECTS FOR 2009

The Lord told us that 2009 is our year of Greater Glory.

*The **glory** of this latter house shall be **greater** than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place [temple] will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts. (Hag 2:9 KJV)*

As we look forward to God taking us to where we need to be, we are prayerfully considering the following for 2009, beside the regular activities of the Church.

1. Continued Growth

Do our best and trust God for continuous numerical and spiritual Church growth and grace to manage and maintain such grow. The Church grew by close to 400% between June & December 2008.

2. April Crusade

This will be a major crusade that will keep the people of Buea aware of our presence. We had a crusade in 2008 but it was in the village and of a low level.

3. A one-month School Of Ministry (SOM)

This will help current leaders and broaden God's call on some

4. Youth Empowerment Seminar (Yes)

To strengthen young people in the Church and launch a nondenominational youth ministry.

5. Football for Community Development (FCD)

A two months long inter-quarter football tournament to run during the holiday of 2009 (July-August). We are not yet clear on this and it could rather take place in 2010.

6. Clean Water Supply Project

As mentioned above, HINT is working with volunteers without Borders in the UK on a project to provide clean drinking water to the inhabitants of Buea through the Ndongo spring.

7. USA Trip by Genesis T.

Genesis Tinshu (S. Pastor) is planning a trip to the USA in May 2009. The main purpose is fundraising for a computer/IT project/business that will fund the work of the ministry back home.



15. BCC BRIEF PRESENTATION.

Our vision (what we see)

Establish the rule and reign of Jesus Christ in and around Buea through a governing territorial church that will rise up and become the strong man of the city.

Our Mission/Purpose Statement

To bring people to Jesus Christ and **membership** in his Church; build them to Christ-like **maturity** through discipleship; equip them for their **ministry** in the church and their **mission** in the world with the overall purpose of **magnifying** God.

Our Values:

Values are borders or beliefs that define a basic standard in one's life. As Christians, our values are defined and based on the Bible, the Word of God.

- God is first and Jesus is above all.
- Importance of a personal relationship with Jesus from where all ministry flows
- Discipleship through small groups in relationships.
- God's Word is the final Authority in matters of faith and practice.
- Spiritual examples through our lives first
- Family and Marriage
- Leadership Development
- Integrity, Humility, accountability.
- Socio-economic transformation of our community.

Our Strategy (4Bs):

Bring

Making friends is the foundational step in relationships.

Bridge

To bridge is to connect people together and allow the rich growth of relationships.

Build

When a structure is built the diverse abilities and talents of people are utilized to achieve the final result.

Belong

To belong is the fruit of rich relationships. It is displayed by the obvious growth of friendships within Buea Community Church.

Life Groups

These are the backbone of Buea Community Church! These are Small Groups that meet once a week in homes throughout the city. They typically maintain a specific time and place in any given week where they fellowship and discuss the message from the

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previous week.

Interest Groups

These specifically encourage and build relationships based around a specific interest that the leader has. For example, a group of businessmen, group of hairdressers, students of same class or school, coworkers in the same office, etc. These meet regularly for prayer, fellowship and seek ways to spread the good news about salvation in Jesus Christ. If you would want to start an Interest Group, please speak to the pastor.

Opportunities for Ministry at BCC

- Evangelism
 - *College/Youth Ministry*
 - *Hospital ministry*
 - *Prison ministry*
 - *University Ministry*
- Discipleship (the “pillar” of our ministry)
- Coffee Shop
- Aroma Praise & Worship Team
- Prayer/Intercession
- Children for God (C4G) – Children’s Ministry at BCC
- Musicians – use your musical talent for God.
- Technicians – use your technical knowhow for God.
- Ushering/Greeters
- Community Ministry
- Family Ministries
- Media Ministry
 - *Radio Ministry*
 - *Publishing Ministry*
 - *Audiovisual Ministry*
 - *Internet*

Out Partners

- The Christian Network, South Africa
- Grace network, USA
- Ground Level network, UK
- Hope Outreach International Ministries (HOIM), USA

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Core Leadership Team:



Genesis & Marceline Tinshu

Senior Pastoral Couple

Genesis was called to the ministry in 1999 having been born-again in February of 1995. In 2004, he felt led by God to plant a Church in Buea and BCC had its first public worship serve on November 14, 2004. In 2007 Genesis met with Julius Esunge and a new page began for BCC. BCC was then formally launched on August 17, 2008 and is now a project of Partners For Influence (PFI). If there's one ministry word that Genesis is know for, it is discipleship - The Multiplication Anointing. He has a B.SC degree in Mathematics & minor in Computer Science from the University of Buea, Cameroon, is a graduate from the GPA at Dallas Theological Seminary, is a graduate from the GSBI at Santa Clara University and a graduate from the School of Ministry at Hatfield Christian Church, SA. He is a Pastor/Teacher and Social Entrepreneur at the same time and enjoys doing both. He is married to Marceline and they have two kids - Naomi and Marie-Toni.



Manga A. Joseph

Youth/Student Ministry Pastor

Manga has a burning desire and a genuine heart for the youths, Cameroon and Africa and he desires to see the lost turning to Jesus; as he dares to obey the charge to "Preach the Word" from 2 Tim2:1-5.



Simon Njock

Discipleship/Training Ministry Pastor

Simon is from the corporate world where he has worked as an accountant for three years, before accepting God's call for His Vine Yard. He has also served as an evangelist and preacher with the Cameroon Youths for Jesus and the Apostolic Church. He now serves at BCC and is in charge of Discipleship and Training. He is engaged to Abigail and they look forward to getting married soon.



Pascal Akembom
Church Administrator

Born into a Roman Catholic family, Pascal has had a number of attempts at becoming a Catholic Priest, but it pleased the Lord to use him otherwise. After having served as Discipline Master and Bursar in two different educational institutions, he sensed God's call and immediately relocated to Buea. He now serves as Administrator for BCC and also as Manager of Helps International (HINT)'s IT Centre at Bonduma.



Alfred & Delphine Wamei
Family Ministries Leaders

Alfred has an Associate Degree from the National Advanced School Of Posts and Telecommunications (ENSPT) Yaoundé Cameroon and has worked with CAMEROON TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (CAMTEL) since 1998 as Team LEADER in the Maintenance and Exploitation Sector in Douala Akwa Nord. Has been a youth leader for nine(9) years. He is an alumnus of the Haggai Institute and has been teaching in Haggai Seminars on the topics: THE LEADER AND HIS FAMILY and GODLY LEADERSHIP. He enjoys prayer, the Word, evangelism and counseling. He has been married to Delphine since 2004 and they have been blessed with four kids: Gloria, Lajoie, Jack and Julius.