

The year 2012 was year filled with successes, new hopes and challenges. From its beginning in 2003, the OK Clean Water Project has grown from serving seventeen individual standtaps to thirty-four villages, some small projects and even more importantly – water management training sessions. As Cameroonians would say, “**WATER IS LIFE!**” This past year has witnessed the need to focus on EDUCATION for SUSTAINABILITY. As well we read in the Engineers Without Borders Report- *CamCam Clean Water Patnership 2012*- emphasis on sustainability in order to maintain the project. This will involve the planning and commitment of funding from a percentage of the annual income to this priority.

We continue to keep abreast of the progress of the projects through ongoing communication with Cathy Molloy, CND, the project supervisor, and Edwin Visi, the Cameroonian engineer, by email. Cathy spent some time in Ottawa in November and she updated us on various aspects of the projects as well as the plans for the 10th Anniversary celebrations to be held in 2013. Cathy’s presence is always a new ray of hope for us as she conveys the words of the Cameroonian people with deep gratitude and straight from her heart.

Alana Forrester made a return visit to Cameroon in June of this year and also speaks of the progress made in her summary- *The Latest From Cameroon*. Alana also prepared a report of the meeting she had with Cathy and Edwin- both attached. Enclosed are information sheets outlining the Village Grants made between 2003- 2012 and an statistical information sheet which includes the villages within each subdivision with population, kilometres of pipeline, number of catchments, storage tanks and public standpipes.

In the year 2012 several successful fundraising events have taken place here in Ottawa. George organized a barbeque and the Night at the Races, Rideau Carleton Raceway; these events netted a profit of \$4200. A garage sale held at George and Louise’s and a Cameroonian Feast Night held at Hilder and Martin’s totalled a profit of \$1200. Kathy Monkman organized the Rock and Roll Night at Maxwell’s- a night enjoyed by all and this brought in \$1000. The Annual Brunch with a Silent Auction held at the Centurion Conference and Event Centre brought in an amazing \$12,100. The twenty-eight schools who participated in some very creative fun-raising activities collected \$30,827.00 for the cause. We are very pleased with the results of the fundraising events and we are very grateful for our very generous donors who donate on- line through CANADA Helps or by mail. In the year 2012 we are proud to say that we were able to send almost \$70,000 to Cameroon. Many thanks to everyone for your support. We couldn’t do it without you!

As we move forward into 2013 – **our 10th Anniversary Year** -we are filled with hope as we plan some new and fun-filled ventures to support this OK Clean Water Project. Thank you to our donors, our committee members, our supporters who work behind the scenes giving their time and energy to this great cause, We are thankful for Cathy Molloy and Edwin Visi who continue to work unceasingly with the people of Kumbo to bring clean water to more villages and at the same time they strive for greater independence among the people. Cathy and Edwin’s emphasis is that each water project belongs to the village therefore it is most important that each village takes on the responsibility to keep the project sustainable.

May our **10th Anniversary Year of 2013** be one that brings the gift of clean water to even more villagers in order that they may be healthier and more independent. And lastly may the partnership between OK in Ottawa and Kumbo continue to grow so that we all may sing as the Cameroonians do, “**WE are TOGETHER- WE are ONE!**”