

PROJECT NO: 102529

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# Cameroon



## Care for Martyr Families



### Overview

This project is assisting the widows, families and communities of two literacy facilitators of Bible Society Cameroon who were murdered by Islamic militant group, Boko Haram, in 2020. This project is enabling the two widows and their 15 children to be housed, fed, clothed, educated and to undergo trauma counselling. It will also train trauma healing facilitators to ensure the broader community can begin the process of healing.

### The Need

The death of two of Bible Society of Cameroon's literacy facilitators has been a massive loss, not just to their families but to the translation project in the Podoko language (Parkwa). Other members of the community are also victims of frequent attacks and live in fear, often taking refuge in caves. In July 2022, a Bible reviewer was killed in the region of Godigong. These people are traumatised by what they have witnessed.

80+

were killed by the Boko Haram group in the Far North region of Cameroon, from January to April 2021.

>340k

were internally displaced as of August 2021.

## Goals

The goals of this project are to:

- 1) meet the physical, psychological, educational and spiritual needs of the 15 children and their mothers over 3-5 years; and
- 2) to train additional facilitators to

help families and the community heal from their trauma.

In 2023, the project will continue to meet the needs of the two families in medical, food and education, as well as ongoing trauma healing

support in the communities.

## Impact

This project will aim to impact over 485 people, which includes the families of the murdered literacy workers, the trauma counsellors to be trained, and the people in their communities reached with the healing groups.

So far, the widows have been relocated into a new village, away from the fear and insecurity of the

Kassa area. Minor finishing works were done to their house in July 2022.

Also in 2022, 12 children from both families returned to school in September with school fees and school supplies covered. However, since July 2022, terrorist attacks have intensified and spread into other villages, making it difficult to

hold activities including the healing sessions planned.

## Prayer Needs

- Please pray for the healing of wounds created by the loss of the two men, both in their families, and their communities.
- Pray for health and harmony in these families, where the widows care for their children without their fathers.
- Pray that the children will learn to trust in God, and that despite it all, they will be encouraged to perform at their best in school.
- For those being persecuted in this region, pray that they will overcome and that God's guiding presence will be with them through this trial.

