



We sincerely hope that your visit to Bethel has been a rewarding one. No doubt it has helped you to become better acquainted with the work that Jehovah's Witnesses are doing to aid people who are searching for a better future through God's Kingdom. May your visit with us be an encouragement to you in your efforts to learn more about our loving Creator and to live by his righteous standards.

**Visiting Hours:** Visitors are welcome to take a guided tour of our facilities. Tours are available on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All tours commence in the reception area, near the main entrance.

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# Welcome to the Cameroon Branch Office of Jehovah's Witnesses

## Introduction

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Cameroon branch office of Jehovah's Witnesses. We hope that your visit will be a pleasant one. Our branch is called Bethel, meaning "House of God." This Biblical name is fitting, for the more than 30 Bethel family members who live and serve here are ordained ministers who have dedicated themselves to Jehovah God and who devote themselves full-time to supporting the work of Kingdom preaching.

In some 236 lands, there are now over 7,000,000 Witnesses of Jehovah, who are carrying out the commission Jesus gave his followers—to preach the good news of God's Kingdom. (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20) To organize this work, there are more than a hundred branch offices worldwide—all working under the direction of the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses.



**Morning  
Worship**



**Reception**

Although those serving at Bethel are of different ages and come from a number of different regions, they can truly be called a family because of their unity in serving their heavenly Father, Jehovah God. As a Bethel family, they serve together, enjoy meals together, and study the Bible together.

## Spiritual Programs

Each workday morning, members of the Bethel family come together at the breakfast table to consider a Bible text from the booklet *Examining the Scriptures Daily*. A chairman presides over this 15-minute discussion, and members of the family are assigned to comment on the text. Following the discussion, the family is led in prayer, after which breakfast is served.

On Monday evenings, the Bethel family gathers together to study the Bible with the help of *The Watchtower*. At times, there are special programs after the *Watchtower* Study. These Bible discussions each workday morning and on Monday evenings are an important part of Bethel life.

Members of the family also have access to a library that includes a computer workstation for accessing the *Watchtower Library* on CD-ROM.

Bethel family members personally share in the Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making work. They are assigned to various nearby congregations, where many of them serve as elders and ministerial servants.

## Bethel Home

Bethel family members are furnished with room and board and a small monthly reimbursement to assist with their personal expenses.

A number of necessary tasks are performed at Bethel. For example, some family members are assigned to the kitchen, where they prepare nutritious meals that are served in our comfortable dining room. Others do cleaning and maintenance, while some are assigned to the laundry.

Regardless of their assignment, Bethel family members treasure their privilege of advancing Kingdom interests in this unique form of full-time service.

## Shipping

**Magazine and Literature Shipping.** Magazines and literature are sent to more than 500 congregations and groups in Cameroon, Gabon, and Equatorial Guinea. Shipments of literature are also made to Chad and the Central African Republic. In 2009 the Cameroon branch shipped over 10,600,000 magazines and more than 8,700,000 brochures, books, and Bibles.

**Transport.** Commercial transport companies are used for delivering literature, both in Cameroon and abroad, to over 100 locations where congregations can pick up their orders.



**Kitchen**



**Dining Room**



**Laundry**

**Maintenance.** The Maintenance Department cares for the machines used by the branch. It also maintains the electrical and plumbing systems, as well as other equipment needed for offices and rooms.

**Maintenance**



**Shipping Department**



## The Offices

**Service Department.** This department supervises the preaching activity of some 40,000 of Jehovah's Witnesses in Cameroon, Gabon, and Equatorial Guinea. It also handles correspondence with traveling overseers, elders, pioneers, and publishers and schedules assemblies and conventions. Monthly field service reports are compiled here, and territory assignments for congregations are made.

**Kingdom Hall Construction Desk.** This desk coordinates the work of two construction groups that collaborate with local brothers in building Kingdom Halls. Standard designs help the brothers to build modest Kingdom Halls in a short period of time. In ten years, these teams have helped to construct more than 260 Kingdom Halls, including 26 that can be expanded for use as Assembly Halls.

**Legal Department.** This department provides assistance when it becomes necessary to defend the public ministry or beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses.—Philippians 1:7.

**Hospital Information Services.** This department provides Hospital Liaison Committees throughout the branch territory with the latest information on bloodless medical treatment. In turn, elders serving on these committees make this information available to doctors who are willing to treat their Witness patients without the use of blood.

**Hospital Information Services**



**Service Department**



**Two of the more than 260 Kingdom Halls in Cameroon**



**Computer Department.** Much of the work at Bethel is accomplished with the help of computers. The Computer Department maintains software programs, trains users, and cares for all the computer equipment used by the branch.

**Translation Department.** The Cameroon branch translates literature into local languages, such as Bassa, Boulou, Douala, and Fulfulde. Text for *Our Kingdom Ministry* is also composed for 14 countries in western Africa and central Africa in English, French, and Spanish.