



## Mary T. and Minnesota Volunteers Help in a Cameroon Eye Clinic

“A Minnesota volunteer group arrived in Cameroon by Sunday December 11th, 2016 on different days, different flights, different countries, but all arrived to stay at the Laverne Catholic Center. On Sunday, December 18, the Minnesota group accompanied me to visit Queen Mary, the shining star of what a difference the Heifer Project can make in a village! We then visited the Margaret Tjosvold Nursery and Primary School, meeting with teachers, PTA and Board Chair, followed by dinner at the Florence home. Denis Tilong, who works at Mary T. Minnehaha Creek and Francis Bugbami who works at Camilia Rose Care Center joined the team.

Monday found us at the Catholic Center, with a VOSH eye care team, ready to serve 3500 people over the next five days at an eye clinic. Noah’s Ark, a local NGO working to eliminate HIV/AIDS, child trafficking, and child marriages registered people. A colleague and I did most of the preliminary eye checks on old charts with either letters, numbers or directions, greeting people and ensuring them that their hours of waiting would be well served. Inside, the doctors and support people checked for eye disease, blood pressure, diabetes, and wrote prescriptions. People left with either reading glasses, distance glasses, sunglasses or medication drops.

During our stay, we were concerned about a strike by all public school teachers and lawyers with protest marches. Just days before we arrived four people were killed at the protest. Our concern was that people would not leave their homes to come to the eye clinic. But they came, they waited and they were served.

Making a difference in one person’s life...some just wanted to again be able read the Bible.”

**-Mary T**



*Mary T. and a VOSH eye clinic*



*Crowds of people in Cameroon wait to receive free eye care*