

News from Mémé, Cameroon



Sisters Philomene and Belise arrived in Yaoundé on 5th February 2021 for the new ministry in Extreme North of Cameroon.

The journey was long and tiresome but by God's grace we arrived safely. Sister Patricia was waiting for us in Maroua and we continued the journey to Mémé where Sister Eléonor was waiting for us with all the girls in formation. The heat was also there to welcome us. Those who have been here have had that experience.



In March Belise was invited by the priest who is in charge of the Youth in Mayo Sava to give a talk to the youth on how "The youth can be engaged in the Diocese or in his Parish" It was an occasion to meet the youth and have an idea on how to help them.

Some days after, we went for an outing with the apostolic group of Mayo Sava to Yagoua Diocese, where we visited different parishes and we were well received by the Priests and sisters of the place.





Image taken from the Parish of Douroum

In April after Easter we visited our brothers Josephites in their parishes of Douvangar and Douroum just to know each other. It was a nice time to be together and share. We saw their work in the Parish and the dispensary. It was also a chance for us to discover Maroua.

Some days after, we were invited to the Parish of Douroum for the first Mass of our brother Father John Peter (in white cassock on the photo). From left to the right we have: Sr. Belise, Fr. Mathew, Fr. Floribert, Fr. Roger, Fr. John Peter, Sr. Philomena, Dc. Barthelemy (He will be

ordained a priest on 14/11/2021 in Congo), Sr Patricie, Fr. Barthelemy.

From July 15th to 19th 2021 it was a youth conference in the Diocese of Maroua-Mokolo at St John Parish of Djarengol. Meme Parish was represented by 100 youth. Because of the big number, Mayo Sava was ranked first. It was our joy.



Image taken at St. John parish of Djarengol

After that gathering in Maroua, the youth of Mémé Parish decided to have a committee to help them work together.



Image taken at the parish (Sr. Bélice and Father Samuel)



Youth choir of Mémé

The group Mercy cleaning at the parish



Sister Philomène accompanying COP MONDE to Garoua



Mass of the Assumption at the parish

In general we find that life in North Cameroon is unique compared to other places. The life in the Diocese is well organized and well balanced. In the parish it is not easy as it demands more efforts especially in catechism.

For the moment, Sr Patricia is in charge of the girls in formation, the group of women who are engaged in the parish, the couples and the HIV positive people. Sr Philomena is in charge of liturgy, Cop Monde, JEC movement, liturgical dancers and she is doing training in teaching in primary school near us. Sr Belise is in charge of the youth, the choir, the divine mercy group, liturgical dancer, teaching catechism in the primary school near us and vocation promotion.

The big challenge we met this year was the time when we were looking for our resident's permits. We had to travel back to Yaoundé to renew them. Thank God it was done.

We thank God for accompanying us during that time. We are used to the apostolate. Thanks to each one of you for your support because, no matter where you are and what you are going, we know that your thoughts and prayers are accompanying us so our common mission may continue to bear fruit and we express to you our sincere gratitude.

Be blessed.

By Sister Bélice Niyongere