

Navigators of Cameroon

National Conference Report

Mobilizing Cameroon for the Gospel was held in mid-August 2023 and brought together about one hundred and forty Navigators from all the ministry affinities in Cameroon. It was facilitated by Emeka and Bilhatu Ohahuru from the Nigeria Navigators and directed by Wilson Yuniwo, Cameroon's in-country Ministry Partner Development Coach.



The Objectives:

1. To reinforce the place of calling in Biblical FundRaising (BFR) in the pursuit of The Navigator Calling and Core Values
2. To address cultural issues around fundraising
3. To build faith and convictions regarding asking and giving
4. To build a culture of BFR among the Navigators community in Cameroon.
5. To mobilize more people to get involved in the advance of the gospel through their generosity as they

- build conviction on how to sustainably fund the pursuit of The Navigator Calling and Core Values
6. To strengthen the ministry by encouraging Cameroonians to support the Navigators
 7. To grow the understanding of Conventional Income Persons (CIPs) toward funding the ministry

Some Highlights of What God did:

Notwithstanding the challenging BFR background, God was at work in the hearts of participants:

1. Feedback from some participants:
 - a. *We are really grateful for this conference. It gave us the opportunity to reevaluate our budget and our financial commitment to support the ministry and to engage in prayer for ministry projects. We are also committed to plan and ... and launch a fundraising sprint to make a transition from events partners to permanent ministry partners. We are Praying Phil 4:10 to give the opportunity to every worthy man or woman to freely give for the advancement of the gospel."*
 - b. *"I will seek to know God more and more so that my fundraising will not just be about money but a service to God. I will plan my giving ahead of time, and I will particularly include the National ministry in my giving plan as from September. I will let go of my ego and pride and how I feel about fundraising so that through fundraising God will be glorified and the gospel will be advanced."*
 - c. *"I am grateful for this conference, and I was particularly struck by the teaching on excellence in giving and I pray to give myself completely to the Lord so that what I will give Him is what I have received from Him, not in a diluted way.... As an action, I've started sharing my testimony with my family again, and I find myself making appointments even with those who clearly say they don't believe in Jesus. I've finally been able to establish my giving plan, and certainly my regularity in funding the ministry will change; I pray not to forget all these commitments and I confess that the follow-up done by you leaders and facilitators reminds me to stay focused on the mission. Glory to God."*

The Way Forward;

a) For NAVs of Cameroon leaders

1. More follow-up will be needed to help staff and key laborers to embrace the discipline and practice of Biblical FundRaising.
2. Centralization of donation receipts in designated national ministry bank accounts must be established.
3. Relevant administration infrastructure – computer, printer, accounting software, etc. will be needed to manage the expected increase in ministry partners, as well as manage the different staff and ministry accounts.
4. Continue to work with Wilson to build his capacity to train and coach the nationals in their Ministry Partnership Development.

b) For NAVs of Cameroon laborers

- 1) A follow-up plan will be arranged for May or August 2024 for an enlarged leadership council.
- 2) Follow up with those laborers who made appointments.
- 3) Encourage the regional coordinators to work through the Zarephath Bible study to deepen convictions.
- 4) An accounting system is to be put in place, with an administrator.
- 5) Budget and planning workshop for all key ministry leaders.