SCHOOL LIFE IN BAMENDA

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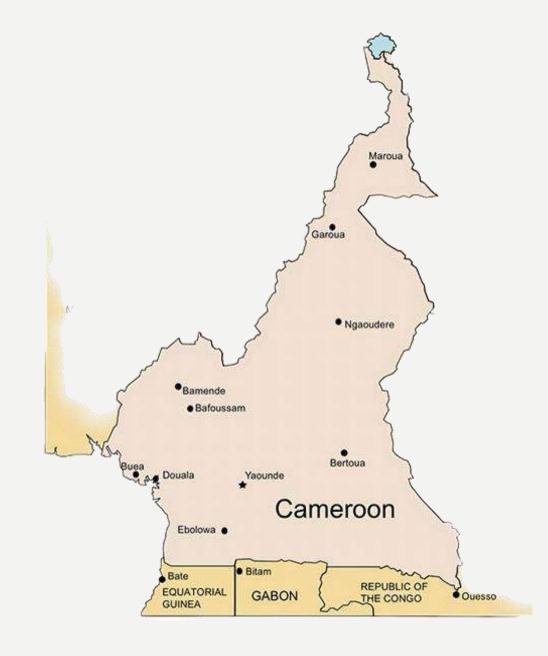
WHERE IS BAMENDA?

- Bamenda is an area with the African country of Cameroon
- It is located just north of the equator and almost directly south of Guernsey
- The distance from Guernsey to Bamenda is 4,798 km



WHERE IS BAMENDA?

 Bamenda is in the south west of Cameroon and shares a border with the neighbouring country of Nigeria





WHAT DOES SCHOOL IN BAMENDA LOOK LIKE?

- School in Bamenda is very different from school in Guernsey
- The school in the picture has over 650 pupils
- But the school buildings were built for 300 pupils



WHAT ARE THE CLASSROOMS LIKE?

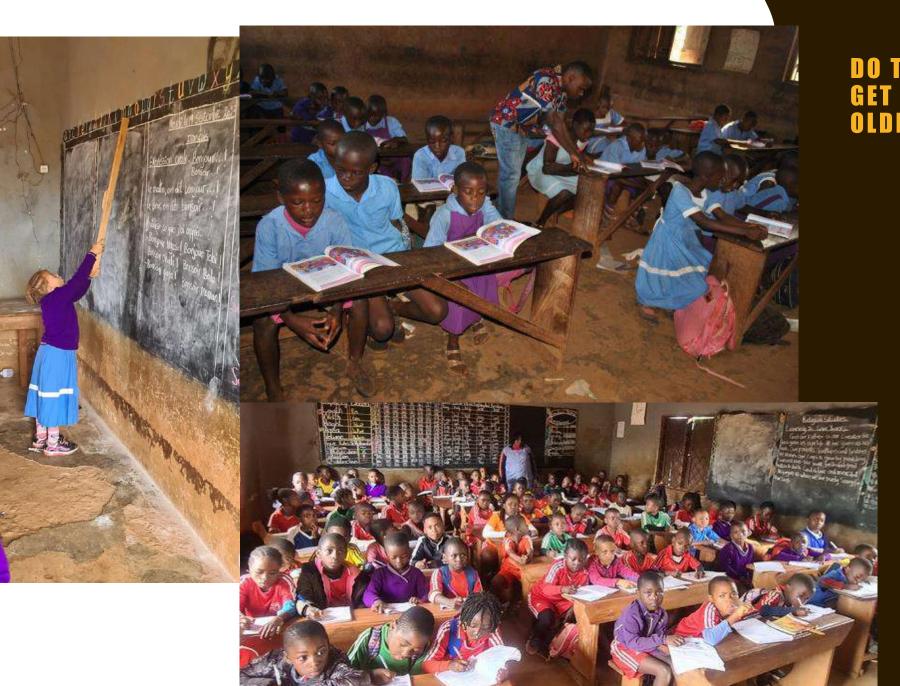
The classrooms are very basic and crowded

Not everyone has their own chair or desk

The floor is bare concrete or hard mud

There is only one large blackboard

But everyone seems happy to be at school



DO THE CLASSROOMS GET BETTER FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN?

Sadly they don't, although the children now have a desk and chair each

The children are all different ages

Their classroom is very crowded and their teacher only has a few blackboards to use

The children only have a few books between them and so have to share

Nobody has a laptop or tablet



WHY DOES THE SCHOOL NEED A WELL?

Sadly many of the children don't have access to clean safe water in their homes

They have to take containers to nearby streams to collect water

This water is dirty and contaminated and can make them poorly

The children miss school because of the time it takes to go and collect water as well as when drinking the dirty water makes them poorly



WHAT THE NEW WELL WILL LOOK LIKE?

The well will be dug near the school

It will draw the water from deep underground and so won't be dirty or contaminated

The children will miss less school as it will be quicker and easier for them to collect water and, most importantly, as the water will be clean, drinking it won't make them poorly