

Meet the Infection Prevention (IP) Nurses in Cameroon, West Africa

Jacob Gobte and **Amos Ndichia** are IP nurses with the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Board (CBCHB). Jacob is based at Bansa Baptist Hospital and Amos is based at Mbingo Baptist Hospital. Amos and Jacob received their IP training from the Action for West Africa Region Project of USAID. One of their many tasks is to inspect satellite CBCHB clinics for IP practices.

Jacob, who was previously the IP Director for the Health Board, is currently involved in a 4-year nursing degree program at Buea University in Cameroon. He plans to return to the CBCHB after he graduates and upgrade the CBCHB's IP Program, eventually building a **national program for infection prevention and control**.

The Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Board (CBCHB) is a non-profit organization, providing critical health services for a population base of 6 million people. Since 1999 there has been a renewed focus on infection prevention and control initiatives, including the development of an AIDS Care and Prevention Program and a Tuberculosis Control Program. The CBCHB works in partnership with national and international governmental and non-governmental health care organizations in Africa and the rest of the world and with funding agencies.



Bansa Baptist Hospital



Mbingo Baptist Hospital

Calling All Ontario ICPs!

Let's help Jacob and Amos build the Infection Prevention and Control Program in Cameroon!

One of the building blocks of a successful training program is access to resource materials. A library to support the IP&C program of the CBCHB will enable Jacob to train others and expand the services that are now provided by ICPs. We can all assist this endeavour by looking around our offices, libraries and workplaces for books and journals that are no longer used or have been replaced with more recent versions. **In African countries, your outdated book might be more current than what they have been using!**

With the support of CHICA-Canada and the Regional Infection Control Networks of Ontario, books and other resource materials will be collected during the months of March and April, 2008 and shipped to the CBCHB to support the infection prevention and control initiatives and training programs in Cameroon. Used books and educational materials, such as books, journals, APIC texts, infection control manuals, etc. are requested from health care libraries, medical schools, nursing schools, infection prevention and control departments and individuals.

If you have used resource materials that you no longer use, you may:

- Drop them off at your regional RICN office [see: <http://ricn.on.ca/contactuss4.php> for a list of offices in Ontario]
- Give them to RICN staff when they visit your area
- Bring them to CHICA-Canada Chapter meetings for pickup by RICN staff who may be at the meeting
- Toronto ICPs may leave materials at the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care office [1075 Bay Street, Suite 810]
- Phone: 613-389-9810 to arrange pickup if other options are not possible

You may also assist project "Got Books?" by distributing information posters to other ICPs, facility librarians, faculty and co-workers, and collecting books in your facility that are donated by others. **The deadline for book collection is April 30, 2008.**

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