



ASCOVIME



Bring a  
smile,  
give hope ...  
and give  
life



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Life is luck.

## My incredible story

My desires are nursed from the heart, and my greatest wish is to give hope to all those people who seem to have lost it or given up on life. A strong man, a role model whose life should be emulated, inspired me; my father. Having suffered from a neurological disease for many years, he had a lot of trouble finding a specialist who could provide him with proper care. This haunted him every single day. In a futile search for a specialist and in desperation, my father uttered these moving words to me: "Son, do you see how difficult it is to find a doctor? When you grow up and become a doctor, help the poor." Those words have left an indelible mark in my heart and have become my driving force!

Besides being a social responsibility, it is a call from the heart to help those in need of life's most precious gifts; health and education. The journey began in the year 2000 in the Southern part of Cameroon. With a team of volunteers, we launched health campaigns in the village of Meyomadjom. After obtaining a degree in visceral surgery in 2008, the Association of Competences for a Better Life (ASCOVIME) was created. A non-profit organization which provides didactic materials and free and quality medical assistance to the poor in Cameroon. Witnessing the joy on the faces of men, women and children and being a part of the life-changing transformation has not only been priceless but has been our source of energy and strength and has given us the zeal to continue this wonderful work.

Volunteers from the medical corps and the civil society who accompany us on this adventure have a deep commitment to humanity, solidarity, good-neighborliness and selflessness. Knowing that you are equally dedicated to this cause, we want to share our experiences with you and hope that you will heartily react to this through donations of any kind to make this beautiful initiative last forever.

For smiles and hope,

Dr. Georges BWELLE  
Founder and President  
ASCOVIME

# Our biggest challenge

**Just like lions, ASCOVIME'S volunteers surpass their limits and put in their best for the well-being of men, women and children in need.**

**L**ife is as frail as an egg and that is why we must preserve it by helping each other in the very best way we can. In order to do this, we intervene in the following sectors:

## **Health:**

For over 10 years, Dr. Bwelle and his team of volunteers from the medical corps and civil society have been utterly preoccupied with the provision of adequate health assistance to persons living in abject poverty within Cameroon. Travelling all over Cameroon in vehicles or bush taxis navigating through the country's muddy, forest and treacherous roads, bridges, pot-holes and other obstacles, ASCOVIME visits the interior and explores the most remote villages of the country to provide them with free medical care such as:

- Consultations and medication as per diagnostics
- Surgeries
- Dental consultations
- Ophthalmological consultations
- HIV screening, Hepatitis and Malaria tests, tests for intestinal worms
- The complete deworming of villages

## **Education:**

The key to a promising future for future generations is education. This is amongst one of the main concerns of this humanitarian association ASCOVIME.

ASCOVIME helps rural children whose parents do not have sufficient financial means to give them quality education.

We donate large amounts of school supplies such as books, notebooks, pens, chalks, etc. to many schools for free. Our hope is to make these children better than what they are today.



# We give them the desire to live-on

Communities which have received assistance from the association till date have seen their living standards improve by the day.



**T**ravelling through bushes, rainforests, waterways, rivers, mountains and valleys, boldly going down the beaten paths and roads less travelled, giving new life by providing medical care and education to the marginalized and poor is what ASCOVIME is all about. Since its creation, our group of volunteers have put in tremendous effort and have accomplished a great deal:

"Since its creation (2008-2014), we have:

- **Visited** over **250** villages
- **Provided free** medical care to over **55 000** people
- **Dewormed** over **60 000** people
- **Operated** over **3503** people
- **Circumcised** more than **219** children
- **Delivered** more than **8966** babies
- **Performed laboratory tests** for more than **5423** persons
- **Consulted** over **8663** eye patients
- **Distributed** more than **4463** optical glasses
- **Performed** over **4389** dental consultations
- **Performed** more **4305** dental extractions and cleanings
- **Distributed school supplies** (notebooks, pens, books, teaching materials, etc.) to more than **34 832** children and **1337** teachers.





# A passionate team

**Volunteers who give hope through their love**

**T**ravelling through hundreds of kilometers of bush roads in difficult conditions, over rivers, aboard canoes, exposing themselves to danger and lack of equipment is one of the many examples of the immense dedication and selflessness of the ASCOVIME team





# International recognition

**CNN Top Ten HEROES 2013**  
Awarded by the prestigious American news channel CNN in 2013, the prize honors the works of Dr. Bwelle and his team and encourages ASCOVIME to continue its campaigns and excellent work.

## The HORYOU prize

The social network for solidarity action, HORYOU awarded the prize for humanitarian aid to ASCOVIME in 2014 for its commitment within the Cameroonian community and most recently on May 24, 2015 during the Cannes Film Festival, HORYOU had the opportunity to highlight and feature ASCOVIME's activities.

## PATCHA FUNDATION

"Power of One Award". This prize was awarded by Dr. Oma Rose at the 3rd CASEC Charity Gala in 2014, in recognition of his humanitarian and charity services through the provision of free specialized medical care to underserved populations in Cameroon.

## Award 501 (C) 3.

ASCOVIME has been officially recognized as charity organization 501 (C) 3 in the United States.

Through prizes and awards, ASCOVIME's great work has received international and national recognition from many groups which have given it ultimate credibility.



# Your donations will transform lives

ASCOVIME's activities were inspired by the selflessness of a man who put in physical and financial resources to assist persons in need of quality medical care.

**" I'm not sure he sleeps enough, he is always either in the hospital or trying to earn money for the organization to continue its activities."**

**Katie O'Malley,**

A student of medicine at Drexel University in Philadelphia, USA and an ASCOVIME volunteer.

**T**his commitment which only began with about ten people now counts an impressive number of volunteers dedicated to love, solidarity and good-neighborliness.

Every weekend, ASCOVIME travels with enthusiasm and smiles to villages to meet patients. Many of these patients are receiving treatment for malnutrition, diabetes and sexually transmitted diseases. Others receive crutches, prescription glasses or birth certificates. School materials are also distributed to schools in these remote areas.

In addition to his job as a surgeon at the Yaoundé Central Hospital, Dr. Bwelle works nights at a private clinic, all of this is to cover about 60% of the association's needs, the rest is provided by private donations.

In order to provide substantial support internationally, "ASCOVIME Paris" was created in November 2008 by some of our foreign volunteers. Today, this association has 150 donor members with fifteen active volunteers and have organized various awareness and funding campaigns for ASCOVIME within the past two years.

## **This is why we cherish your donations**

Your assistance is invaluable as you can clearly see how much good the donations at our disposal has done for the people. We believe that your contribution however small, will help us assist more people.

Putting a smile on the face of many families gives us the energy and strength to move forward. Life is a precious gift and that is why we want to materially and financially support those who can't help themselves.



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