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Servant Leaders Change French-Speaking Nations

DAI trains Christians of all ages to lead effectively and with integrity



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is an answer to her prayers

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

This newsletter is particularly exciting for me because, I have grown to so love and respect the people I've met through DAI's work in the French-speaking world. We've worked there since the first days of DAI, nearly 20 years ago. Friends brought to our attention how perfectly this region fits DAI's core value of "reaching those with least access," since it has very little access to the services and resources we provide.

Over time, we have expanded DAI's work from just one or two countries. Today we work in 19 of the 29 French-speaking countries in the world. The latest addition is Haiti, which you'll read about in this newsletter.

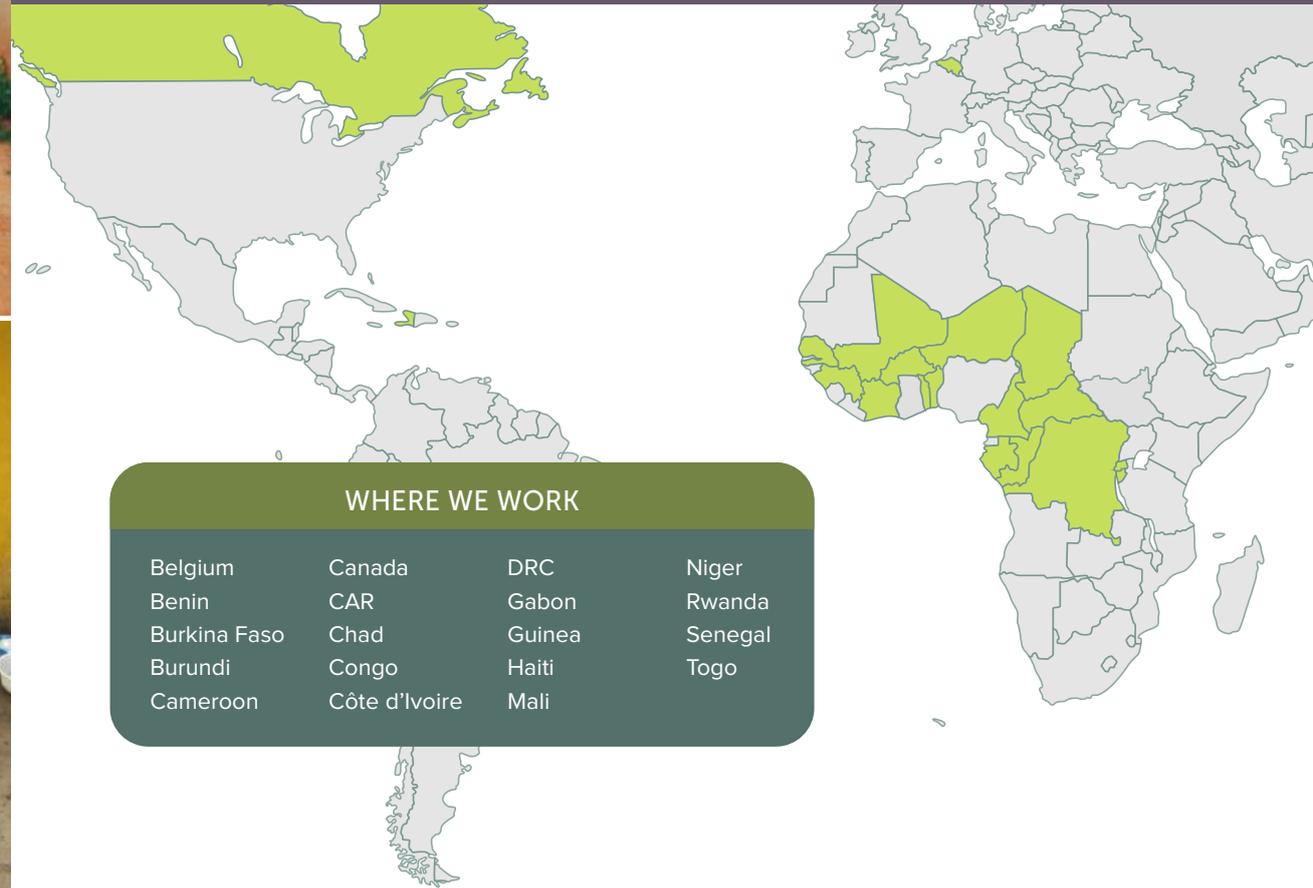
Of those 29 French-speaking nations, only 4 (France, Canada, Belgium and Switzerland) have a GDP greater than my small state of Colorado! Just one economic indicator of the needs in this region. You'll hear more about those needs in the article by Kelly Kumbu, DAI's Regional Director.

Thank you for joining us in caring about this vast, but often overlooked, region of the world with so many challenges, and yet so much potential. And **thank you for helping to resource us, so we can resource leaders with the training, mentoring and consulting they request!**

Blessings,

Jane Overstreet
President/CEO

DAI ACTIVELY WORKS IN 19 OF THE 29 FRENCH-SPEAKING NATIONS



We train 6,400 servant leaders every year and will grow that to 10,000 by 2020.

Christians in French-speaking nations continually request DAI's high-quality leadership and spiritual formation training offered in their heart language. We train thousands of Francophone leaders from various backgrounds, denominations, occupations and even ages to lead like Jesus and develop their under-resourced countries into thriving communities.



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CHANGING THE FUTURE OF CAMEROON BY TEACHING YOUTH TO LEAD

Cameroon's Youth Need Help Harnessing Their Abilities to Change Their Circumstances

by Emeline Nde, Ministry Center Director

Famously known as Africa in Miniature, Cameroon boasts five different landscapes. Yet this stunning country has been in turmoil since 2013. The terrorist group Boko Haram in the northern regions and the secessionist movement in the two English-speaking regions have made most of the country unstable.



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The future of any country lies with its youth, but Cameroon's future is under assault because of the political, social and economic climate. Youth

are gradually losing hope and the ability to change their circumstances as a result of unemployment, corrupt practices, and systems that effectively strangle new initiatives. In recent years, school closures in unstable regions aggravated these situations and left youth idle and vulnerable to radicalization by Islamic militants, drug use and gang membership. These are just some of the reasons why the introduction of DAI's newest workshop, Servant Leadership for Youth, is so critical for our nation.

This course teaches youth the skills that enable them to take ownership of their lives rather than let circumstances determine who they are. They can now harness their circumstances and abilities to achieve their God-given purposes.

One participant, Shekinah Glory, is the daughter of missionaries Bertrand and Carline Wamba. This enterprising young lady testified that Servant Leadership for Youth empowered her with tools and equally envisioned her to enlarge her sphere of influence. Her story continues on the next page.



Meet Shekina Glory, an Influencer at Only 12 Years Old

by Rebecca Hauser, Development Officer

Every Saturday Shekina Glory and her friends study the Bible to understand how to be model Christians in their school and community. To escape the heat, they gather around her

family's patio table in the bustling capital city of Yaoundé, Cameroon. She explains, “We decided to form a group because...we know that youth can make greater things. Youth can even teach big people.”

These genuine girls see themselves as influencers and have been asking God how they can be better leaders in the midst of a corrupt and tenuous society. Shekina says DAI's course, Servant Leadership for Youth, is an answer to their prayer.

This summer, DAI launched the Servant Leadership for Youth course. Over 20 young people participated including Shekina Glory. Their days were filled with Bible study, laughter, worship, boisterous activities and real-life leadership lessons youth face at home and school.



“What I have learned that I did not know before,” Shekina Glory reflects, “is that a leader is someone who has a heart for His people. I used to think that a leader was on top of the order, but now I have learned that a leader must be on the same level, you must not be higher than another one. Young people of Cameroon need servant leadership training to impact our country.”



TRAINING IN FRENCH EQUIPS CHRISTIANS TO BE A LEADING VOICE IN THEIR COUNTRIES

by Kelly Kumbu, Regional Director for the Francophone World

Recently, I was approached by a Christian leader at a DAI workshop. He asked a rhetorical question that betrayed his frustration with the Church in his country: **“Why is the Church culture not characterized by the values of excellence and efficiency?”** This seasoned leader’s words echo the sentiments of many in the Francophone region.

DAI’s active presence in the region has played a critical role in creating a new leadership paradigm rooted in the biblical worldview. In a day and age when French-speaking leaders still remain among the least-engaged leaders in the Christian world due to English being a more dominate economic language, **DAI stepped in with training materials in French. They provide an excellent way for thousands of leaders from various backgrounds, denominations, occupations and even ages to grow.**

In Cameroon for instance, DAI trains youth to use their giftings to change their circumstances and culture. While in Senegal, DAI encourages men and women to work together in leadership as God’s image-bearers and co-stewards of His creation.

In other countries, like Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire and Togo, the Church is growing in leaps and bounds while facing some unique challenges like persecution of Muslim background believers. Thus, DAI helps Christian leaders to strategically plan for future growth and the resulting pushback.

Finally, DAI teaches servant leadership in Burundi, the Republic of Congo, and Haiti, where the Church has also grown exponentially and risks becoming a mile wide and an inch deep.



“DAI is expanding our services in French to enable us to annually train 10,000 leaders by 2020. We dream to raise up a corps of Francophone leaders who will live out Christ-like leadership and promote the values of excellence, integrity and efficiency in their milieu.” - Kelly



DAI HAITI PROVIDES SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES FACING THE LOCAL CHURCH

by Kent Annan, DAI Senior Consultant and Director of Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership at the Wheaton College Humanitarian Disaster Institute

We couldn’t be more thrilled about how God led DAI into Haiti. A team that was part of Haiti Partners has now become “DAI-Haiti.” This team has addressed common obstacles in the Haitian Church for the past 12 years with very encouraging results. And they will continue to work with promising young Christian leaders, pastors, seminaries and churches all over the country to create change.

The Haitian Church has grown exponentially over the last generation. Yet in the midst of an already politically and economically charged context, the Church faces other major challenges:

Poorly Trained, Authoritarian Leadership: The culturally prevalent models of leadership are authoritarian and controlling, running counter to biblical servant leadership.

Too Narrow Mission of the Church: Despite significant involvement in the community by pastors and leaders, the Church often fails to articulate a robust theology of holistic mission.

Deep Social Injustice Mirrored in the Church: Some 200-300 thousand children are trapped in restavek, a system of child servitude. One in three women experience domestic violence or sexual assault. Against these injustices, the Church fails to speak prophetically and act compassionately.

Christian institutions and leaders can perpetuate these blind spots to successive generations or they can be part of change and awakening. The team in Haiti, led by Enel Angervil DAI Ministry Center Director, has been a part of successful Church and community transformation and will continue to be a part of it by offering some of DAI’s 22 leadership courses in French and Creole.



“We invite you to join us in this work of helping to develop new servant leaders who will make a difference to the Church and country—and change people’s lives.” - Kent

Meet DAI’s
Newest
Ministry Center

daintl.org/haiti

“Tyndale House Foundation cares deeply about French speaking Africa and therefore is grateful to be a funding partner of DAI’s work in Francophone Africa and beyond. As a result, more of the healing power of the gospel is reaching those who need it most! Thank you DAI, for the services you provide to hundreds of leaders across the region, in response to their requests for further training and mentoring.”

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