



International Newsletter – February 2009

From the Trustees...

Best wishes to you all for 2009! In this newsletter, the Chairman of the Trustees writes about the AGM in Nairobi, and we have more news on the exciting projects in Cameroon. Please continue to pray for the financial needs of this and other projects – and continue to send us your views: paul@igi-integrity.com or info@igi-integrity.com. If you wish to support the work of IGI more, please go to www.igi-integrity.com/support.aspx, or contact Barry at accounts@igi-integrity.com



Nairobi Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place on 6 December 2008 in Hotel Central Park, Nairobi. Greetings were

brought from the UK by the Chairman of the Trustees, together with reports of IGI work in other countries, including Cameroon and Zimbabwe.

Following the formal business of the AGM, a workshop was held to identify issues of governance in Kenya. Key concerns included: tribalism / nepotism, bribery, administrative inefficiency and weak regulatory systems.

For full report, click: www.igi-integrity.com/AGM2008.aspx

Alarm at Kenyan journalist's death

The BBC reports the killing of a Kenyan journalist whose decapitated body was been found dumped in a forest on 29 January. The campaign group, *Reporters Without Borders*, said that Mr Nyaruri was reported missing last month after writing about alleged corruption.

This latest sad event follows concerns about press freedom in Kenya after the passing of the controversial Kenya Communications (Amendment) Act, Section 88 of which gives the Internal Security minister the power to raid media houses and seize broadcast equipment.

"The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful." Prov. 12:22

Zimbabwe update

We continue to have occasional contact with members in Zimbabwe, as well as with expatriate Zimbabweans. All are now waiting expectantly to see the outcome of the recent agreements between the Zanu-PF President Robert Mugabe and the MDC Leader Morgan Tsvangirai, who is now Prime Minister.

Education in Cameroon

Cameroon is a country of youth: 41 % of the 18.5 million population is aged 14 or under, and the median age is just 19. It is also perceived to be a society where corruption is rife.

A major new project from FITCAM tackles corruption in the education sector, potentially impacting the life chances of millions of young people, and blazing a trail for other countries in Africa.

The project on Public Ethics and Governance in the Education Sector will focus on the country's south west province, covering all levels of education. Its objectives are to encourage an anti-corruption ethos by training education professionals, raising awareness of good governance procedures and increasing public confidence and participation. Discussions are also in hand to work with University of Buea on improving governance.

For further details, including how to support this project, click: www.igi-integrity.com/FITCAMEducation.aspx

