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Editorial

Should we mention it at the outset, the overall objective of Radio Sawtu Linjiila (RSL) is to show God's love to unreached peoples and improving their living conditions through religious and socio-economic programs. Radio Sawtu Linjiila therefore is an institution of evangelization through airwaves at the service of five Lutheran and evangelical churches working mainly among Muslims Fulani speaking. This newsletter entitled "Sawtu Linjiila Infos" is ipso facto a bilingual written communication organ whose purpose is first to share information

with our financial partners and the member churches and secondly with the general public. It goes without saying that the information to be disseminated through this bulletin will be specific to the activities of Radio Sawtu Linjiila in relation to its vision and its objectives. To this end, there is no need to note that the newspaper "Sawtu Linjiila Infos" is therefore not an organ for the analysis of general information on politics, the economy or social facts. Explicitly, the headings to be developed in this Newsletters will relate essentially to the

functioning of the RSL, the implementation of its activities, evangelization and the socio-economic development of the members of the target group, without forgetting information relating to its partners and member churches. In order to encourage our partners, friends and sympathizers to follow the functioning of RSL, we plan to produce four issues of this newsletter per year, ie one publication per quarter. Wishing a happy reading to everyone!

Rev Ngayap Moïse

**1 Peter 1:3
Christ is risen to give
us new birth into a
living hope!**

Apostle Peter, one of the disciples of Jesus Christ, reveals to us the treasure hidden in the resurrection of his master of which he was an eyewitness. Thus he affirms: « Blessed be to God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. » The Epistle of Peter, which dates between the year 62 and 64 of our era, is written in the context of inhuman persecution perpetrated against Christians by the despot Nero, then Emperor of Rome. To restore hope to discouraged Christians, Peter bases himself on the resurrection of Jesus Christ as God's act of mercy for their regeneration. The hidden treasure of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the rebirth of believers into a living hope. Rebirth is the restoration, better still the intrinsic renewal of our being for a new existence. The living hope to which the apostle Peter alludes refers to the dynamics of life in the risen Christ, who brings us multiple heavenly blessings. From now on, Christ is risen to transform you completely so that you are victorious in the present world and heir to the world to come by your faith in him. This is having a living hope! From now on your fear, your doubts, your guilt are swallowed up in the resurrection of Jesus Christ which makes you a new creature with a living hope for eternity. Amen!

The new team of RSL employees at work

In order to revitalize Radio Sawtu Linjiila for greater efficiency, we were forced to take corrective measures, the most important of which was the reduction in the number of workers. This is how we dropped down from sixteen employees to seven. The new configuration of available positions in RSL is as follows: Administrative Service: 2 employees
Technical and production Service: 3 employees
Broadcast Service: 2 employees



To meet the challenge of efficiency and productivity, Radio Sawtu Linjiila employees are called upon to demonstrate versatility, flexibility and creativity. It should also be noted the presence of support staff called freelancers who are four in number and who do a

remarkable job. Radio Sawtu Linjiila employees therefore resumed service on Monday, January 9, 2023 after a long period of suspension of activity due to the total non-payment of their salary arrears accumulated since the year 2020. This day of January 9 was that of orientation and especially of the awareness of the employees for a good professional performance. The Director of Radio Sawtu Linjiila shared important documents with the employees such as the action plan, the operating budget and especially the job description of each one.

Thinking the growth of evangelical radio stations in northern Cameroon

The Radio Sawtu Linjiila is a member of the platform of Evangelical Radios in Northern Cameroon. This platform aims at bringing the directors of Evangelical radio stations in northern Cameroon and Chad to work in partnership, but also at strengthening their managerial capacity. The platform of Evangelical Radios in Northern Cameroon also aims at raising awareness of the need to set up new Christian radio stations for the evangelization of unreached peoples. In this year 2023,

place from January 12 to 14 at the « Jean Paul II Center » in Garoua. The topics presented at this meeting were:

- a) How to effectively manage the team of employees of a Radio Station?
- b) Christian radios faced with the challenge of Islam. Which strategic approach?
- c) How can we restructure our radios to be more productive and sustain its vision?
- d) What role can Christian radios play in bringing about a transformation of peoples through the Gospel?
- e) Exploring new strategies for impact communication
- f) The challenge of developing the Webradio radio today.

The same as in the past, Radio Sawtu Linjiila, was asked to actively contribute to the training of participants during this seminar. This is how the Director of RSL, the Rev.

Ngayap Moïse made two presentations on restructuring a radio station and exploring new strategies for impactful communication. In addition, the RSL Director has established a network of the leaders of Christian radio stations in order to share with them different programs for broadcasting. All radio managers enthusiastically welcomed this initiative of transferring RSL programs via Internet. Moreover, it should be noted that this seminar better equip the directors of evangelical radio stations through the various teachings provided. The meditation, prayer and sharing sessions were particularly edifying. This seminar therefore ended on Saturday, January 14 with a closing ceremony during which the participants expressed their gratitude to Dr. Henri Nissen, the main sponsor of the platform of directors of evangelical radio stations.



the annual seminar for the directors of the said radio stations took

Strengthening links with member churches

Radio Sawtu Linjiila intends to strengthen its links with its member churches so that they play a significant role in its management. According to our plan of actions, we will work to be a useful tool of evangelism and communication for member churches. It is with this in mind that the RSL has given more visibility to the actions of its member



Members of the Council of RSL

churches through the media coverage of certain events carried out during the first

quarter 2023. This is how the RSL has accompanied its member churches in the media coverage of their events such as general synods, ordinations, temple dedications, evangelism seminars...

The Miss « Carton Rouge » of Cameroon welcomed by the Bishop of ELCC



Miss Fadimatou DIARA YOUSOUFA, a student in 2nd A4 Espagnol class at the Protestant College of Ngaoundéré, was elected Miss National Red Card for the 2022 edition. The saying goes according to which « to well-born souls, value does not wait for the number of years », applies appropriately to Miss Fadimatou Diara who triumphantly enters the big leagues. Indeed, she was received on February 8, 2023 by the National Bishop of the ELCC who invoked the divine blessing on her for the rest of the competition. Miss Fadimatou will still go to Ivory Coast where the final competition will take place. It should be noted in passing that the Protestant College of Ngaoundéré, which has already won the prize for "African Excellence" toin the past, is a framework that promotes the emergence of the talents of future leaders of Cameroon through extracurricular activities. Miss Fadimatou Diara is the prototype of the success of which COLPROT is proud! Radio Sawtu Linjiila through its program "Echo des Eglises" relayed the information nationally and internationally through the video made about it.

Media coverage of some events within the ELCC

Seminar on reinforcing relationship between student' parents and teachers



On Friday, January 6, 2023, Radio Sawtu Linjiila participated in the workshop to revitalize relations between the Association of Parents of Students and private Protestant teachers at the SEDUC meeting hall in Ngaoundéré. The lessons taught during this workshop were shared to all the ELCC schools through the video produced by the RSL for this purpose.

Ordination ceremony of new pastors.

The ELCC has ordained several candidates for pastoral ministry in some of its Ecclesiastical Regions. Radio Sawtu Linjiila provided media coverage of some of these

ordinations ceremonies, such as that of Mr Kombo Gabriel in Ouli on Saturday January 28 and that of the three candidates from the South Region in Yaoundé on March 19, 2023. It should be mentioned also the dedication of the Regional Cathedral of Bertoua on January 29, 2023, which was publicized by RSL.

The General Assembly of Women for Christ

The Women for Christ



Movement held its General Assembly in Garoua from February 23 to 26, 2023. Several women from all the Ecclesiastical Regions of the ELCC attended this meeting during which they discussed the empowerment of their

movement. Radio Sawtu Linjiila widely broadcast the progress of this event through videos made for this purpose.

International day celebration against leprosy



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon, through its health department, responded to the need of lepers in the village of Fourbaka in Mbe Area. As usual, different gifts were collected from the Protestant Churches in Ngaoundéré and people of good will to meet the many needs of lepers. Radio Sawtu Linjiila widely broadcast the related press releases on the one hand and produced an information video for all on the other hand.

« Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season... » 2 Tim 4:2

Media coverage of some activities of EFLC by RSL

INAUGURATION OF THE RESTAURANT CENTER BUILT BY THE EFLC WOMEN'S MOVEMENT.



On Friday, February 24, 2023, the women of the EFLC gathered in Garoua on the occasion of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of their Movement, inaugurated their new building serving as a restaurant. The inauguration ceremony of this architectural gem located at the EFLC station in Yelwa, was led by the President of the Church, Rev. Pastor DEPSIA DABA Alvius. The said restaurant will be of great use to many visitors staying at the EFLC headquarters. Hats off to women for their sense of entrepreneurship.

The Meeting of Ngaoundere Synodal Region of EFLC

The Ngaoundéré Ecclesiastical Region of the Lutheran Brotherhood Church of Cameroon held its 7th General Assembly from February 18 to 19, 2023 at the Autonomous Parish of Gada-Mabanga.

The work of this Assembly took place under the high patronage of Rev. Pastor EGRE WOVE WALTER, current president of the Ecclesiastical Region of Ngaoundéré.

The main theme of this encounter of the servants of God was formulated as follows: "for a Church steadfast through the

trials of her history. The main speaker, Pastor Kema Esai, invited his colleagues



to remain stable, vigilant while persevering in prayer in order to be steadfast with regard to the various difficul-

ties. According to Rev. Pastor Moukine Zachari, president of the Consistory of Ngaoundéré, this General Assembly should allow pastors to learn from the history of the EFLC in order to consider its future. It is therefore important to take resolutions that strengthen the unity of the EFLC in order to make it strong and dynamic. Radio Sawtu Linjiila provided media coverage of this event

40th anniversary of the EFLC Women's Movement

EFLC women from all over the country gathered at the parish of Yelwa in Garoua from February 23 to 25, 2023 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their movement. This important event mobilized the administrative, religious and traditional authorities, the elites and other prominent personalities

in a spirit of conviviality and festivity. During this meeting of women, Mrs. BARA JULIE, who led this



movement for several years with very significant achievements, passed the baton of command to a new one. The National President of the EFLC, Rev. Pastor DEPSIA DABA Alvius, congratulated Ms. Julie for her exemplary leadership. The spiritual guide of the EFLC took this opportunity to challenge each other to unity for the prosperity of the Church

Annual General Assembly of the Lutheran Brotherhood Church of Cameroon

The city of Guider hosted from March 21 to 25, 2023 the 64th General Assembly of the Lutheran Brotherhood Church of Cameroon under the main theme: "for a steadfast church through the trials of its history." » The solemn opening worship celebrated on March 22, brought together delegates and personalities from the ten Ecclesiastical Regions that make up the EFLC. The National President of the EFLC, Rev. Pastor DEPSIA DABA Alvius as well as the administrative authorities present at the opening ceremony urged the delegates to cultivate mutual understandings to live to-

gether in social peace. At the end of



this General Assembly, Rev. MOUKINE Zacharie was elected 2nd Vice-President for a term of 4 years. It should be mentioned that the EFLC has been on mission in Mali for more than

10 years and plans to open another mission field in Senegal in the near future. Regarding the training of ecclesiastical workers, the release dates of students who have reached the end of training are as follows:

- Biblical School Ndolla Region: April 15
- Kaélé School of Theology: May 5
- Higher Institute of Theology of Maroua: 15 May. The Master's cycle in Theology will soon be opened in this institute. We will remember from this 64th General Assembly, the exhortation made to pastors by President DEPSIA to respect the constitution of the EFLC for its holistic development.

A visit to the International School of Evangelization of the Union of Evangelical Churches of Cameroon

Reverend Pastor YAYA Hamidou, employee of Radio Sawtu Linjiila in the Production Service of socio-economic programs in the Fulani language, made a partnership trip within the Union of Evangelical Churches of Cameroon to teach at the International School of Evangelization of Maroua located in Djarengol Kodeck. From Monday April 3 to Friday 7, 2023, Rev. Yaya Hamidou trained the students in the context of evangelization among Muslims. This partnership aims to support the Bible School students to better understand Islam and the different approaches to evangelization of their followers. This teaching involves knowledge of Muslim culture and the supervision of Christians from Muslim

background. This teaching mostly consist in showing to the students the



point of view of the Koran on Jesus and Christianity with Koranic references, Knowledge of Islam and its beliefs. Students also learn access ministry among Islam followers and receive strategies for evangelism through a person

of peace and discipleship through discovery Bible study. We always advise sttudents to approach islamic studies by the TAZI method (Thora- Prophets-Psalms and the Gospel/Tawreeta-Annabo'en-Zabuur e Injiil)... This training partnership has taken place every year since the departure of the cross-cultural missionary Magadji Thomas to Mali who held this position in the past. It should be noted in passing that the Union of Evangelical Churches of Cameroun held its General Assembly from February 25 to 28, 2023 in Gunna, at the Badankali Church.

TO BE A MISSIONARY AMONG FULANI PEOPLE

1 Cor 9:22 "To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some."

In this central verse for the evangelization of unreached peoples, the apostle Paul raises the question of the contextualization and flexibility of the messenger of God. Indeed, each people has particularities that a Missionary will have to take into account in his approach to work. The same is true of the Fulani who are attached to their culture. To be a missionary among the Fulani, then, requires consideration of the Pauline approach to evangelization of making oneself "weak" among the weak and making oneself "everything" to all. It is an invitation to humble oneself, a question of lowering oneself in order to adapt to the standard of living of the target group. Paul gets rid of all the spirit of pride, superiority and extravagance to take instead the status of the servant in the image of Jesus Christ who came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. Being a missionary among the Fulani would therefore require that one: - be humble in heart and gentle in spirit - adapts to the context and culture of the target group - take on the nature of a servant by manifesting the love of Christ May the Holy Spirit assist the missionaries among the Fulani.

New programs produced by RSL for its partner radios

Although the first two months of the year 2023 were essentially devoted to the preparation of the activity and financial reports for 2022 for the different partners of the RSL, namely the LWF, NMS and ELCA, the production of new religious and socio-economic pro-

grams was revived. This is how radio programs in the Fulani language were produced and sent to the different radio station partners in Cameroon, Chad and the Central African Republic. The various themes developed are, among others, agriculture, gender issues, women empower-

ment, youth and citizenship, and biblical preaching. It should be noted, however, that the great innovation in terms of transferring programs to partner radios was the setting up of a WhatsApp group where each radio manager can download audio files.

Acquisition of new equipment by Radio Sawtu Linjiila

Glory be to God for his innumerable blessings. Radio Sawtu Linjiila benefited from a donation of radio equipment of significant value offered by Radio France International (RFI). Indeed, it is the culmination of a long process of requesting broadcasting equipment from Radio France International, with which we have been in partnership for a long



time. These tools come at the right time to boost the productive capacity of the RSL. The problem of dilapidated equipment from which the RSL suffered has been partly resolved. This is an opportunity for us to express our deep gratitude to RFI for this precious donation of brand new devices intended to improve the quality of our productions.

HOW DOES THE RSL FUNCTION?

Created in 1964 by the Cameroonian government whose opening authorization bears the No. 3026/CG/PR/JPP1 of 12/11/1964, Radio Sawtu Linjiila is an instrument of evangelization and communication at the service of the following five Churches:

1. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon
2. The Lutheran Brotherhood Church of Cameroon
3. The Union of Evangelical Churches of Cameroon
4. The Lutheran Brotherhood Church of Chad
5. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the CAR.

These churches have formed a Board of Directors through which they run the RSL. Indeed, it is the inter-ecclesiastical Board of Directors which is the supreme body of the RSL in terms of decision-making and general policy. The EELC plays the role of legal guardianship given the establishment of RSL on its site. RSL operates on contributions from its member churches, grants from Western partners (LWF, NMS, ELCA) and local revenues. A Director appointed by the Board manages the structure and reports to it. May God bless all those who financially support RSL.

Revival of Radio Sawtu Linjiila

In view of the resumption of activities of Radio Sawtu Linjiila marked by the functioning of the Board of Directors, the broadcasting of programs and the production of the various programs, we are entitled to say that it is in the midst of a renaissance. Indeed, the year 2021 was that of the descent into hell for Radio Sawtu Linjiila which was sealed for about seven months. The heavy debts to the CNPS and the Taxes, the accumulation of several months of salary arrears, the employees' strike, the non-functioning of the Board of

Directors, the obsolescence of the equipment and the suspension of the subsidy had precipitated Radio Sawtu Linjiila in the abyss of death. Fortunately, the change in the management team of Radio Sawtu Linjiila was a decisive turning point towards its restoration. From then on, the new leaders of the RSL deployed all-out efforts to put the train back on track through negotiations with the member churches on the one hand and the financial partners on the other. This is how the recovery process was initiated, which resulted in

the reduction of employees, the validation of a new three-year project (2022-2024), the progressive payment of CNPS debts and salary arrears of employees. Today, it is no exaggeration to say that Radio Sawtu Linjiila has "lifted its head above water" as it has acquired a new life, better yet a new vigor that it would simply be fitting to call "RENNAISSANCE". Given the renewed confidence of our partners and the commitment of the member churches and the professionalism of the new team of employees, there is reason to hope for a bright future for Radio Sawtu

Consider Developing Web radio and Web TV at RSL

Nowadays, the broadcasting of radio programs in audio and video formats on the internet has become essential. Many of the classic radio stations are increasingly digitizing to make the most of internet platforms. Radio Sawtu Linjiila has the ambition to develop Web radio and Web TV in the near future. With regard to Web radio, it will be a question for us of "simulcasting", that is to say, to broadcast our programs simultaneously on the airwaves and on the Internet. For the moment, we are not able to broadcast our products live on the

internet, however we do it offline. From now on, you will find our audio programs on Internet social networks such as Facebook, YouTube, WhatsApp...

As for Web TV, it should first be noted that Radio

that we will broadcast on the Internet in video formats. We already do this through the program "Echo des Eglises" whose produced videos are broadcast on our YouTube channel and on other Internet platforms.

The dream of Radio Sawtu Linjiila is to truly become a multimedia center of communication whose products are available everywhere thanks to the magic of the Internet.



Sawtu Linjiila does not have a television channel. However, we plan to produce television-type religious and socio-educational programs



Reflection Committee on the empowerment of RSL

The RSL Board of Directors held in Ngaoundéré on December 14, 2022 had set up a committee to reflect on its empowerment. Indeed, the RSL's financial partners gave the signal to end the subsidies at the end of 2027. It was therefore high time for the RSL Board of Directors to seize the bull by the horns by creating a reflection committee for this purpose. In order to combine business

with pleasure, from January 2023, the Director of the RSL organized the

meeting of all the members of this committee who met to lay the foundations for reflection for the viability of the RSL. The reflection work is continuing and the first report draft will be ready at the end of the first half of 2023.



Rev. NGAYAP Moïse, Dir RSL

I have the honor, even the privilege of serving God within Radio Sawtu Linjiila, whose main mission is the evangelization of unreached peoples and the improvement of their living conditions through radio programs. I would like to invite all our readers and listeners to support Radio Sawtu Linjiila in any way. If you are in Ngaoundéré, please listen to us on FM 95.7. Watch also our video programs on YouTube (RSL Online TV) and on Facebook. Please pray for the growth of the RSL so that it will always be an effective instrument of evangelism among the Fulani. Thank you so much!

Radio Sawtu Linjiila: Challenges and Future Prospects

If it is certain that Radio Sawtu Linjiila has resumed its activities of production and broadcasting of radio programs, it is nonetheless true that it still faces some financial difficulties. Indeed, debts to the National Social Insurance Fund (CNPS) as well as taxes have not yet been fully settled. Similarly, the salary arrears of the dismissed workers have not been fully paid to this day. However, there is a glimpse of hope

and the future of Radio Sawtu Linjiila is bright for the following few reasons:

- a) The reduction of payroll costs thanks to the downsize in the number of employees
- b) The commitment and versatility of the remaining employees who are more than ever motivated to give the best of themselves for the success of the RSL
- c) The establishment of a reflection committee on the financial empower-

ment of Radio Sawtu Linjiila which is already at work since January. d) The commitment of member churches to support the operation of Radio Sawtu Linjiila. e) The acquisition of new broadcasting equipment. In general, Radio Sawtu Linjiila continues to hope for a better future for the implementation of its vision of sharing God's love with unreached Fulani-speaking peoples.

PRAYER REQUIREMENTS

We invite you to pray for the following concerns:

1. The total restoration and empowerment of the RSL
2. The commitment of member churches
3. Trust and good relationship with financial partners
4. The renewal of equipment of RSL
5. Protection of employees and their families

The Director of the RSL expresses his deep gratitude to all the employees for the work well done during the first quarter of 2023. He greatly thanks the partners and the member churches for their multifaceted support.

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