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USA Bamileke family group offers gifts to Mbouda School

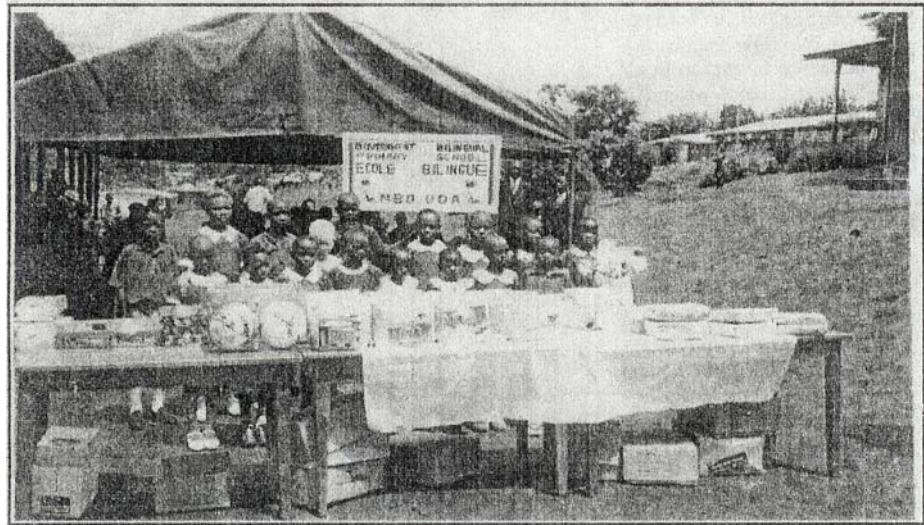
By Tendong David in Mbouda

The divisional officer for Mbouda Central, Christian Limbouye has appreciated the efforts of a group, *La famille Bamileke*, living in Dallas USA for donating prizes to some 36 pupils of government bilingual primary school Mbouda, expressing

the hope that the pupils were returning to their classrooms now better equipped to face the challenges of the academic year.

Limbouye was speaking in Mbouda recently while presiding over the prize award of textbooks, exercise books, pencils and pens to the pupils. The DO thanked the president of *La famille Bamileke* Dallas-USA, known by its French acronym, LAFABA, Honore Kwame who traveled from USA to personally offer the items. He said such help coming at the beginning of the academic year would reduce the burden of parents. He expressed the wish that such offers would extend to other areas of social life as a way for LAFABA to join the fight against poverty.

Earlier in a welcome address, the headmaster of GBPS Mbouda, Kika Stephen Anah thanked LAFABA for choosing his establishment for such prize award from thousands of kilometres away. He said those being awarded prizes were the three best pupils of each class, from classes one to seven. On behalf of staff and pupils the headmaster appreciated the



Pupils of GBPS Mbouda armed with gifts from America to face academic challenges

humanitarian gesture, adding that the prizes were going to act as an incentive to the pupils and to stimulate in them the spirit of hard work and competition.

For his part, LAFABA president, Honore Kwame, said his association, founded in April 2001 was a non profit and a Non-governmental organization with motive of cultural preservation and solidarity to the needy especially back in the Bamileke land. He said LAFABA that started since 1980 as only a family meeting decided to extend its activities to philanthropic gestures this

year. He said they were thinking of providing scholarships to young Bamilekes who would want to study in the USA or elsewhere in Europe, and searching employment for those who come to the USA. Sporting equipments and some didactic material were also handed to the school.

The ceremony was also attended by the divisional delegate of education for Bamboutos Noflele Dominique, mayor of Mbouda rural council, Tiola Louise and parents.