



The NGO Foundation Jean-Félicien Gacha:
 To encourage the awakening of vocations
 To develop skills
 To spread knowledge

Five main fields of actions:

- Education and Training
- Craft and Culture
- Tourism
- Health and Social Affairs
- Environment and Agriculture

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**The year 2015
 at the
 Jean-Félicien Gacha Foundation**

**Over 2500 visitors at the JLD Centre of Cultures
 250 children in the schools supported by the
 Foundation**

**Nearly 400 guests at the Villa Boutanga
 More than 5000 beneficiaries of the NGO**



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- * February: two voluntary coaches came: Borane Gille (French lessons) ; Benoit Gille (teaching and management).
- * March: two voluntary coaches came: Florent Levy (video workshops and a documentary film about the Foundation) ; Elsa Boulic (teaching). Celebration of Women's Day : procession in Bangoulap and reception of the Délégation Départementale du Ministère des Affaires Sociales et de la Promotion de la Femme et de la Famille.
- * June: Ceremony awards for the end of the year, in Maka and Manoré schools.
- * July and August: around one hundred young people between 6 and 25 years old enjoyed the program « useful holidays » at the JLD Centre of cultures: tutoring, initiation to handcraft jobs, beaded production, sewing, serigraphy, sculpture, painting, drawing, modeling, decoration of the Maka school walls with the pupils and their parents, urban music lessons with three artists of « Urban Live », closing show and donation of school material.
- * September: opening of the school of Bahouoc, thanks to the support of the Foundation.
- * October: presentation of the candidates in « Secretariat office » of the JLD Centre for the Professional Certificate 2015/2016, organized by the MINEFOP (Ministry of Employment and Professional Training).
- * December: work placement in firms for the pupils in fourth year at CETIC (College of Technical, Industrial and Commercial Education) of Bangoulap, in accounting, masonry and electricity (10 days) ; public speaking seminar with the CANUDC (Cameroon Debat Association) for pupils in last year at the high schools of the NDE department.

- * During the year: retired volunteers came with AGIR. Training sessions in plumbing and electricity by Jean-Claude Sabatier (16 students), in sewing by Chantal Pinet (18 students), in hotel trade and tourism by Mr. and Mrs. Gouraud for the Foundation's staff, in teaching by Annie Raffier for the staff of the schools supported by the Foundation.
- * Remedial classes by the scholarship holder Arnold Leprince Ngadjeu Fapo, an ENIET student (School of technical education) in Bafoussam, every Saturday at the JLD Centre with the CETIC pupils of Bangoulap. French and Medumba lessons by Edis Tchaga. Practical training on the herd of the Foundation by veterinary students of the Mountains University.
- * Scholarships given to two pupils of the high school of Bangoulap and for trainings in technical and nursing education.
- * Building of the children's house which will host a nursery and offer a cultural programming dedicated to younger children.
- * Visit of groups at the JLD Centre: students of Harvard University, marketing club of the technical High school of Bangangté, youths of Bangangté (APADER) and Baham (AEEAR), members of France Volontaires and the TET-LLA association.
- * Visit of personalities: the President of the Senate, the West region Delegate of the Ministry of small and medium-sized companies, of social economy and handcraft, the French Consul in Douala, the Mayor of Bangangté, the ISTEK Director of Bangangté, the Delegate of tourism, environment and of the Mines of Bangangté.



CULTURE AND CRAFT



* January: participation in the New Year ceremony of the King of Bangoulap, Sa Majesté Jean-Marie Yonkeu ; opening of the workshop of painting on bogolan.

* February: animations during the general assembly week (poetry workshop, yoga lessons, cross-country and football) ; for the youth celebration, procession in the streets of Bangoulap by the children of the Maka school and the artisans of the Foundation.

* April:

- After Sami Tchak in 2013 and Arno Bertina in 2014, Maud Basan, author of a first novel entitled *Seule* (Denoël, 2010), was at the Foundation as a writer-in-residence at the JLD Centre thanks to the partnership with the French Institute of Cameroon. She held debates and readings at the JLD Centre and in partner schools.

- Participation in the exhibition « Au pays des Missanga ! » at the French Institute of Yaoundé where the creations of the Foundation workshops were displayed.

* May: Open day at the JLD Centre of Cultures and discovery by the young people of the infrastructures (library, auditorium...), the cultural programming and the crafts jobs taught in workshops ; on Labour Day, participation of the JLD Centre's craftsmen in the parade in the streets of Bangangté.

* July: conference of the author Arol Ketchiemen Mbiaba about his "Dictionary about the origin of African names and alternative names" (Favre, 2014).

* September: opening of the crafts shop, with the help of the artist Pierre-Christophe Gam for the pieces of furniture design.

* November: during the 2015 Bangoulap Tour, meeting and concert of Jack Djeyim and initiation to contemporary dance with Chantal Gondang ; photo report by François Reinhart about the NGO actions.

* October: during the IAM ART & FASHION #01 CAMEROUN event, organized by IAM Intense Art Magazine, conference in Douala about fashion jobs in Cameroon and presentation of the book « Perles, couleurs d'Afrique" by Ly Dumas; presentation of the creations with beads at the exhibition "Cameroonian Chronicles" at the MAM gallery in Douala ; workshop at the JLD Centre with Céline Seror and Angèle Etoundi Essamba about the IAM project and photography, for young artists.

* December: exhibition of beaded creations at the USA Embassy in Yaoundé. Audit of the Museum of civilizations in Dschang by the volunteer Joël Raffier who also gave his expertise on the organization of the JLD Centre to improve the management of the centre.

TOURISM



* Welcome at the Villa Boutanga of 389 hosts from Cameroon, Gabon, France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and the USA.

* Participation in the second edition of the Bangoulap Tour, a touristic and cultural hike whose aim is to promote the Ndé land.

* Interior decoration of the Villa Boutanga: two junior suites, dining room, terrace, rest space.

* Presentation of the Jean-Félicien Gacha Foundation and the Villa Boutanga in the French touristic book *Petit-Fûté* and the German one *Oase Reisen* .

HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS



* Reception and redistribution of the donations to the health centres and to partner schools (medicines, pharmacy kits, office material, books, educative games...) from Nathan Editions, Dr Lacoste, Elbeuf Hospital, Mrs. and Mr. Thielicke...

* January: conference by Mrs. Paho about breast and prostate cancers, in the auditorium of the JLD Centre (prevention, warning signs, treatments...).

* July: ophthalmology consultations carried out at « Tonga Vision Care», offered to the employees by the Foundation and distribution of glasses.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE



* Volunteer Benjamin Compaoré who entirely created the botanic garden organized tours to transmit the virtues of 250 plants including medicinal ones ; he also began research about therapeutic decoctions with medicinal plants and about the extraction of pigments for paintings on bogolan.

* Several stays of Mr. Courtillet, a volunteer who came for the livestock follow-up and agriculture projects.

* June: participation in the International Day of the Environment in Bafoussam (award of the best exhibitor).

GACHA CULTURAL SPACE



* New legal status of the French antenna: the Jean-Félicien Gacha association is still an association but becomes the « Espace culturel Gacha » which will soon offer new cultural activities.

* Support in the administrative, technical and communication domains to the Cameroonian staff of the Foundation (organization of the volunteers' missions, animation of the social networks, reconfiguration of the hacked website).

* Development of the partnership with INEO 3S, ENGIE group (Montreuil office) to gather donations of office and computer equipment, from antennas of Lyon and Nantes.

* Cultural programming :

- February: participation in the Afro-Polis festival, London.

- March: exhibition of the beaded creations of the JLD workshops at the FIECE (International Economic Forum) organized in Paris by the GIFA LEFIDA (International grouping of African business women).

- July : new partnership with Little Africa which proposes visits to discover African galleries in Paris.

- September: support of the Cameroonian staff for the partnership with IAM (Intense Art Magazine) and the projects of exhibitions and workshops.

- December: artistic workshop and Christmas activities with the refugee children of the Archipel in Paris. Big success of the Christmas Event organized at the Archipel: concert of Taali M (African pop music) and Pétronille Remaury (classical music), exhibition and sale of the creations from the Cameroonian workshops, African gastronomy.