



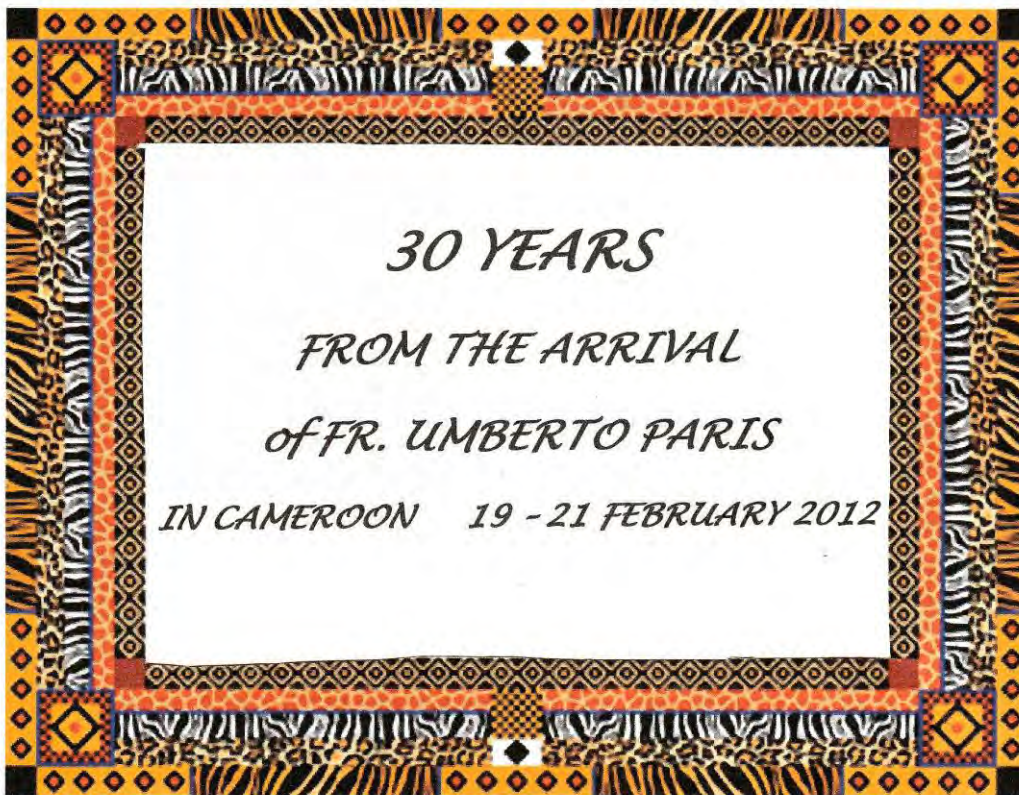
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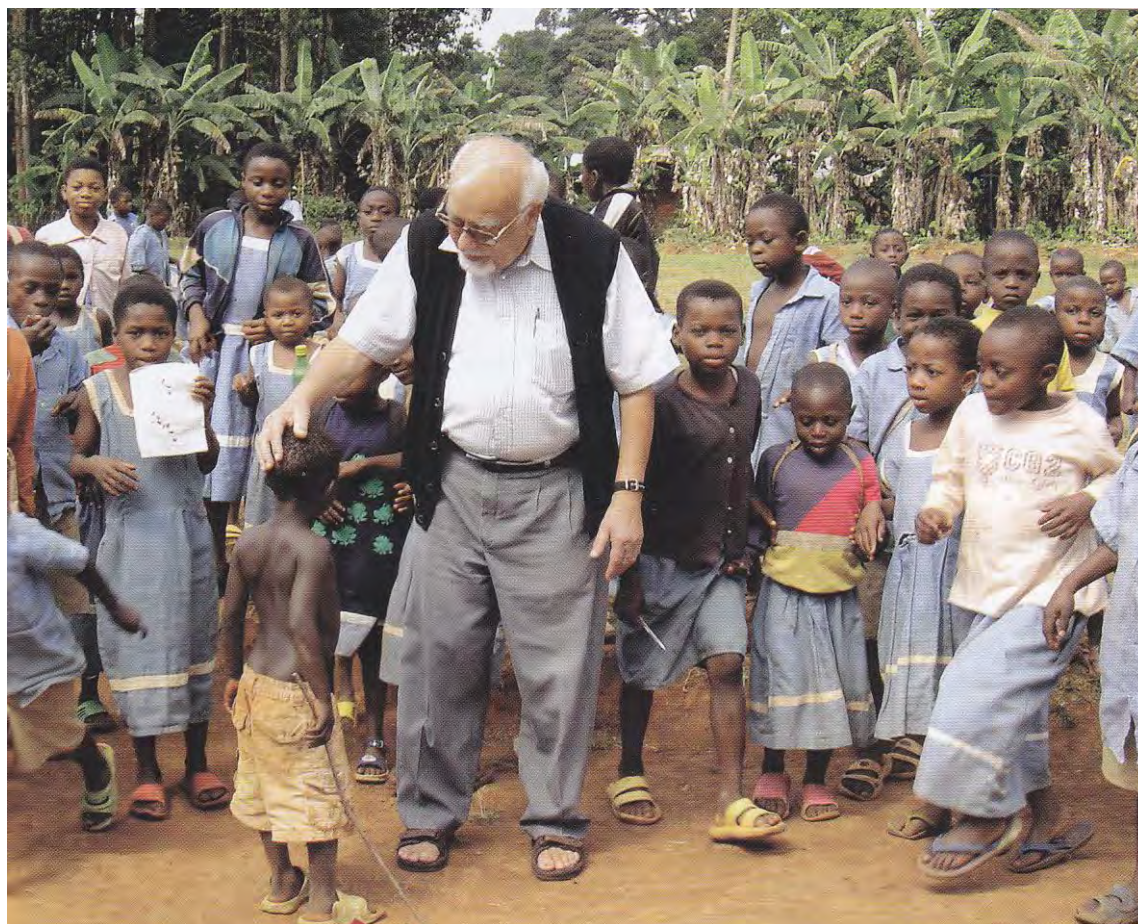
ISSUE



My dear brothers!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, together with the words of Our Lady in the Magnificat, because with great joy we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the arrival of Fr. Umberto Paris in Cameroon !!! After 32 years of missionary ministry in Eritrea and Ethiopia, fr. Umberto, following the obedience, accepted to start a new Capuchin missionary presence in Cameroon.

Landed in Douala on Friday 19th February 1982, he travelled to Bamenda on the 20th February: Msgr. Paul Verdzekov, the then Bishop of Bamenda, welcomed him in the Bishop's house. Fr. Umberto reached Shisong late in the evening of the same day. On Sunday 21th February 1982 Fr. Umberto celebrated the first solemn Mass with the Christian community in Shisong.



It is a grace of God that we can celebrate in a brotherly way this 30th anniversary in the forthcoming assembly in Bambui. We will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass, during which we will pray not only for Father Tah, may R.I.P., and for all the Capuchin brothers who spent their lives and ministries among us during these 30 years.

It is useless to waste many human words to remember and to praise Father Tah, whose living memory is still a blessing among all the peoples who knew him!

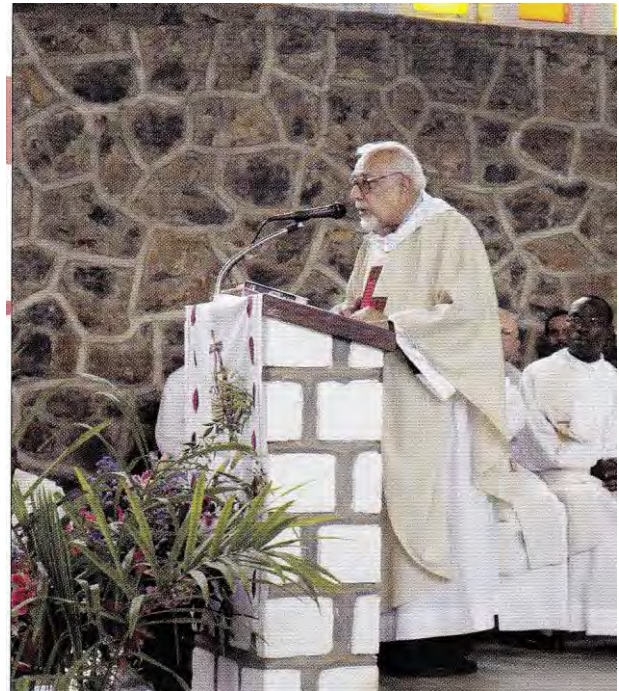
I think the best way to thank God and to pray for our future is to use some of the very words of God:

[1] Let us praise illustrious men, our ancestors in their successive generations. [2] The Lord hath wrought great glory through his magnificence from the beginning. [3] Such as have borne rule in their dominions, men of great power, and endowed with their wisdom, showing forth in the prophets the dignity of prophets, [4] And ruling over the present people, and by the strength of wisdom instructing the people in most holy words. [5] Such as by their skill sought out musical tunes, and published canticles of the scriptures.

[6] Rich men in virtue, studying beautifulness: living at peace in their houses. [7] All these have gained glory in their generations, and were praised in their days. [8] They that were born of them have left a name behind them, that their praises might be related: [9] And there are some, of whom there is no memorial: who are perished, as if they had never been: and are become as if they had never been born, and their children with them. [10] But these were men of mercy, whose godly deeds have not failed:

[11] Good things continue with their seed, [12] Their posterity are a holy inheritance, and their seed hath stood in the covenants. [13] And their children for their sakes remain forever: their seed and their glory shall not be forsaken. [14] Their bodies are buried in peace, and their name lives on for all generations. [15] Let the people proclaim their wisdom, and the assembly declare their praise.

Ecclesiasticus / Sirach chapter 44: 1-15



[1] Now faith is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not. [2] For by this the ancients obtained a testimony. [3] By faith we understand that the world was framed by the word of God; that from invisible things visible things might be made.

Hebrews chapter 11:1-3

[7] Remember your leaders who have spoken the word of God to you; whose . Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. [8] Jesus Christ, yesterday, and today; and the same for ever. [9]

Hebrews chapter 13: 7-8

Let us end with the words of the blessed pope John Paul II, said during his visit to Cameroon in 1985:

The beginning of Catholic evangelization was very humble, like the mustard seed of which the Gospel speaks (Matth. 13:31-32). But this seed was divinely planted and it has brought forth marvellous fruits, the fruits of a Christianity that reflects the character of Africa.

(John Paul II, 10th August 1985, Yaoundè)

Let the examples of our fathers in faith lead us to be faithful to our Franciscan vocation and charism !

May the Holy Spirit enlighten us in our ministry of evangelization and human promotion.

Let us invoke upon us an abundance of divine grace and blessings, through the motherly intercession of Mary, Patroness of Cameroon!

Peace and Goodness!



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