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To:
All Christians of the Cameroon Baptist Convention

Statement of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Following the Recent Happenings in Donga Matung Division and a Call for Prayers

The incidences in Ngar-buh in Mbuntzi Field and in Jack, Mbui and Ngang in Mbem Field are an opportunity for us to demonstrate our faith in Yahweh. It is an opportunity for us to draw near the Throne of Grace with our supplications concerning the ongoing crises in general.

There have been different versions concerning the recent happenings in Donga Mantung Division. I wish to let you know that **our Lord and master whom we have served faithfully even through the crisis; He will bring to light every deed that was done in darkness!**

The CBC women's building in Ntumbaw was occupied by the forces of law and order on February 7, 2020. The CBC has never authorized anyone to occupy the Women's Building in Ntumbaw for whatever purpose! All CBC property is dedicated for ministry (worship) purposes and are neutral grounds. As we speak, the forces of law and order had checked out of the building after some interventions even though minor repairs will need to be done on the building. Continue to pray for the pastor, the church leaders and the rest of the Christians there as they are seriously threatened!

It is saddening to note that the CBC has lost 11 of her members. Out of the 11, five were inquirers, five were children and one was a choir conductor in the children's church! The two churches on the area have been displaced. Families have lost valuable property in the unfortunate incident. The experience has left an unforgettable memory of pain, suffering and loss on our Christians in Ntumbaw and Ngar-buh!

Concerning what happened in Mbem Field (Nwa Sub Division) on Monday February 17, 2020 and on Wednesday February 19, 2020, unidentified armed men attacked the communities of *Jack*, *Ngang* and *Mbui* in Mbem Field! Three of our pastors in Nwa Sub Division have lost their property, churches have been

vandalized and church windows and worship equipment destroyed in what ensued from the violence in these three villages.

The Cameroon Baptist Convention strongly condemns the acts of these authors and perpetrators of violence directed against human lives and the destruction of property! This condemnation is based on our belief in the sanctity of human life and our God given stewardship responsibility for nature and property and the call for action.

The CBC calls on all God's people, to stay away from what would aggravate an already painful situation, and to remain committed to the cause of Christ!

We equally urge the powers that be to carry out an in-depth, impartial and untainted probe into the matter and to allow “...**justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream**” (Amos 5:24). May the parties in the struggle exercise restraint, cease hostility engage in constructive negotiations for a peaceful solution. The cost has become unreasonable.

In line with our theme for the year and in solidarity with all those who have been affected by these incidents (even those in other places out of Donga Mantung);

- Let us set aside the week of February 24 – Sunday 1, 2020 to fast and pray for victims of these happenings and for a peaceful resolution to the crises.
- Pray that God will grant healing to those grieving. Pray that the God of all comfort will comfort their hearts. Pray that the young who have been exposed to horror will be desensitized by the grace of God. Pray also for humility and national repentance. Pray that the nation shall receive healing.

Dear God's people, as you pray do not forget to conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity! When God's people suffer they should never forget that God is still on their side.

In His service and for His glory,



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