

# Notes from School

A report on Project Hope & Charité Hand-in-Hand Orphan Schools



## What a Difference A Little Help Can Make!

“It doesn't make sense, but in the late 90's when the number of orphans in our country exploded, we in the Church started to look on orphans with resentment,” a church leader in the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) confided months ago. The source of their resentment was not the orphans, but what the orphans represented: the Church's inability to offer real help in the face of such need. This brother was not proud of this frank admission, and only brought it up as a backdrop for and expression of sincere thanks to Hand-in-Hand (HnH) schools which, besides blessing orphans every day, also bless local churches who can now real help to needy kids.

In 2006, we could never have imagined that in four years time two HnH schools would grow to 35, educating, feeding and discipling 1500 orphans, and winning Muslim kids to Christ. By the grace of God, that's where we are today! Our “journey of a thousand miles” began with a “single step” of faith that has led to another step, and another...

Returning home from Africa last month my impression was this: the total good *coming to* our kids in many cases is far surpassing the sum total of all the good we *are doing* for them. This can only be explained by the fact that God is so good and is answering the prayers of good people like you. Your prayers and giving are truly making a difference for so many. Thank you.

~ Barb Wooler



## Kassali's Story

At 12-years old, Kassali is taller than most of his classmates in his HnH school. But it wasn't his height that drew Ginger Hock's (CAR-Based HnH Director) attention as she observed his school, it was his eagerness to learn, to answer questions, and his obvious delight in learning.


Ginger was so intrigued that she later called him outside to find out more. She learned that Kassali and his brother had never been in school before. He was raised



in a Muslim home, but when his father died, his mother allowed him and his brother to go to the HnH school at the Gaga Church.

Hunger, illiteracy, ignorance, and the lack of hope that once marked his life are gone. He loves learning, loves church, and loves his teacher. When asked what he likes the very most about school, Kassali replied, “I like having a full belly every day.”


Each day Kassali and 49 other kids are being blessed, all because two churches, the Gaga GBC and the Kittanning GBC (PA, USA) are partnering together to do a HnH orphan school.

**PRAYER: Pray that Kassali's mother and grandmother might find not just help at the Gaga Church, but the Good News and a Savior.** 

## HnH Teacher Training



On March 7-8, 2010, twenty-one HnH school teachers met at the Bossembele GBC to receive training on early childhood development. The presenter was Becky Dick, a 35-year veteran school teacher. HnH teachers closer to Bangui took the same seminar the year before. In addition to class time, other highlights of the day were a mango toss exercise, elephant meat stew at lunch, and a storm which threatened to end dry season a month early, but which in the end produced maybe 8 drops of rain.

Teaching materials provided by Erica Shelton, Amy Crawford, and Becky's ABF were given to the grateful teachers. Special thanks to Becky Dick for sharing her skills and expertise. 



Visual aid showing the 5 ways kids learn.

# Where Are We and Where Are We Going?

After much prayer and a few brain cramps, Emmanuel Bouyete (CAR-Based HnH Coordinator), Ginger Hock & Barb Wooler have designed a plan for 2010-11 that allows the program to spread to more local African churches without exploding our numbers beyond our ability to maintain quality.

But the big question in our mind is how to help orphans in the yellow region (below). This region represents two things: the most dangerous region—bandits, war, instability—and the most needy. Two HnH schools are presently in the region at the **Boguila** GBC because either the pastor or the HnH coordinator can travel to Bangui from time to time.

We are committed to seeking the Lord concerning the needs of thousands of orphans in this region, who without us will likely never go to school, and many will never learn about Jesus.

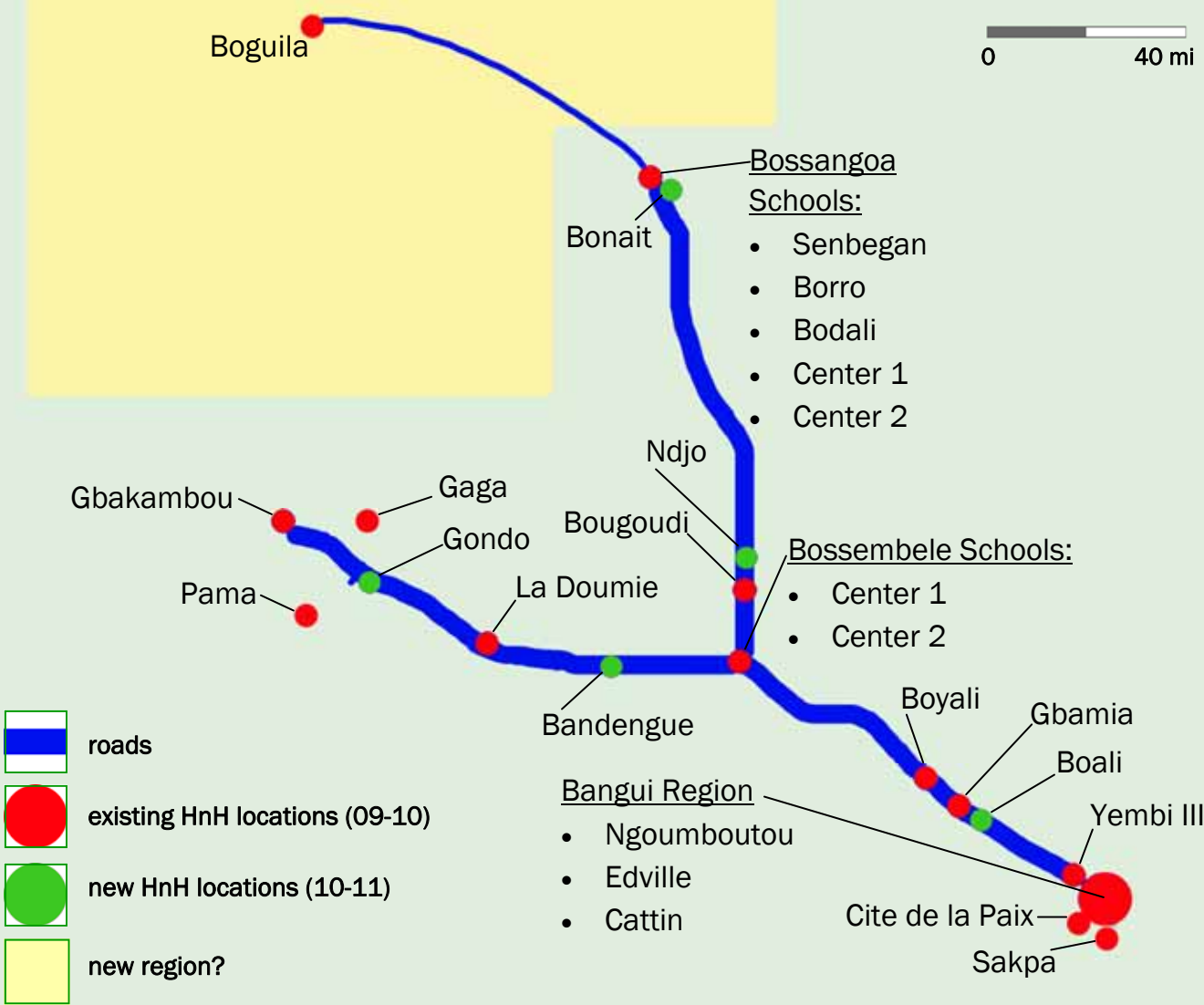
Starting HnH schools in this region will require:

- A variation on the present model of HnH schools
- USA sister churches who do not need much news, photos, video report, etc.

Please pray with us for wisdom in getting help to a lot of needy kids. 🙏



**BETWIXT & BETWEEN**  
 How can we possibly start HnH schools in this unstable region?  
 Yet in the face of such need, *how can we NOT?*



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