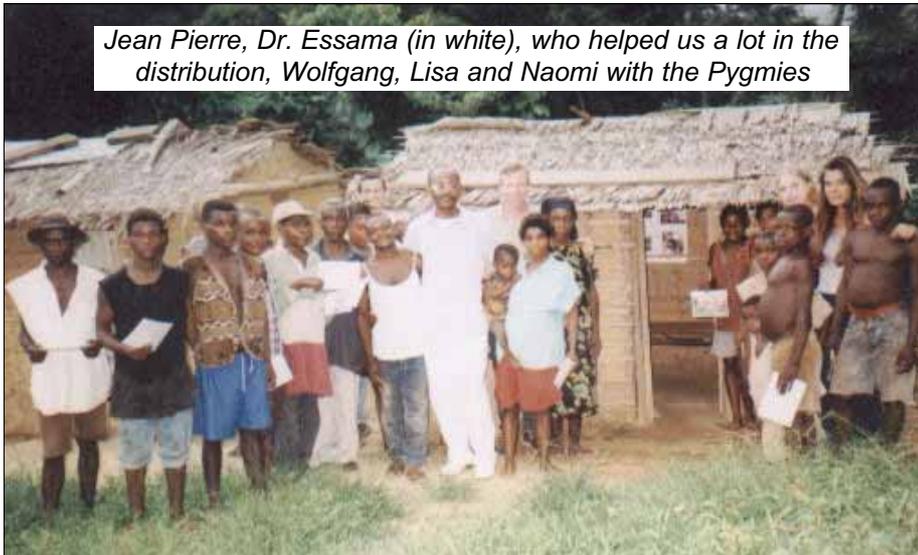


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Jean Pierre, Dr. Essama (in white), who helped us a lot in the distribution, Wolfgang, Lisa and Naomi with the Pygmies

Help for the Pygmies

Dear friends,

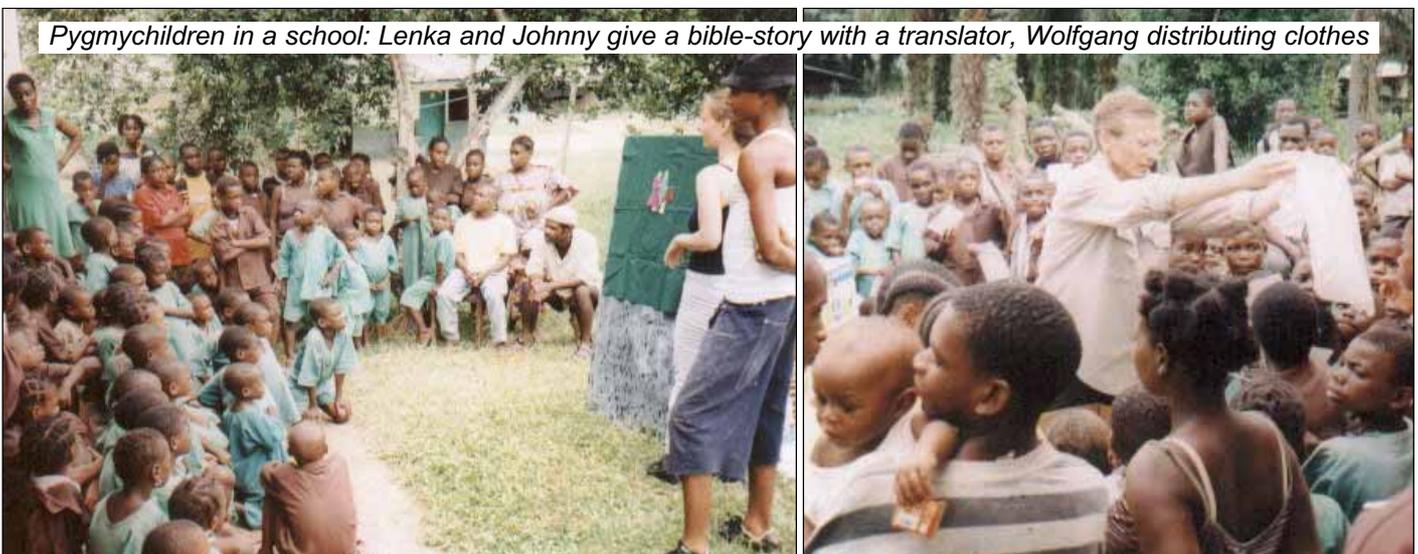
imagine yourself living in the woods without electricity, running water, gas, oil, stove, fridge, table, chairs, mattress, no TV, CD player, DVD, car, computer, Internet, disco, bank account, money, no IC-card, birth certificate, health insurance, hospital,

pension, no shops or streets, none of the luxuries of modern society or what some of us consider necessities. A thing of the past, out of the storytellers books, fairy tale or movie? No, indeed there are still thousands of people living like that in this country, similar to our forefathers, and that not even so long ago.

They live in huts made out of bark, sticks and leaves, beds and benches are made out of wood and bamboo. They live on what they find in the woods and hunt, with simple spears, nets, dogs and a lot of God-given instinct, wisdom & knowledge which we studied people wouldn't know a thing about. I was told that they can catch a monkey in 5 minutes, which we wouldn't even find or be able to do even if we shot 50 bullets at it.

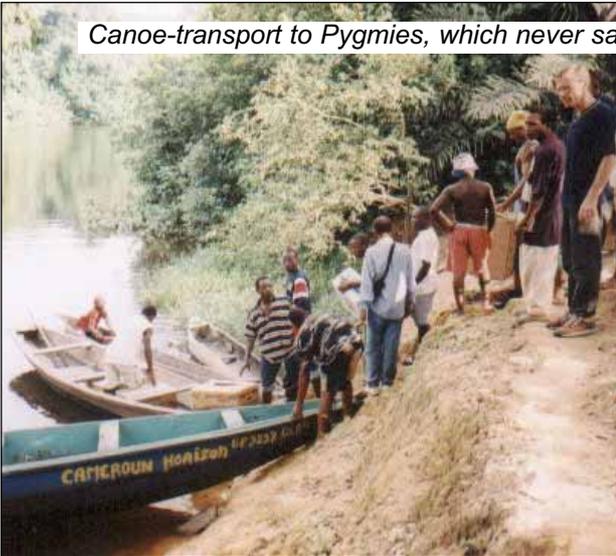
They move like nomads and have no formal education, can't read or write, but are very friendly, live peacefully with each other and know how to survive where we would starve. Their life would go on as if nothing happened - in fact they wouldn't even find out - if the world would start World War 3, if we would have another oil-crisis, war in the Middle-East, a worldwide financial crash or if the Anti-Christ would rise to power.

Since greedy people cut down the big trees of the forests, it slowly kills their livelihood & forces them to learn other ways to survive. Some of them are starting to settle near the dirt-roads through the woods, learn to farm a little plot of land and start sending their kids to schools where available.



Pygmychildren in a school: Lenka and Johnny give a bible-story with a translator, Wolfgang distributing clothes

Canoe-transport to Pygmies, which never saw white men before. As thanks: traditional dance with music



Until recently and often still today they are looked down upon - not just for their short statures - as underlings, something between animals and humans. The ones who didn't settle own no land and are still often considered properties by the villagers around. This means when they hunt something, it might be taken away from them.

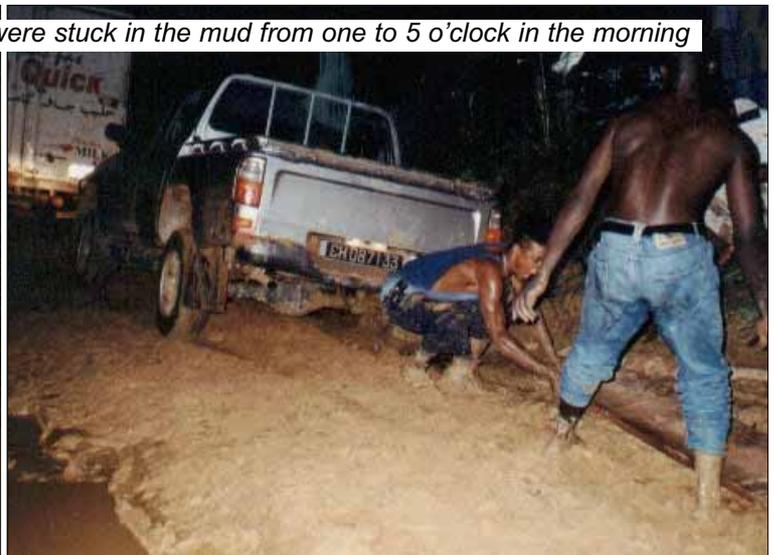
They believe deeply in God and hardly know anything about Jesus, but are very happy to learn more about Him. Since they can't read, we talk with them and give them pictures about God's love and care, which they really appreciate.

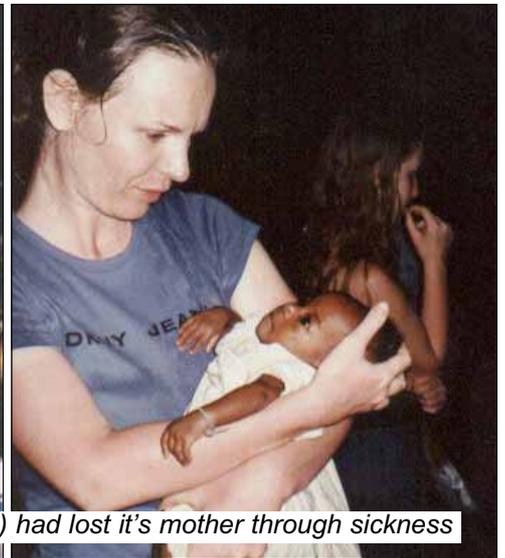
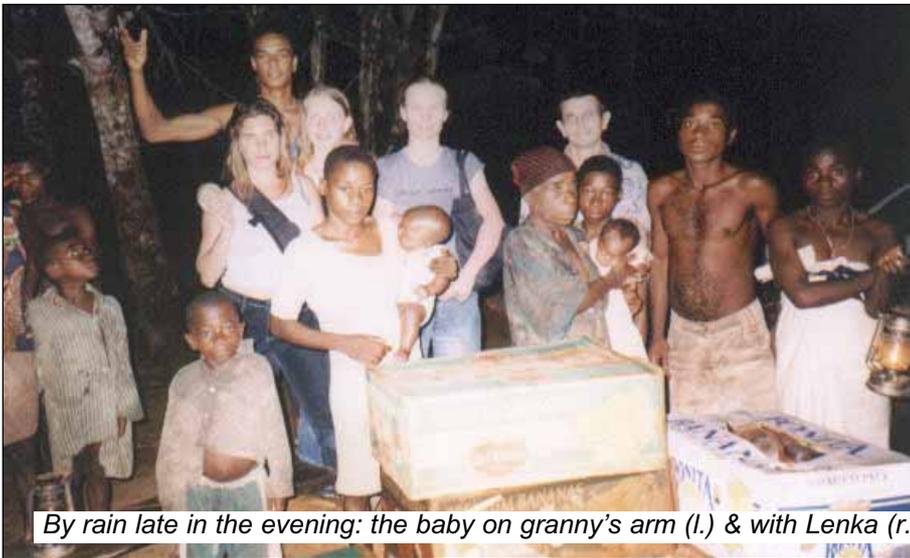
In the same country - not to talk about the rich nations - live people with up to eight body guards, several prohibitively expensive cars and mansions as big as a castle. While some people are poor physically, some are poor morally, some spiritually.

This selfishness is just one of the many signs Jesus mentioned would happen before His return according to Matthew 24. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Mat. 24:12). You can read the whole Chapter about the other signs like the many famines, earthquakes, wars and rumors of wars etc which we have nowadays, and you can see that we live in the time Jesus talked about would come before His return. Until then let's do all we can to prepare for it, not neglect to feed our souls and help the poor.

Jesus gave us His Law of Love in Math 22: 36-40: "Love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." If everybody would live like that, it would stop all the wars, hunger, poverty, physical and spiritual pollution, like the madness of many of the modern movies, music, media, with all its violence and demoralization in the endless TV channels etc - if we all would only love Him and our neighbors more and be more happy and content with the simple beauties of life.

Rain complicates our transport - one night we were stuck in the mud from one to 5 o'clock in the morning





By rain late in the evening: the baby on granny's arm (l.) & with Lenka (r.) had lost it's mother through sickness

As you can see, our contact with the pygmies really spoke to me. Coming out of the woods, back to "civilization", makes you think about what's important in life. Let's remember that we can't take a penny with us when we leave this world, which we all have to do one day. And the most important things can't be bought with money: health, happiness, love, life, real friendship, intact families, safety, the future or even today. Only God can give us these gifts.

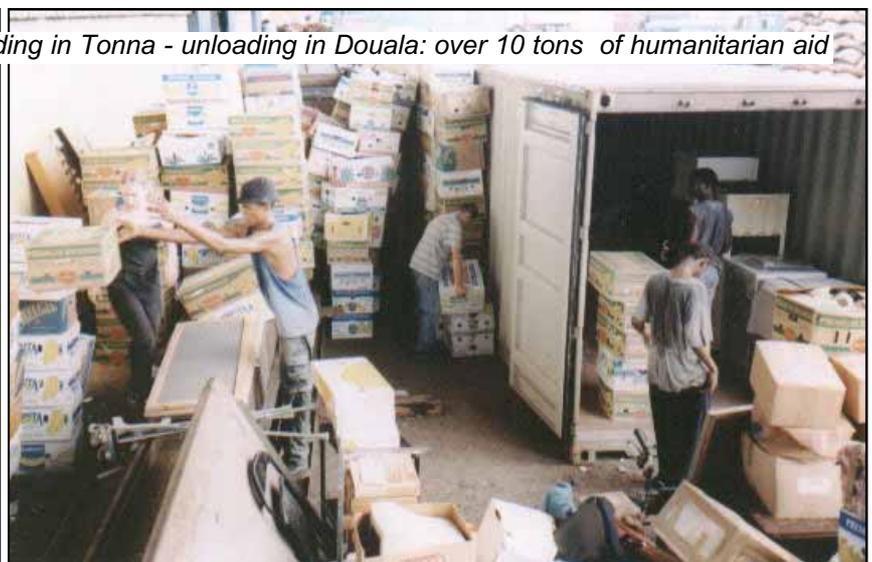
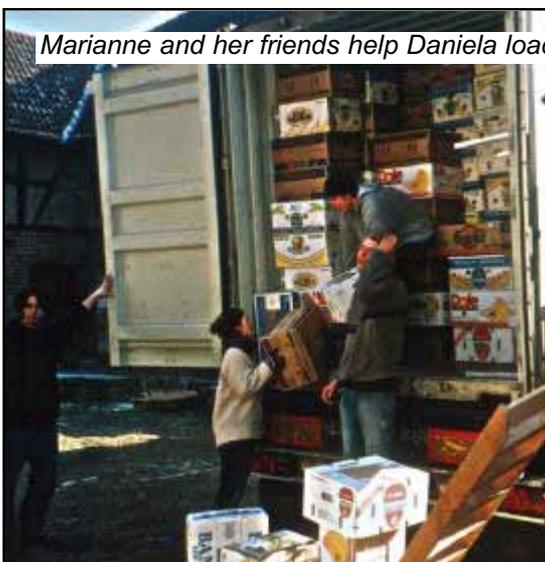
I think everybody agrees with us here that the pygmies surely are the most needy people in Cameroon. We experienced some of the most intensive and inspiring days of our lives distributing clothes, shoes, sheets and God's love to these lovely people.

In the next newsletter we will share more about the rest of our distribution. We are very thankful that we finally got the container through customs and could help a lot of people. Of course it's only "a drop in the bucket", but many drops make the ocean. We want to thank everybody who helped and made this project possible. It sure was a sign of God's love to a lot of people who have less than their needs.

We wish you all the best and more of that happiness and the other most important things in life mentioned above,

With many loving greetings,

Wolfgang Schmidt and Team.



Marianne and her friends help Daniela loading in Tonna - unloading in Douala: over 10 tons of humanitarian aid

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