Many of these books came to the NAB Heritage Center from former Cameroon missionaries. These were read in preparation for Cameroon service or acquired while they were in Cameroon to learn more about their adopted country. The books are authored by missionaries or others familiar with Cameroon (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cameroon).

The order is alphabetical by author (or editor if no author named, or publisher if neither was given), as they are on the shelves. Almost all materials are in English with a few in German, French, West African Pidgin English, or Duala (a language of coastal Cameroon). There are annotations for most books relating it to the work of the NAB missionaries and/or CBC ministries.

The following acronyms are used throughout:
- CBC for Cameroon Baptist Convention, the Convention of Baptist churches in Cameroon related to the North American Baptist Conference.
- NAB for North American Baptists, a denomination of churches in North America (USA & Canada) related to the Cameroon Baptist Convention.
- CBM for Cameroon Baptist Mission, the legal organization name of the NAB Conference mission in Cameroon, 1942-1975.


Amin, Julius. 1992. *The Peace Corps in Cameroon*. Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press. i-viii, 1-240 pages. The early history of the Peace Corps in Cameroon by a Cameroonian who benefited from the program in the 1960s and later came to the USA to study. NAB Missionary Paul Gebauer and Cameroonian Baptist Flavous Martin were teachers in the first training session in the USA for Americans going to Cameroon under the Peace Corps. Several Peace Corps persons taught in NAB Mission secondary schools.


Baptist Mission Society of Germany (Publisher). n.d. [1908]. *Missions Album from Cameroon*. Kassel, Germany: J.G. Onken Raching., G.m.B.S. 86 pages. Translated from the German *Missionsalbum von Kamerun* by Myrtle Ertis. Karl Maschner, the Home Secretary of the Mission, wrote the introduction. It is most likely that the skilled communicator and publishing house head, Philipp Bickel, also had much to do with this book. Earlier Bickel, a graduate of the Rochester Theological Seminary in New York, had been editor of *DerSendbote* and head of the German Baptist Publishing House in North America. With 170+ black and white photos and other illustrations, the book gives a good picture of Cameroon Baptist missions in the first decade of the 1900s.

Baptist Mission Society of Germany (Publisher). 1929. *Mieenge Ma Bosangi*. Neuruppin, Germany. 207 pages. A hardcover Song Book in the Duala language used by Cameroonians coastal peoples for many years. Includes songs by
translators/writers such as British Baptist Missionary Alfred Saker and NAB Missionary August Steffens.


**Barrett, David B. 1968. Schism & Renewal in Africa: An Analysis of Six thousand Contemporary Religious Movements*. Nairobi: Oxford University Press. 363 pages. A study by the late missionary researcher then based in Nairobi. He “examines the vast number of movements of renewal, protest and disinterest which has been taking place in Africa inside and outside the Protestant and Catholic churches...” (from the back cover). A computer database (stored on punch cards) was used to analyze statistics of the 300+ tribes and churches studied. Contains helpful illustrative photographs.

Cited (p. 287) is the 1888 secession of the Native Baptist Church in Douala from the Basel Mission which had received this and other Baptist churches from the British Baptist Mission. The Cameroonian pastor appealed to the Berlin Mission Committee for help which in 1891 sponsored August, a graduate of Rochester (NY) Seminary’s German Department, and Anna Steffens, the first missionaries sent to Cameroon from the German Baptist Churches of North America, today’s North American Baptist Conference.


**Bender, C.J. 1921. Der Weltkrieg und die Christlichen Missionen in Kamerun*. Kassel: Drud und Verlag von J.G. Onken Nadhfolger, G.m.b.h. 217 pages. World War I in Cameroon as seen by NAB missionary Bender there during that time.


**Bible Portions used in Cameroon.** Nine New Testament or other Scripture portions in two open-ended file boxes.


**Dualla Scriptures - Cameroon 1855** [on spine]. *Kalati ya Loba, Bwambu bo Dualla - Scriptures in the Dualla or Cameroon’s Language* [title page]. Translated by Alfred Saker. Cameroon’s Western Africa: Baptist [British] Mission Press. 288 pages. Archival note: This rare original contains Matthew 1:1 through Romans 1:16. This is most likely as much as Saker had completed at that time. Saker is not indicated as the translator but no one else was working on such a translation at that time in Cameroon. This book on loan from Lloyd A. Harsch.


**Bongmba, Elias Kifon. 2001. African Witchcraft and Otherness: A Philosophical and Theological Critique of Intersubjective Relations.** Albany, NY: State Univ. of New York Press. 224 pages. Bongmba is a Baptist Cameroonian educated in Cameroon and the USA who was a Baptist pastor in capital city of Yaoundé in Cameroon before returning to the USA to teach at Rice University (Houston, Texas) in the Religion Department. Note: Following is a test search for “Paul Gebauer” in Google Books. Place cursor over the Web address below and then Ctrl+Click to follow the link for a preview of the book.

https://books.google.com/books?id=cc8DxtmYD1UC&pg=PA11&lpg=PA11&dq=paul%20gebauer&source=bl&ots=VeHEfpl_CH&sig=O8rDYYP8m4HIVaHbVzWDqWdjMkhl=en&sa=X&ei=BJbJyWAOIH_sASwyZHYCc&ved=0CDIQ6AEwBjahw8=onepage&q=paul%20gebauer&f=false


**Bonkung J. Handerson,** (Compiler). 2001. *History of the Centre Nkwen Bamenda with Past and Present Baptist Convention Leaders*. Bamenda, Cameroon: Typed manuscript. 48 pages. This Cameroonian CBC journalist did much interviewing and careful editing in compiling the history of the NAB mission station that became the Baptist Center in Bamenda.


Buchet, Jean-Louis, et al. (eds). 1988. *Jeune Afrique economique: CAMEROUN 88*. Paris: 640 pages. An English translation of the article (p. 382) about the Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. Solomon Nfor Gwei is inserted. Quote: “…Don’t be surprised to find a Bible on the coffee table in the waiting room of the State Secretary for Agriculture.” Cameroonien Gwei attended Baptist schools and was pastor of a Baptist church before earning advanced degrees in Europe and the USA. He returned to Cameroon and was on the front lines in the building of that young nation while he continued active membership in CBC Baptist churches.


Caleb Resources. 2008. *The Esimbi - Nuggets of Gold: A Prayer Guide…*. Littleton, CO: Caleb Resources. 32 pages. Description of a people among whom Cameroon Baptist Convention members also are part of the witnessing community. (This booklet is in the inside cover pocket of the related study resource *The People at the End of the Road* authored by Kathy Koengi).


CBC: Cameroon Baptist Convention. “2008 Annual Board Reports”. Bamenda: CBC. 85 pages. (Reports by Felix Filmbo, Director of Evangelism and Missions; Tetevi Bodylawson, Education Secretary; and Pius Tih Muffih, Director of Health Services).


Chilver, E.M. and P.M. Kaberry. 1967. *Traditional Bamenda: The Pre-colonial History and Ethnography of the Bamenda Grassfields - Volume I*. Buea: West Cameroon Antiquities Commission. 134 pages. British anthropologists Chilver’s and Kaberry’s writing is based on extensive field research in Cameroon: “This book is in the main directed to local readers…interested in the study of their own country’s contribution to human social invention. We have consequently, left the text studied with local terms and local detail…We are very grateful to the Cameroon Baptist Mission…for help and hospitality.” (Preface)


Cragg, Kenneth. 1959. *Sandals at the Mosque: Christian Presence Amid Islam*. NY: Oxford Univ. Press. 160 pages. An introduction to Islam by one who “out of a lifetime’s travel and study in the Islamic world…seeks to show…the depths of Muslim religious thought and experience, and how in that setting to preach the Gospel…(Dust jacket)”. Helpful in gaining perspective about Cameroon since almost 30% of the population is Muslim. “Cragg has sought to interpret Islam through insiders eyes, to bridge the gap in understanding between Muslims and Christians, and to discern positive significance in Islam for Christian purposes.” (Paul R. Dekar in *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions*, p. 239).

Debel, Anne. 1977. *Cameroon Today*. Paris: Editions j.a. 256 pages. Designed as an introduction to Cameroon for those who may want to travel as tourists to Cameroon with excellent color pictures and maps with information about interesting places to visit.


Dickson, Mora. 1960. *New Nigerians.* London: Dennis Dobson, 256 pages. Cameroon was governed as part of Nigeria by the British prior to 1961 so this account of Cameroonians and Nigerians learning about community development practices at the Man O’ War training school in Cameroon was all considered “Nigerians” by the author, a Quaker missionary who served at the school.


Dunger, George A. n.d. [1957]. *At God’s Command: A Study Course Book of Missions and Missionaries.* Forest Park, Illinois: North American Baptist Conference. 94 pages. From his perspective as a former Cameroon missionary and then Professor of Missions, Dunger covers all the basics for those wanting to know more about missions, or considering a call to missions,


Eba, Nsanda. 1977. *The Good Foot.* Ibadan, Nigeria: Oxford University Press. i-ix, 1-149 pages. Cameroonian author, This novel “describes life in West Cameroon in the decade of the mid-thirties to the mid-forties, as seen through the eyes of…a typical boy, and his parents, a typical working class family. Many of the scenes and episodes described have actually happened, and many of the institutions have actually existed, under of course different names…” – from the Preface.


Epele, Simon J. 1990. *In Their Master’s Vineyard: The Story of Religious Missions in Cameroon.* Limbé: Unpublished manuscript. 620 double-spaced 8½x11 inches pages. This might be the most comprehensive history of Christian missions in Cameroon written by a Cameroonian. Epele’s primary schooling was at the NAB Soppo Mission Station in the early 1930s. He did further studies in Nigeria and England earning a doctorate at Oxford. He assisted NAB missionaries in starting the Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo in 1950. He died before the final editing of this manuscript was completed.


Faffon, Christopher. c. 2004. *Detestable Practices.* Bamenda, Cameroon: Self Published. 21 pages. The pastor of a Cameroon Baptist Convention church citing Scripture warns Christians not to be involved in such practices as sorcerying (Acts 8:9-11), witchcraft (Ex. 22:18), mediums (Deut. 18:9-13), juju dancing (2 Cor. 6:14-18).


Farwell, Byron. 1986. *The Great War in Africa, 1914–1918.* New York: W.W. Norton, 382 pages. Chapters 2–4 are about World War I battles fought in Cameroon, some in the coastal area near the NAB Soppo mission station. Farwell tells of a (non-Baptist) mission employee who was apprehended swimming toward an Allied war ship with sticks of dynamite. This may help to explain why the military ordered all German-related missionaries out of Cameroon since at that time all missions in Cameroon were connected in one way or another to a German mission society except for the American Presbyterian mission some distance south of Douala.

Forde, Daryll (ed). 1954. *Peoples of Central Cameroons.* London: International African Institute. 174 pages. A chapter of this ethnographic survey of the then Bamenda Province (map included) by British anthropologist Merran McCulloch is where NAB missionaries have worked since the late 1920s and where Cameroonian evangelists started many Baptist churches in the 1930s, 40s and early 50s, the timeframe of this book. Other chapters are on peoples mostly located in what was then the French Cameroons.


Gebauer, Paul. 1964. *Spider Divination in the Cameroons.* Milwaukee: Milwaukee Public Museum. 153 pages. The published edition of NAB Missionary Gebauer’s MA thesis at Northwestern Univ. (Evanston, IL) in which he describes the divination practices of a tribe as “a particular attempt to ascertain, interpret and control the will or destiny (includes the will of the gods, ancestors, and of spirits) by means of a highly developed system of leaf-cards that are manipulated by a diviner with…a certain spider…”


German Baptist Mission. See Baptist Mission of Germany.


Group Project (Compiler). 2008. "‘Cameroon Reader: Select sections about Cameroon from various books about Africa originally written in 1912-1993’. This is an in-process potential manuscript of selections related to Cameroon from different authors in general books on Africa. Authors of the select sections are included in “Index 1: Authors…”"


Hailwood, John. 1991. “My Africa, 1949 - 1956”. Hythe, UK: 110 pages. A typed manuscript by a British citizen employed by British Government in Cameroon who was a friend of NAB missionaries (mentions several), and supported the mission.


Hoffmeister, Jacob. 2001. “Missionary Jacob Hofmeister: Experiences in Mission Service in Cameroonos – Volume 1”. Translated from German by William Rentz. Edmonton: Privately published. 129 pages. These 3 volumes are the memoirs of Missionary Jacob Hofmeister during 1898-1914 in Cameroon. He was the first long-term missionary to Cameroon from Germany and worked together with the NAB missionaries. He succeeded NAB Missionary Emil Suelvern as Cameroon Field Secretary.


Howard, David M. 1970. *Student Power in World Evangelism.* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. 129 pages. Gives the biblical, historical, and the then contemporary perspectives of college student movements that resulted in increased overseas missionaries from North America. The Student Volunteer Movement of 1890s influenced most of the early NAB missionaries to Cameroon and InterVarsity’s Urbana Student Mission Conventions influenced a good number in the 1950s, 1960s, and beyond.

Howard, David M. (ed.). 1977. *Declare His Glory among the Nations.* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. 262 pages. Addresses of InterVarsity’s 1976 Student Missions Convention in Urbana, IL including those of Billy Graham, Helen Roseveare (Africa), Festo Kivengere (Africa) and the 4 Bible studies of John R.W. Stott. Attendance was 17,000, the capacity of the University of
Illinois’ Assembly Hall. Representatives of 125 mission agencies were present with information booths including the North American Baptists with General Missionary Secretary Dr. Richard Schilke and Cameroon Missionary Susan Krier (Aaldyk) present.


Ignatowski, Clare A. 2006. *Journey of Song: Public Life and Morality in Cameroon*. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press. i-xv, 1-223 pages. Ignatowski, a visiting scholar at African Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania, tells how the Tupuri people of northern Cameroon celebrate in dance and song to honor the year’s dead. Based on on-site research and observations. The Tupuri are unusual in north Cameroon because they “vehemently resist Islamization” and some have become Christians (p. 13).


Jam, Ilaja Ndakwena. n.d. [1993]. “Building the Church on Cross-Cultural Basis”. Cameroon: Typed manuscript. 52 pages. This unpublished work of Cameroonian Pastor I.N. Jam has the notes he received when he asked retired NAB Missionary George Dunger to review the manuscript and make suggestions.


Kaberry, Phyllis, M. 1952. *Women of the Grassfields: A Study of the Economic Position of Women in Bambnda Cameroons*. London: Her Majesty’s Stationary Office. i-xii, 1-220 pages. British anthropologist Kaberry did field studies totaling almost 3 years for this study. It details woman’s role but also relates women to the larger community context. There were several NAB mission stations in the Bamenda Province at this time with Cameroonian evangelists planting churches. However, there are still people groups in the area, such as the Esimbi that are still not fully evangelized.


Kayser, Albert P., Sr. n.d. [2009]. *Kamerun Missions: Mission Service of Rev. H.P Kayser, 1910-1915*. New Bern, North Carolina: Privately published. 64 pages. These are excerpts from H.P. Kayser’s “Story of My Life” by his son Albert. Also includes some of A.P.’s memories that his father told him along with H.P.’s photographs from Cameroon of that time.

Keller, Werner. 1969. *The History of the Presbyterian Church in West Cameroon*. Victoria, Cameroon: Presbyterian Church in West Cameroon. 159 pages. Through the years NAB missionaries cooperated at all levels with the missionaries of the Basel Mission whose churches became the Presbyterian Church in West Cameroon.


Kwast, Lloyd E. 1971. *The Discipling of West Africa: A Study of Baptist Growth*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 205 pages. “The central purpose of this study has been to see how the Baptist church in West Cameroon has grown and to understand the factors in her historical development that have influenced growth.” p. 174.


Lang, George W. and Ben Lawrence, Compilers. n.d. [1960s]. “A Brief Baptist History For Use in the Baptist Schools”. Cameroon: Cameroon Baptist Mission, Office of the Education Secretary. 73 pages. Prepared by NAB Missionaries Lang and Lawrence for the Cameroon Baptist primary schools grade VI (USA 8th grade equivalent) classes.

Missionary revisits 40 years later as part of a short-term mission team putting the roof on a large CBC church and doing children’s evangelism events. Many colored photos from 1960s and 2004 scenes with detailed explanatory text and comparisons to 40 years ago.


Note: See DeLancy, Mark W. Historical Dictionary of the Republic of Cameroon for this publication where it is included.

Leeming, A. 1947. “A Brief History of the Foundation of Victoria and the Annexation”. n.p.: Typescript of lecture. 14 pages. A helpful early history of the area where the Baptist church (now a CBC church) was established by British Missionary Alfred Saker in 1858. Leeming, a friend of the Baptist mission, was a British Government official and an astute history researcher. (Included in this retyped copy are personal notes by NAB Missionary Alma Henderson who typed this Brief History).

Lemke, Dieter. 2001. man no be God: Bushdoctor in Cameroon. San Jose, CA: Writers Club Press. 270 pages. NAB Missionary Doctor Lemke tells of his 1967-1980 years in Cameroon and later experiences of several short-term assignments when he started a program of education among students to help combat the spread of AIDS.

Lewis, M. Paul. Gary F. Simons, and Charles D. Fennig, eds. 2014. Ethnologue: Languages of Cameroon. Dallas: SIL International. 159 pages. The latest information from Wycliffe Bible Translators about Cameroon. A total of 280 living languages. 20 languages have over 100,000 first-language speakers. 110 languages have 10,000 to 99,999 first-language speakers. The main section is an alphabetical listing of all the languages with details such as number of speakers and Bible portions translated.


Luma, Lydia E. 1999. The Meaning and Purpose of Psychology. Douala: Tencam Press Ltd. 240 pages. Author Luma, an educator from a family of Cameroonians, was a key person in the founding of the CBC church in Yaoundé. This book is written in an African context consistent with biblical beliefs and with many Cameroonian illustrations.


Maschner, Karl. n.d. [1908]. Missions Album from Cameroon. Berlin: Baptist Missions Society of Germany. 86 pages. Translated from the German. Maschner was director of the Baptist Missionary Society of Germany and a member of the Mission Council. This has descriptions of various aspects of Cameroon and the need for more mission work. Mascher visited Cameroon in 1908 and appears to have been a very astute observer. The book seems to be written for a broader audience than Baptists or even evangelical Christians.


Merfield, Fred G. 1956. Gorillas Were My Neighbours. London: Longmans, Green and Co. 249 pages. Hunter Merfield tells of his 1920-30s Cameroon adventures where he specialized in hunting giant gorillas for museums. He describes celebrations and customs seen by few outsiders. Earlier he had worked on a plantation and exposed a native secret society. It turned out a “leopard”, feared by the native workers as possessed by the spirit of someone in the secret society, was actually a man covered by a leopard skin with sharp claws on his fingers. This “leopard” had reportedly killed and carried off someone who had defied the Leopard Secret Society.


Molindo, Ekoka (translator). See: Good News, St. John (As John been see’am) in Bible Portions used in Cameroon.


Moreau, A. Scott (General Editor). 2000. Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. Professor of Intercultural Studies at Wheaton College and former missionary to Africa Moreau and his team produced this Dictionary “which is irenic toward different perspectives, interdenominational in outlook, and still firmly committed to the inspiration and authority of the Bible in orienting us to the task God has entrusted to the church (Preface).” Selected articles are included in this Collection’s “Index 1: Authors…:” e.g., “Bender, Carl” by Kenneth Gill: “Cameroon, United Republic of” by Paul Dekar.

Moss, C. R. n.d. [1962]. “Mbem: Six Months in the Cameroons or an Unspoiled Land”. n.p.: typed manuscript. 300 pages. The views of a Britisher sent to the British Cameroons in the early 1960s to prepare for the UN-sponsored plebiscite in which the vote would be to join with the former French Cameroons. Adapted for the American reader by George Dungen.


NAB Conference (publisher). 1964. “Missionary Handbook for the Missionaries of Cameroon Baptist Mission”. Forest Park, IL: Typescript. 48 pages. A handbook very useful for missionaries new to the Mission and Cameroon as well as others. Included are basic policies and some procedures with documents such as the “By-Laws of Field Organization”. See also next entry.

NAB Conference (publisher). 1968. “Missionary Handbook for the Missionaries of Cameroon Baptist Mission (U.S.A.)”. Forest Park, IL: Typescript with printed insertions. 67 pages. Appears to be the finished work of the above 1964 draft. Chapters 1 and 2 “…give the framework within which we are expected to work. Other chapters are helpful guides in your preparation for the field…”

Ndichafah, Lucas T. 1961. “Baptist Adventures in the Cameroon”. Cameroon: Handwritten original. 156+ pages. Unpublished manuscript by a Baptist pastor who was age 10 when Baptist evangelists first came to his Grassland village. Includes handwritten communications by the author to NAB Conference leaders regarding the manuscript. See next entry for typed version.


Nfor, John N. n.d. [1994]. “A Look at the Cameroon Baptist Convention and Developments”. Ndu, Cameroon: Manuscript. Nfor, a long time leader of the CBC, served as CBC Exec. Secretary (1963-67), Principal of the forerunner of the Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary (1974-85), and in other positions. Not all pages available when copy was made in Cameroon.


Njeshu, E. N. 1946. “Life of an Ndu Man: A Short History of the Ndu or Wiya People” Kumba, Cameroon: Typescript. 17 pages. Njeshu, an elementary school teacher and village historian, wrote this “to provide teachers in the schools located in the Ndu and surrounding villages with ideas for the teaching of Local History and Geography”.


Nkwii, Paul N. and J.P. Warnier. 1982. Elements for A History of the Western Grassfields [of Cameroon]. Yaoundé: University of Yaoundé. 236 pages. Cameroonian Nkwii and North American Warnier, both with PhDs in Anthropology, have taught at the University level in Cameroon and elsewhere. Designed to be a book that “…reads easily and yet observes standards of historical reliability…” (Preface). In this Grassfields (also known as Grasslands) region there are many Baptist churches.


Paul Bory Publishing Co. 1968. as told by Ahmadou Ahidjo. Monaco: Paul Bory Publishers. 103 pages. Starts with an 18 page biography with many photos of Ahidjo who was president of Cameroon from its independence in 1960 until 1982. The rest of the book are speeches. A quote from a 1965 address gives some insight into why as a Muslim in a country whose religious majority was Christian, he was the head of Cameroon: “Dear compatriots, we are condemned to live together and work together. I also come from a tribe and I have a religion which is not that of all Cameroonians. But I collaborate well with many Cameroonians…”

Pierson, Arthur T. 1886. The Crisis of Missions. New York: Robert Carter and Brothers. 370 pages. Authored by an influential supporter of missions, covers Africa in a chapter entitled “The Dark Continent” with the need for missionaries to move into the interior from the coasts. The kind mission book NAB missionaries to Cameroon in the 1890s would have seen in their seminary days.

Privately published. 1996. Good News, St. John (As John been see am). See “Bible Portions Used in Cameroon”.


Reyher, Rebecca. 1952. The Fon [traditional tribal ruler] and His Hundred Wives. Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Co. 318 pages. A popular title by an experienced journalist. The author was impressed by NAB Missionary Paul Gebauer: “He [Gebauer] talked well, intelligently, I [author] liked to listen to him. ‘African Baptists accept men and women as God has found them. We take in the husband with one wife or all wives. We don’t make any laws for African Baptists. We are not out for numbers but quality. They will carry the mass along into a new age.’” (p. 47).

Ritzenthaler, Pat. 1966. The Fon [traditional tribal ruler] of Bafut. London: Cassell & Company LTD. 221 pages. Sociologist Ritzenthaler describes the life of this Cameroon village ruler. Included are 32 pages of excellent photos. The good work of Baptists and other missions are recognized. This is continued in Cameroon Village co-authored by Ritzenthaler and her husband.

Ritzenthaler, Robert and Pat. 1962. Cameroons Village: An Ethnography of the Bafut. Milwaukee: Milwaukee Public Museum. 156 pages. As veteran anthropological and sociological researchers/writers, the Ritzenthalers lived in this village for 5 months studying all aspects of community life and writing about it in straight-forward manner that was helpful to NAB missionaries in gaining insight into West African village life. Numerous photos illustrate the text.


Rudin, Harry R. 1938. Germans in the Camerons. New Haven, CT: Yale Univ. Press. 456 pages. Based on Yale Professor of History Rudin’s earlier work in the archives of the German Govt. studying the years 1884-1914 when Germany ruled Cameroon. Records indicated the “first white missionary in Victoria” (now Limbé) came in 1891 sponsored by “a German branch of the American Baptist Mission (p. 362)”. This was August Steffens recently of the German Dept. of Rochester (NY) Seminary who arrived in 1891.

Russell, Horace O. 2000. Missionary Outreach of the West Indian Church: Jamaican Baptist Missions to West Africa in the Nineteenth Century. New York: Peter Lang. 323 pages. Jamaican-born seminary Professor Russell leaves no stone unturned in telling how the Jamaican Baptists (recent slaves) asked British Baptists for help in going to their homeland on the West Coast of Africa to help in mission work that eventually (1858) started today’s ‘Down Beach’ Baptist Church in Limbé, Cameroon.

Saker, Alfred. See: Scriptures in the Duala or Cameroon’s Language in Bible Portions used in Cameroon.

Saker, E[mily]. 1908 (2nd ed. 1929), Alfred Saker of the Camerons. London: Carey Press. 224 pages. Alfred Saker (1814-1880) was the early leader of the British Baptist missionaries that established churches on Fernando Po Island and Cameroon. His 1844-1876 mission work included translation of the Bible into the Duala language. He established the city of Victoria (now Limbé) in 1858 with Jamaican settlers from Fernando Po when Spanish authorities no longer allowed Baptist churches to meet together there.

Sanneh, Lamin. 1983. West African Christianity: The Religious Impact. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books. 286 pages. Sanneh, a West African by birth and early education, received his PhD at the Univ. of London and taught at several African universities before teaching posts at Harvard and Yale. His overview of early Christianity in West Africa is comprehensive but the chapter that includes Cameroon is somewhat sketchy except for the Basel Mission activities. Sanneh sees the purpose of the German Government allowing the Baptists of Germany to sponsor North American Baptist August and Anna Steffens from North America as missionaries to Cameroon in 1891 as a way to bring more German influence on the independent Native Baptist Churches.


Schwee, Eduard, n.d. [1902]. The Mission of the German Baptists in Cameroon. Sioux Falls, SD: North Am. Baptist Conference Heritage Conference. 61 pages. Translated from the German by Myrtle Eris in 2004. Schwee, the chair of the Berlin Baptist Missionary Committee, became the director of the Baptist Missionary Society of Germany at its formation in 1898. This is the most complete history available about the 1891-1901 decade of mission work by North American Baptist missionaries in Cameroon.


Schneider, Gilbert. 1963. First Steps in Wes-Kos. Hartford, CT: Hartford Seminary Foundation. 81 pages. Following his graduate work, Missionary Schneider produced this “practical field of linguistics” introduction toPidgin English. It was useful to missionaries and others, like USA Peace Corps persons, going to West Cameroon where Pidgin was spoken by 75% of the adults.

to learnPidgin. By a former Cameroon NAB Missionary then Associate Professor at Ohio University.


Schwartz, Nancy Beth A. n.d. [c. 1970]. Mambilla – Art and Material Culture. Milwaukee: Milwaukee Public Museum. 49 pages. NAB missionaries have worked among the Mambilla people since the late 1930s. NAB Missionary Mildred Schneider who with his wife Mildred was based at Warwar Mambilla 1947-1951 was a major contributor to this book.

Sieber, J. 1925. Die Wute [The Wute (tribal group in Cameroon)]. Berlin: Dietrich Reimer. 114 pages. Description of a Cameroon people-group with whom early NAB missionaries were in contact by a Baptist missionary from Germany.


Suevern, E. R. n.d. [1905]. Our Mission Trip into the Interior of Cameroon / Unsere Missionsreise ins Hinterland Kamersun. Kassel, Germany: J. G. Onken. 32 pages. Translation by David T. Priestly, 2008. NAB Missionary Suevern (German “i” and English “ue” are interchangeable) tells of his 50-days survey trip into the Cameroon interior with students from the Mission’s Douala Bible School gathering information about the peoples and land in preparation for starting evangelization of that area.


Victoria Centenary Committee (publisher). 1958. Victoria, Southern Cameroons: 1858–1958. Victoria, Southern Cameroons: Basel Mission Book Depot. 95 pages. A history written by several knowledgeable contributors for the Victoria Centenary (100 years before British Baptist missionary Alfred Saker founded the village) with the chapter on “The Missionary Impact” contributed by the 3 major missions of which the NAB Mission was one. NAB missionaries participated in the planning and production with NAB Missionary Norman Haupt playing the role of Saker in the arrival by small boat depicting that 1858 scene.

Vielhauer, Ba. c. 1932. “Mujęnga Vocabulary”. Unpublished typed language study work sheets. 59 pages. The Translator notes are here translated from the German by Miss M. Dieth. The translation worksheets (given to NAB Missionary Norm Haupt after the translator notes were translated from the German to English) of this Cameroon tribal language translation project.

Von Berge, Herman et al. n.d. [1944]. These Glorious Years: The Centenary History of German Baptists of North America, 1843-1943. Cleveland: Roger Williams Press. 262 pages. A Compilation by different authors dealing with various aspects of the 100 years of NAB Conference history. Chapter 6 by M. Leuschner includes a summary of the NAB Cameroon mission to that date. Includes 48 pages of b/w photos including several of Cameroon missionaries.


aspects of the history of the ministries of the Conference and its antecedents. History of the Cameroon mission is summarized in three different time-period sections of the book (pages 213-216, 310-318, 401-406). There are 16 photos of the Cameroon mission.

**Zimbelman, Ernie and Dorothy Wolitarsky Zimbelman. 2011. “My Story and Her Story”.** Sioux Falls, SD: Privately printed. 146 pages. The Zimbels were NAB missionaries to Cameroon 1959-1968. He taught at two different colleges while she home-schooled the children and also covered several support roles including being the treasurer at one of the colleges. Their Cameroon years are in two sections of the book (pages 27-38 and 72-79) with many photos.