

Date: 10 August 2018

Fm: The President Lebang Cultural & Development Organisation

Douala – Cameroon

To: The President & Co-President

The Focolare Movement

Rocca Di Papa-Rome

Italy

C/o The Focolare Movement

Douala

Dear Emmaus&Jesus

As the world prepares to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15 August 2018, sons and daughters of Fontem Kingdom, either residing, working or displaced as a result of the socio-political crisis, assembled in our monthly meeting at the Lebang Cultural Hall in Bonaberi-Douala on Sunday 5 August 2018 to consider how best to commemorate this event.

Considering that in the past we the Fontem people spent part of this day with the Focolare Movement in Douala and by so doing organizing common events to share the gospel, and the special place 15 August holds in the calendar of St. Clare's Parish Menji-Fontem, this year's commemoration comes at a time that the entire Bangwa land is going through and unprecedented socio-political crisis.

Mindful of the fact that all government services, social and economic activities have all but closed down in the area for many months, the entire community here acknowledges with deep appreciation the fact that the Work of Mary has remained a key ally for the: old, sick, children, men and women who have taken refuge in the Mariapolis centre or come by for treatment in the hospital. We are well aware that the Focolare Movement members are doing this at great risk to their own lives.

In my name as President of the group and the entire Fontem Kingdom community, we want to thank you for staying by our side in these trying times of open 'civil war'. This takes us back to the very arrival of the Movement when Chiara determined to fight three wars; 'tse-tse fly and sleeping sickness, educational deprivation and material development. Through you to may we hereby extend our thanks and support in any way for the Movement in Fontem at this time.

We look forward celebrating Mary and her role in the Church this year with hoping that her role model for us in concrete terms, the Work of Mary will continue to prosper and win more souls from amongst us for God's greater glory so that 'All May Be One'.

Yours Sincerely

Mbeboh John

President – Lecudo Douala.

