



November 23, 2002

To Our Friends in Cameroon,

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of support for the Grand Opening of the Buea Metropolitan Library in Cameroon — West Africa. The opening of this library symbolizes the opening of wonderful opportunities to many Cameroonians for the joy of reading and the knowledge it brings.

As the Department Chair of Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology at HCCS — Northwest College, I feel especially privileged to know the person who has made this library a reality. Dr. Michael Fonge, an outstanding Sociology professor at Houston Community College, has worked tirelessly for many years to establish this much needed library for his native city. He and his family have inspired all of us with their selfless dedication. They have shown us, students and faculty alike, how to make a difference in the world. We pledge our continued support to the betterment of this library.

Even though Buea is thousands of miles away from Houston, Texas, we feel a special connection with the wonderful people in Buea through this library project. It is a special feeling of warmth and closeness to realize that we may have read the same copy of a book across two different continents at different times.

Please accept our sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Grand Opening of the Buea Metropolitan Library. May the library bring many happy, insightful, enlightening, enriching moments to your lives and arouse curiosity, creativity, and imagination in your minds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chiehwen Joanne Hsu'.

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