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PASTOR ANDRE MAKONG (JULY 2, 1934)

Family Life: Andre Makong was born at Bambi on July 2, 1934 to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ngouat Jacob. They are from the tribe of Bassa in Cameroon. He is the second son of his family, he has 4 brothers, and all are adults and parents. He has three sisters too. They are all members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He got married to Bakongo Jeanne on July 21, 1960 in Ngambe (49 years ago). They have a grown up son who is very active in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Duala. He has been serving as an elder of the church since 1997.

His Educational Background: He attended the Protestant Primary School at Babimbi from 1943 to 1948, while from 1948 to 1950 he also attended the Adventist Primary School at Mandjap I Babimbi. He studied at the Adventist High School Nanga, Eboko from 1951 to 1952.

He had his College Education from 1968 to 1969 at Adventist Bible College of Niam Noundu and obtained an Evangelist's Certificate. Finally, he proceeded to the Adventist Seminary in Nanga, Eboko from 1969 to 1972 where he did Theological studies and also obtained an advanced Evangelist's Certificate

His Conversion: It was while studying in the Adventist Primary School at Mandjap I that he discovered the truth and became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1954.

His Ministerial Activities: He became a member of the preachers' team in 1958. He received his Official Credential as an authorized evangelist at Babimbi under the leadership of Pastors Assamba Pierre and Ekitike Adalbert. As an authorized evangelist he was posted to Duala-Boli. His field training was done under the supervision of Pastors Cupertino Elisee and Kurt Scheidegger from 1972-1974.

During his ministry as primary school teacher and Pastor, God used him to win souls to Christ. By God's grace, he conducted 54 great crusades in 36 towns in different parts of Central Africa. The flame is still shining at Bamenda, RCA, Monrsal, Tchad, and Bafana. He was instrumental in the construction of a few church buildings. For example in Duala PK, Church was constructed through his selfless service and dedication to the work of God.

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His Ordination: He was ordained into the gospel ministry on March 19, 1978 at Nanga, Eboko by Pastors Edwin Ludescher, and Richard Hammill from General Conference and others. His ordination was done after 16 years of teaching and 6 years of pastoral active life.

Year-by-year Summary of His Ministerial Assignments:

- ♦ Adventist Primary School Teacher 1952-1967.
- ♦ Director of Adventist schools and local churches of Babimbis group 1962- 1968.
- ♦ Hall Administrator of Adventist Bible College, Niam Noudou 1968-1969.
- ♦ Teacher at Adventist Bible College (Old Testament, Church History).
- ♦ Teacher at Adventist Seminary Nanga-Eboko, for undergraduates 1970-1972.
- ♦ Leader of students Canvassers at the Union 1971-1972.
- ♦ District Pastor of West Cameroon, Bafana 1974-1981.
- ♦ President South-Central Cameroon Association, 1983-1985.
- ♦ President West-Cameroon Association 1990-1992.
- ♦ Evangelist Central-Africa Union Mission.
- ♦ Secretary of Central Africa Union Mission Pastoral Association for many years
- ♦ Coordinator for One Thousand Day of Harvest 1982-1983.
- ♦ Union coordinator for Harvest 90-1985-1990.
- ♦ Union Global Mission Evangelism Director 1995 - 1999.

Retirement Life: Although Pastor Andre Makong has officially retired from active service; he is still busy serving the Lord in his local church. He is still very active in the church. He still teaches Sabbath School lessons during Sabbath School in the church, he engages in encouraging and counseling people through the word of God. He conducted evangelistic campaigns in Mandjap 1 2000, Dissat 2004, and Nassock 2008. All these indicate how active and useful he had been since his retirement.

Lessons from this man of God: From the time he was converted, Pastor Makong did his best to be of service to God and humanity. He prepared for the ministry by availing himself of the educational opportunities in his country. No work was considered too difficult for him. Do what you are expected to do with all your strength. God can transform you into an effective instrument in His hand. To Him be the Glory!

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