

Widening horizons and opportunities for hearing impaired students

May and June 2009 were exciting times for BCHS Njinikejem. On May 8th, specialist learning facilities for deaf students started to become a reality. The deaf centre received its first three new and up to date PCs, loaded with learning resources and in June an excursion to Yaoundé was organised for a group of deaf students and their signing partners. The six youngsters, three hearing impaired students and their ASL 'buddies' were accompanied by Mr Che Manasseh, a sign language translator. Their adventures were recorded by a film crew from Chapman University, Department of Film and Media Studies and will feature in a documentary they are to produce for us.

The students had a tour of Yaoundé, their capital city.- parliament (right), parks, monuments, the presidents palace, restaurants,

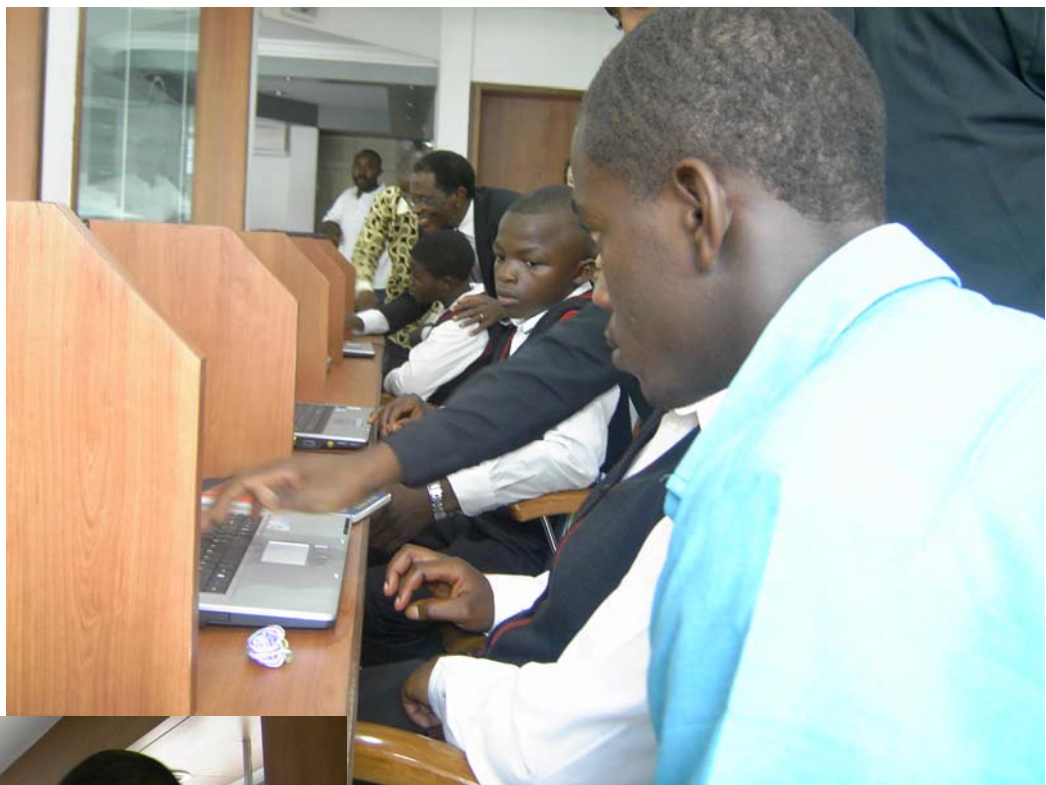


At Mefou National park (left) they saw rainforest trees, and animals.

At the [S.T. Muna Foundation's Yaoundé Centre](#) the deaf children were introduced to the internet and on-line e-learning, they visited web sites and read reports about their own school.

We hope to build on this link with The Foundation, particularly its e-learning facilities and shared interest in providing vocational and educational opportunities to Cameroon's handicapped people.

They were shown around the Centre's museum of Cameroon art.



All quite different to the calm, rural and most scenic countryside they are used to in school at Njinikejem (right).

