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YAOUNDE, Cameroon: Everyone makes mistakes, but not everyone learns from them. However, this was not the case for Chief Semoya Luc, a traditional tribal ruler of a village of 2,000 inhabitants 100 miles from Cameroon's capital of Yaoundé.

"None of the other prisoners in Bafia prison knew Luc's status in society as chief of the Ndikinimeki," said the local Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)-Cameroon representative, Betchem.

Instead, they saw someone who, after a time, began studying God's Word through an LHM-Cameroon Bible correspondence course (BCC). This man, who had spent most of his life as a leader of people, gradually became a servant of Christ.

According to Luc, his life immediately changed for the better. After serving his time, he was released from prison. He immediately made himself an LHM volunteer.

The day he was restored to his chieftaincy, he addressed his community. Luc pulled his LHM-Cameroon diploma out of his file and showed it to the public, declaring, "Nobody released me but the Gospel of Christ. This is what I have brought to you from prison: the fruit of the Gospel."

After showing them his diploma, he invited each member of his community to register with LHM-Cameroon for the BCC.

Two weeks later, Luc showed up at the LHM-Cameroon office, well dressed in his suit. He introduced himself as a volunteer and presented a list of 97 new students from his village, whom he registered for the BCC.

He talked for some time with the LHM staff. Then he asked for a prayer for his new life and declared that he would not abuse his power when ruling the children of God. After the prayer, this chief walked proudly out the door not as a chief, but as a shepherd heading home to tend his flock.

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