

***“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir***

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in the area around Lebialem, Southwest, Cameroon. The rainforests in the Gulf of Guinea area of Cameroon are hotspots of biodiversity. They house not only one of the oldest woodlands on Earth, but also a unique plant world of 620 species of trees and bushes, and 500 kinds of herbs and lianas (a woody climbing plant that hangs from trees). Rare primates and chimpanzees live in the region, as well as forest elephants, gorillas, and leopards. Many animal and plant species can be seen only here and nowhere else in the world. The forest of Cameroon has been the destination of many researchers from around the world due to its biodiversity.

Unfortunately, deforestation in Cameroon is rampant, averaging about 550,000 acres per year. The alarming rate of deforestation in this region is due to the economic value of the forest, specifically timber products. Bush burning and unsustainable logging are very widespread, and many believe forest resources, including the timber and non-timber products, are inexhaustible.

Your gift tree planted in Cameroon use agroforestry techniques to create living fences and alley crops that will protect lands and increase soil fertility and crop yields, reduce erosion, and improve water infiltration. In addition, trees are planted in watersheds to contribute to groundwater infiltration and carbon sequestration, thereby helping negate the effects of climate change. As with a number of our other projects, educating community members as to the long-term benefits of trees goes along with the tree planting. Most of these individuals have no knowledge of proper land management techniques, but this training will be a significant factor in the fight against deforestation.



You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link: <https://binged.it/3dFr7NX>.

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in Cameroon, Africa, and the world. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting as your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: [www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/](http://www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/). If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at [www.TheGiftedTree.com](http://www.TheGiftedTree.com).

