Community Development and Cultural Enrichment in

CAMEROON, WEST AFRICA

Winterim 2015-16: December 27-January 18 (tentative)

**Program Description**: What if you could combine a truly meaningful community development project with three weeks of rich experience in African culture? This trip will allow you to volunteer with the Makah Water for All Foundation in building a pump well to provide clean drinking water to a village in Cameroon. Participants not only take part in this fulfilling experience, but will learn how to start a nonprofit organization from the ground floor. The program will include lectures on topics like Globalization and Africa, Polygamy, and Effects of HIV-AIDS on Africa. Hiking, learning the “bottle dance” and visiting the Ndawara Tea Estate Ranch will be among the highlights.

**Meet the Trip Leader**: My name is Sam Dinga. I moved from Cameroon to the United States in 2002 and studied Sociology at UW-Stevens Point and later on obtained a Masters Degree in Human and Community Resources at UW-Stevens Point. I am married to Amy (a UW-Stevens Point alum too) and we have four children, Sivan, Sander, Sage and Amiya. In 2009, I lost my dear sister Makah Rosemary Dinga due to complications from drinking bad water, so I started the Makah Foundation to build pump Wells to provide clean drinking water for villagers in Cameroon. As such I made numerous trips to Cameroon. This has now morphed into a UW-Stevens Point study abroad program. I encourage you to join me for a life changing experience as I continue to forge my sister’s legacy. sam.dinga@uwsp.edu 715-252-2213

**Estimated Cost**: $5250 for three weeks in Cameroon, West Africa. This cost is based on twelve student participants and includes round-trip airfare (Chicago-Cameroon), room, and in country transportation with meals included, three UW-Stevens Point International Studies credits of UW-Stevens Point Wisconsin resident undergraduate tuition, UW System mandated health insurance, tours and lectures.

**Credits**: This trip carries one course option for three transferable UW-Stevens Point credits. All students will initially register for INTL 310 and discuss with their academic adviser whether and how the course might count towards major requirements or GDRs

**Eligibility**: This program is open to students in all majors and minors with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Priority is given to regularly registered UW-Stevens Point students, but students from other universities and community members are welcome to apply. All participants will be registered in a college course, for credit or audit at the same cost, and will be expected to participate in all segments of the program in Cameroon. Application forms are available in the International Programs Office or can be downloaded from www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad.

**Application, Enrollment & Withdrawal**: Request an application form from the UW-Stevens Point International Programs Office. Return the form to the UW-Stevens Point International Programs Office with a $50 (nonrefundable) application fee. **Enrollment is limited**: late applications can be considered only if there is room. UW-Stevens Point International Programs reserves the right to cancel, surcharge, or alter the program. For information on cancellation, withdrawal and refunds, see: www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad/Pages/financial.aspx

**Contact**:

Room 108 CCC, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481 USA
Tel: 715-346-2717, Fax: 715-346-3591, intlprog@uwsp.edu

**www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad**

TO SECURE YOUR SPOT COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FEE OF $50 TO: UW-Stevens Point International Programs Office. THE DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE.