



## Modern Languages & Cultures Department



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Africa:  
Myth and Reality,  
trip to Cameroon  
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“... We got to travel around the country and see the reality of Africa instead of the traditional views many Americans have. The experience that really touched me was being able to visit [Dr. Yewah’s] village of Bachingou. We actually got to visit two days. The first day was spent visiting the schools, one of which was built by [the Nwagni Project, a non-profit student organization at] Albion College. The kids at these schools were so excited to see us. We brought stickers along to hand out, and the kids stuck them all over their faces. It was so cute... The second day we went to go visit the chief of the village. It was such a great honor to be invited in to a chief’s house like we were. Not many people get to say that they had that opportunity! The chief was very appreciative of what the group of [F.Y.E. students in] 2006 did; he used that as leverage to get two more schools built... This trip really changed my perspective of Africa and its culture. I hope to be able to go again in 2012.” – Jennifer Tagg, 2013.

“This trip was life changing for me. Like I said earlier, life in Cameroon was so much slower. This has made me realize that I don’t need to rush around 24/7. I take life much slower now. Also, the children and all the families were very grateful for everything they had, even if it wasn’t much. I have a better understanding of what it is like to be without nice things, so I appreciate what I have more. Children in Africa that are my age would do anything to be in my shoes. I am so lucky to have had this experience and would love to do it again if I had the chance.”  
Ashley Miracle, 2013.

