Marcellin and his team beginning the well for the Yolé community

Community Name: Yolé (F1830)

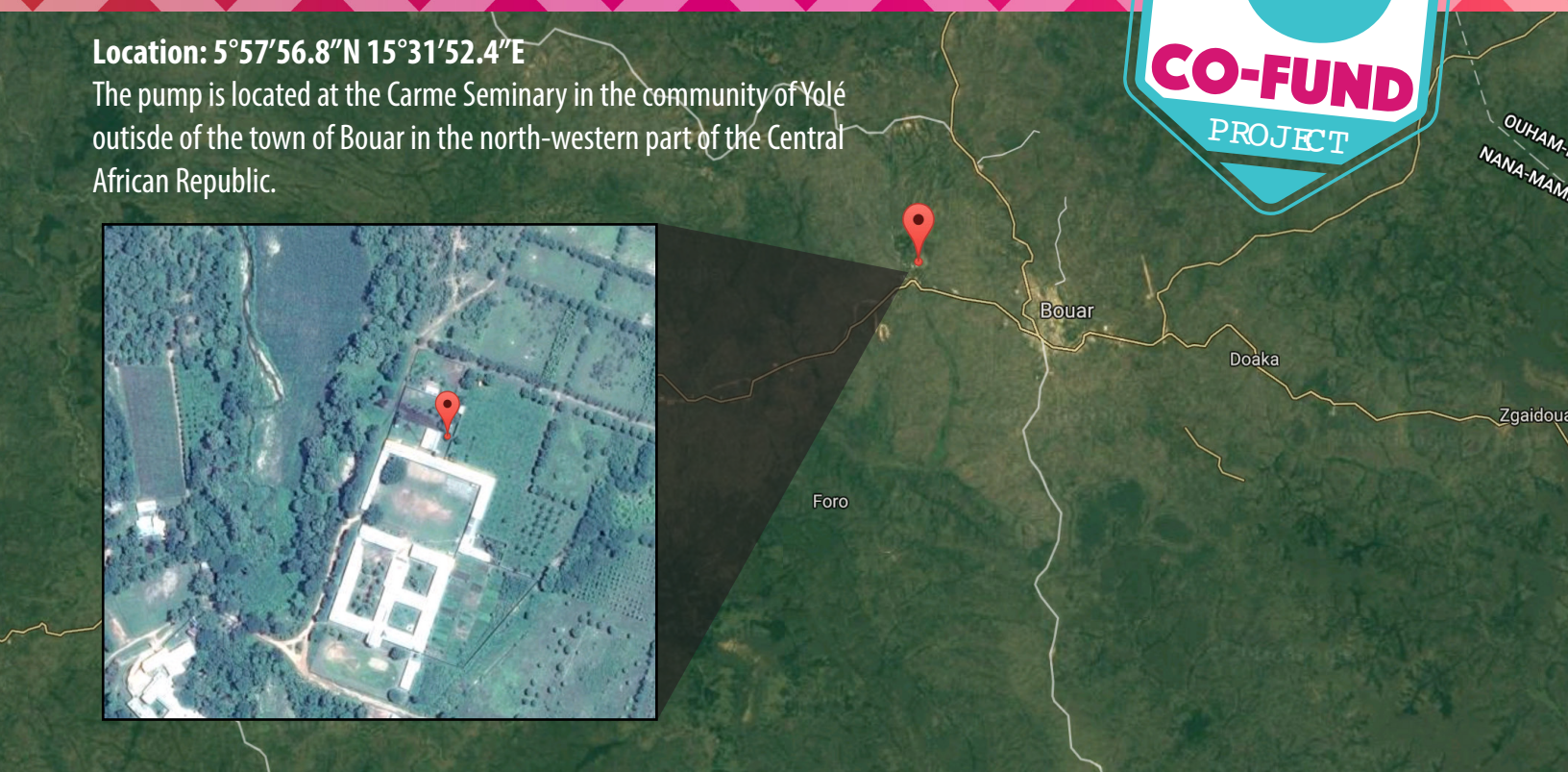
Co-Funder: Grace Fellowship Altaloma / GBC Whittier / Los Altos GBC | Partner: Aurelio Gazzera

On February 16th, 2016, Marcellin Namsene and his team completed the initial drilling of a new well at the Carme seminary in the community of Yolé outside of Bouar. The team drilled down 10 meters (about 33 feet) at which point they hit the layer of granite (the geology of the entire area around Bouar is almost all granite). They continued to drill through the granite at a slow pace to a depth of 25.9 meters (85 feet). They struck good water, and installed the PVC liner pipe. The test pumping team, cement slab team and pump install team followed up later, and the pump is working well.

CO-FUND PROJECT

Location: 5°57'56.8"N 15°31'52.4"E

The pump is located at the Carme Seminary in the community of Yolé outisde of the town of Bouar in the north-western part of the Central African Republic.



This well was drilled in partnership with Aurelio Gazzera *(pictured left)*, a Catholic priest and long-time partner of Water for Good. Father Aurelio has funded dozens of wells across the country, and continues to work closely with us. An extrodinary man, Aurelio has demonstrated his dedication to the people of the Central African Republic—building schools, refugee centers (the well pictured above is at one of his centers), and water wells—and even initiating and mediating peace talks between Anti-Balaka militia and the Seleka rebels.

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You can follow his blog at the link above (it's in Italian, but you can use google translate) to get an on-the-ground perspective of life in the CAR.