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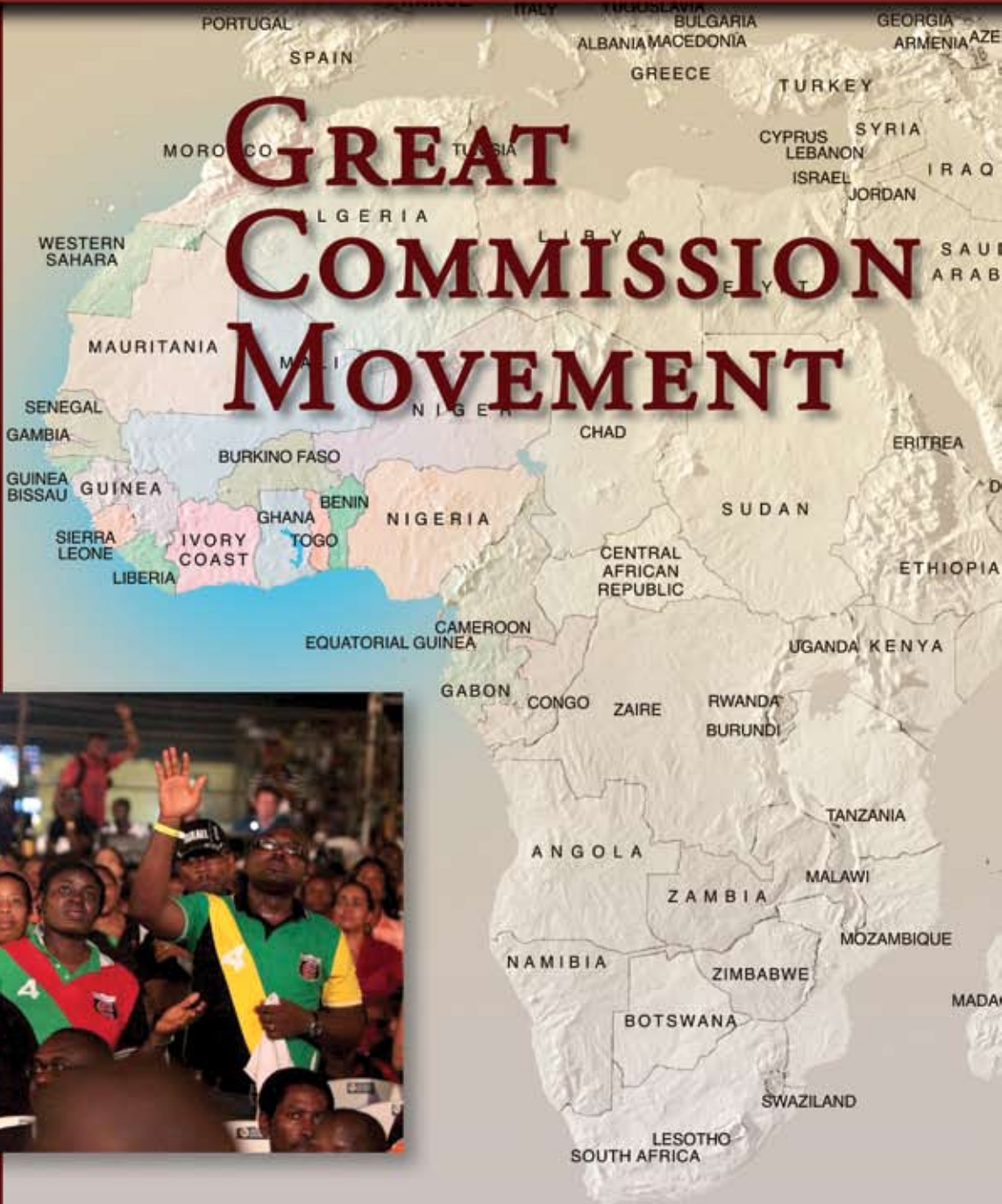
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The Great Commission Global Prayer Movement



Campus Crusade for Christ
Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere

Prayer is the Key



The phenomenal growth of Christianity in the West Africa Area over the last 200 years--from about one percent to more than 50 percent of the population--is a direct consequence of much earnest prayer. The great challenge of these times is how to meaningfully reach the other 50 percent, which consists mainly of followers of an expanding religion and pockets of animists. Fervent and focused prayers remain a major element in meeting this challenge.

We are faced with the challenges of an aggressive religion in many areas, resurgence of African religious practices, unrelenting pressure from the international community that all institutions of the state become secularized, and widespread poverty that is pressing people into a materialistic lifestyle.

The relative political and economic stability of the region in recent times, the youth among most of its people, and the openness to the gospel throughout the 10 countries are a window of great opportunity to complete the task of reaching all within this generation.

Only the power of the Spirit, accessed through earnest prayers, will make this a reality.

From Liberia to Nigeria we are privileged and excited to see people come to Christ in their thousands and many believers are willing to partner with us in the Great Commission enterprise. We are excited that our staff has such deep ownership of the mission and an abiding trust in God for more people to join with us in the work.

Prayers have changed the face of West Africa within a century. Momentum is building so that the task of reaching the other 50 percent of the population can be done within a generation. Prayer is the key!

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Sunday, August 1

2 Chronicles 16:9a

Pray that each ministry volunteer and staff member will be filled with the Spirit moment by moment and serve with dedication to the Lord.

Monday, August 2

Proverbs 15:6

Pray that we would be careful to live lives that glorify the Lord and through us He will build godly homes and communities where we live.

Tuesday, August 3

Acts 13:22

Pray for a smooth transition period for our Nigerian ministry (GCMN) with a new national director; ask God's anointing upon him and his wife.

Wednesday, August 4

Malachi 2:5-7

Pray for safety, peace and ministry open doors in Jos, Plateau state - GCMN National HQ and site of several religious crises over the past 10 years.

Thursday, August 5

Acts 17:11,12

May God create awareness for women's ministry and raise up volunteers in Kaduna state, Central Region and Minna, NW Region in Aug-Sept.

Friday, August 6

1 Chronicles 29:10-12

Intercede for all staff ministry partners, praying that they will grow more in love with Jesus every day and in their commitment to Him.

Saturday, August 7

1 Chronicles 29:13-16

Ask God to enable ministry partners to be consistent in their support of staff members, faithful in their work and their walk with Him.

Sunday, August 8

1 Chronicles 29:17-22

Lift up staff in ongoing DMPD to be diligent, faithful and hardworking at meeting new people and communicating with their ministry partners.

Tuesday, August 10

2 Corinthians 3:2-6

Pray those who attended GCMN SW Region's Focus training will remain Faithful/Available/Teachable in reaching other religious communities.



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Single Women

The critical need for single women to serve on the Great Commission Movement Nigeria staff continues. In the early 1980s and 90s, there were a number of single staff women working mostly on our university campuses. We witnessed a gradual attrition as our single women either (1) got married to staff men or (2) got married to non-staff and left the ministry. The last time a single woman joined the staff was 10 years ago. In the past ten years, we have noticed that any staff woman joining our movement was engaged to be married to a staff member. Because of the absence of single staff, our women's ministry, especially the campus ministry is suffering. Even our New Staff Training Centre suffers from an absence of single women to train our single engaged women. Please pray urgently and repeatedly with us to witness a bountiful harvest of single women joining the staff.

Monday, August 9

1 Corinthians 13:1

May GCMN Southwest campuses be known for lasting fruitfulness vs. proliferation of "fellowships" with much activity, noisy crowds and carnality.

Wednesday, August 11

Proverbs 15:21,22

May each country's trustees and board of directors grow in love for Christ, wisdom, and full participation in the Great Commission.



PRAYER

that leads to Spiritual Movements

Answered Prayer: *North East Region, Nigeria*

In our effort to reach Gombe and the entire North East Region with the gospel, we have concentrated our efforts on nine language groups in Gombe south - Dadiya, Burrak, Bangunji, Tula, Cham, Pero, Bwazza, Tera and Waja. The first seven were recorded in 2008 and 2009 respectively. During that time the areas of all these language groups were being subtly invaded by an aggressive religion. Dadiya, Pero and Tula are already governed by leaders of that faith group, which were imposed upon them. Tula in particular has had some of their villages flooded with the newcomer. But in one of those villages, God gave us an encouraging victory to share the gospel.

After the premier of the Tula language *JESUS* film on the 26th of December in 2008, the film was shown in most of the villages of the Tula. One of the villages is dominated by people of the other religious



background. When the team went there in 2009, they were literally chased out of the place, even before they set up their equipment for the showing. The youth were very furious with the village head for allowing our team into their village.

During an evaluation meeting in April 2009, the village and others like it were prayed for. And members of the prayer committee were encouraged to organize prayer meetings and to continually pray for the land. Back in the Regional Office, we also made it a specific prayer point.

This year in 2010, a second round of attempting to show the *JESUS* film in Tula was organized by the *JESUS* Film Language Committee. Before the showing actually took off, we made it a priority to pray for the areas where we had experienced resistance to the gospel during the 2009 showing schedule.

God answered our prayers! This time around, when the team got to that same village where they had been refused even a place to sleep for the night, they set up the projector and started showing the film. One by one and in pairs of two and three, the people began to come out of their homes to watch! The viewing continued to the end of the film, and a few people gave their lives to Christ. We now have a discipleship group there. Praise the Name of Jesus!

(See related prayer point for August 12.)

Thursday, August 12

2 Corinthians 5:4-9

After two postponements pray for a successful *JESUS* film premier and work among the Pero language group in GCMN NE Region.

Friday, August 13

1 Chronicles 28:9,10

Ask God for sufficient funds in September to continue delayed construction of GCMN NE Regional Office and accommodating structure.

Saturday, August 14

Philippians 4:4-7

Pray for a long awaited Prayer Seminar for the GCM Sierra Leone Forces Ministry (police, military, prison and fire) to come together in September.

Sunday, August 15

Philippians 4:13

Besech God to powerfully overcome every obstacle for students and hosts of a Nigerian student mission trip to Sierra Leone in November.

PRAYER ESPRESSO

pressure-brewed/concentrated



A good place to get a small but flavorful taste of God's work, deserving fully alert prayer

Koindu, Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone emerged from a decade of civil war in early 2002. What remained after the liberation was a battered society, a ruined generation and destroyed chiefdoms. Sierra Leone continues to face the challenges of reconstruction. Its youths are an integral part of this reconstruction.

With that in mind the Great Commission Movement (GCM) of Sierra Leone is planning a High School Ministry Training Project for December 2010. The purpose of this project is to train 50 key students and 10 teachers who will be able to lead in ministry and train others. These students and teachers will be selected from the secondary schools in the three Kissi Chiefdoms, where GCM already has a ministry presence. Successfully training them will provide a foothold in movement building among youth in the three chiefdoms.

Training for Effective Ministry

Eighty percent of the schoolgirls are mothers. Prostitution and drug abuse are widespread. These vices have produced an elevated school dropout rate. Never before has there been such an ideal opportunity to present

the gospel of Christ to the schools in this part of Sierra Leone. In the farthest part of the Eastern Province and with a bad road network, they are among the most neglected communities in the county. Our desires are to:

1. Teach them how to balance their social, spiritual and academic life.
2. Help develop in them integral ministry skills so that they will be able to reach out to peers and colleagues with the gospel.
3. Teach them to do the same, thereby starting movement building among the youths in these communities. (2 Timothy 2:2)

Please join with us in praying for:

- The Lord to watch over preparations for this crucial training project in December.
- His provision of registration fees – Le 5,000 (each student) and Le 10,000 (teachers).
- Acceleration of the High School Students movement in Sierra Leone, known as the Young Leaders Club, that will glorify Jesus Christ.

(See related August 16 prayer point.)

Monday, August 16 **1 Timothy 4:11-13**

High School Students Training in Koindu, Sierra Leone: Pray it will attract funding and that students and teachers will see its necessity.

Tuesday, August 17 **1 Corinthians 10:31-33**

Ask God to give us six highly qualified Church Expansion Movement team members of His choice by the end of July 2010.

Wednesday, August 18 **2 Corinthians 4:5,6**

May God enable us to mobilize, equip and deploy hundreds of volunteers to build movements – alumni, professionals, partners and church leaders.

Thursday, August 19 **2 Corinthians 4:7-12**

Area Leadership Team: Pray for health, unity of purpose and clarity to serve our countries in all mission critical and support components.

Local Ownership Shines *North East Region, GCM Nigeria*

Campus Crusade for Christ emphasizes developing locals as the leaders and laborers for the whole body



of Christ. In 1997, a staff couple was sent to work on campus. While there, the university campus where they were assigned was closed most of the time due

to student unrest, so they shifted their focus to the community. They went to the local churches and introduced the NLTC, changing the name to School of Evangelism and Discipleship (SED) to make it more attractive.

They encouraged those interested to apply to the school. Applications were processed and admission offered. As a result local laborers were raised up who owned the vision for ministry. The full-time staff assigned there had worked for three years but left.

Today there is a vibrant ministry of evangelism and discipleship multiplying in Yola, run entirely by volunteers! These volunteers have continued to run the school of evangelism and

discipleship there by mobilizing more volunteers. Recently they sent out the fifth set of graduates from the SED! Their success can be attributed to the fact that laborers were raised up locally and they in turn owned the vision, assuming responsibility to see that the gospel indeed 'spreads to people where they live, work and play.'



Friday, August 20 **2 Corinthians 4:13-18**

Emerging Leader Development: Pray for great fruit as those in the initial cycle persevere through the intense training and raise their funds.

Saturday, August 21 **1 Corinthians 9:22-24**

Pray for all national directors to lead with wisdom, creatively employing CCC culture elements in building "Spiritual Movements Everywhere."

Sunday, August 22 **John 17:14-18**

Pray for African College for Theological Studies (ACTS): Fund year's rent, find more suitable property and bring transformation to church and society.

Monday, August 23 **Psalms 20:3-5**

May God restore direct student ministry through outreaches, training for churches and para-church organizations in Foundation for Christian Leadership (FCL).

Tuesday, August 24 **Proverbs 21:5**

Pray for follow through on action points of Campus Leadership Forum; 30 Christian groups in U. of Lagos met to focus on life change among its 50K students.

Wednesday, August 25 **Zechariah 4:10**

Pray for building up Lagos' Church Resource strategy: movements of multiplying disciples, short-term missions and community development projects.

My Prayer Life

Notes ...

My prayer requests ...

People I'm praying for ...

Answers to prayer ...

Thursday, August 26

Ephesians 4:11-13

Pray for staff members currently going through New Staff Training to be properly equipped in spirit and mind for their future service in various fields.

Friday, August 27

1 Corinthians 11:1

Lift up 20 core disciples of GCMN Athletes in Action to experience spiritual multiplication, those playing in other countries reaching their athletes.

Saturday, August 28

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Ask God's great blessing on an AIA-Church Expansion collaboration to train key youth on using football to take the gospel to the remotest villages.

Sunday, August 29

Philippians 4:17-19

Praise God for the progress in the building of the Discipleship Center in Gambia. Pray that all funds will be available and used judiciously.

Psalm 34:1-8 (The Message)

I bless GOD every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise.

I live and breathe GOD;
if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:

Join me in spreading the news;
together let's get the word out.

GOD met me more than halfway,
he freed me from my anxious fears.

Look at him; give him your warmest smile.
Never hide your feelings from him.

When I was desperate, I called out,
and GOD got me out of a tight spot.

GOD's angel sets up a circle
of protection around us while we pray.

Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—
how good GOD is.

Blessed are you who run to him.



Monday, August 30

2 Corinthians 1:18-24

Pray as our area embraces CCC organizational culture change and actively works together, trusting God to shape our future together in West Africa.

Tuesday, August 31

2 Chronicles 36:22,23

May the Lord give us wisdom, faith and courage to develop local partnerships and generate resources for growing and sustaining multiplying movements.



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