

# SOUTHERN & EASTERN AFRICA AREA

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Lift up the **Southern and Eastern Africa Area** as we have a new Area Team Leader and are forming a new team.

## Africa Leadership and Management Academy (ALMA)

Praise the Lord for:

- Approval to start the Executive Diploma, a bridging course that enables those with diplomas to translate them into this first-degree equivalent diploma. We have now held four diploma classes since January 2010.
- The growth in student numbers.
- The relative economic stability prevailing in Zimbabwe because of the use of foreign currency and abolishment of the Zimbabwe dollar, which has made ALMA finances healthier.

Prayer requests:

- Because of growth in student numbers and the capacity pressures, three areas need immediate attention.
  - a. We need three more resident faculty members at ALMA.
  - b. We need about 3,000 books for our library.
  - c. We need to put up a classroom block, which is now estimated to cost \$300,000.
- We have a difficult tenant on our other property, 64 The Chase, Mount Pleasant, Harare. We have to go to court to try to evict her. The initial court date is scheduled for 3 May 2010.
- Pray that ALMA, along with the other African schools, would be able to function efficiently in the new CCC structure and that the International Leadership University, a body organised to manage our schools in Africa, will be well structured and organised.

## KENYA

We thank God for:

- Plenty of rain as a sign of good crops and coming out of famine.
- The Church being united against the contentious issues of abortion and Kadhi courts in the Kenyan Constitution.
- All LMK staff having been on DMPD this month of April, and many are encouraged.
- The smooth transition that is taking place in LMK Leadership.
- Many Intercessory Prayer Groups in the country who are praying for families, the Church and the nation.
- A good school term in Garissa, which is dominated by one religious group.
- His provision for the school.
- The good conference LMK Family Life had in Kijabe recently.
- The LMK Campus Team having a successful National Student Prayer Campaign in January. More than 300 students from 21 universities participated in 21 days of prayer and fasting for the campuses, our nation and unreached people groups in the world.
- The 20 students who received Christ during an evangelistic career coaching day in Kenyatta University in March. The student government paid for the event!

Ask God to help:

- The Kenya Government agree to open a dialogue with the Church on these contentious issues before the Referendum.
- Kenyans understand the truth about The Kadhi Courts situation and ramifications for future ministry.
- Us on the issue of abortion. May the Lord open the Christians' inner eyes to see what abortion means.
- Christians' minds to be stayed on Christ and focused on the mandate to share Christ with everyone-- even under the circumstances we are going through--and to pray without ceasing. God has answers for Kenya.
- Teachers leaving LMK Garissa School to join Teachers Service Commission, and pray for their replacement.
- All our staff to be on full support and that LMK staff will receive God's favour in all their ways as they desire to please Him.
- The leadership and other changes in CCC and Life Ministry Kenya.
- The team going to the Horn of Africa for one year. Pray for their guidance, provision and safety.
- The JESUS film staff members transitioning to associate full-time staff. In that category, they are required to raise financial and prayer partners who will be supporting them as they continue to serve. Pray that they may have the financial support coming in to help them continue without straining with life.
- The associates we have trained so that they can continue building movements through their local churches.
- 28 May - 1 June, National Associate's Leader's Conference in Isiolo - Pray for a meaningful time for all who will attend from across the country.
- We have 20+ training centres going on across the country. Pray that all who are being trained will encounter Christ and that they will experience transformation and become spiritual multipliers.
- 15-29 August, we will have National Mission in Mbeere. We will have 235 centres for open air meetings and "JESUS" film showings within 12 days. We will train about 2,000 believers from 1-14 August in preparation for this harvest. We will be working with about 30 different denominations in Mbeere. Pray for the recruitment of missionaries and all the logistics.
- A Student Venture Team going on a mission to Tanzania, beginning 20 May.
- A Student Venture Team mission on broad sowing in different schools in Kenya in June.
- A Prayer Team training intercessors in all field stations, late April - October. Pray for guidance, protection and provision.
- The SEA Family Life Meeting in South Africa, starting 19 April.
- The seven new Home Builders groups that were started in Karen.
- The LMK Campus Team, which is planning a National Student Conference in October, targeting 300 students. Pray for the preparations, resources and that students from all campuses in the country will attend. Pray for God to raise up new movement leaders among the students.
- The Campus Team, which is mobilizing students to plant trees during the World Environmental Day, 5 June. Christian students will be trained to share Christ with non-Christians as they plant trees. The campaign is dubbed: "Each One Reach One and Plant One."

## MADAGASCAR

### Praise God for :

- The opening door through partnerships with churches after recent events: open door exhibition, pastors' conference, sharing the vision of the CrossRoads program.
- All activities and safety of all teams, even during a year of political crises and problems.
- The faithfulness of students, disciples and associates as they creatively reach out to peers in their environments using dance, dinner party, etc.

### Pray for:

- A fruitful partnership with churches from different denominations: FJKM (Reformed Church), Anglican Church, METM (Evangelical Church), Lutheran Church, etc.
- The former JESUS Film Teams raising support and all full-time field staff - may God open doors and lead them to whomever has been prepared to support them and the ministry.
- God to renew our mindset and give us a key strategic plan to develop and create ways to raise local financial resources.
- Peace, political stability, restoration of the economy and a peaceful election in Madagascar.
- The end of one staff couple's family mission here and their reinstallation in Democratic Republic of Congo. Ask the Lord to strengthen the different couples as a result of their ministry here, and that the Family Life ministry will continue in it.
- The first CrossRoads trainer's training, scheduled for June. Pray about preparations and curriculum translation to be done soon as possible. We expect this new strategy to be helpful for national ministry promotion at different level of the government and in churches.
- Wisdom of the students as they serve the Lord in ministry during the academic year.
- Student-led Movements to open in new universities this year in other provinces, such as Mahajanga and Antsiranana.

## MOZAMBIQUE

### Praise God for:

- The achievements of the Operation Caleb Mozambique (OCM) vision. As of March 2010, we have strategically covered Southern and Central Mozambique through sending of mission teams, trainings and entering into strategic partnerships with various churches and organizations. As a result, close to 500 missionaries have participated in about 15 short-term mission projects; the work of the "JESUS" film in the whole country is now in the hands of volunteer and partnership teams; hundreds of pastors and church leaders have been trained; and the foundation of making Mozambique a sending nation is being laid.
- A successful GCMT Training, Nov. 2009 – Feb. 2010 in the city of Maputo. A very influential pastor testified that he received assurance of his salvation for the first time during the training. The next 3 Months Plan (March-May 2010) is to have the 19 trainees (out of 30) practice what they learned in the four months training under supervision before they graduate in July. Praise God for the one-day training seminars organized by these trainees in their churches on 3, 13, and 28 March, and 7 April. Praise God for their short-term mission, 17-24 April, and the church they planted.
- A successful student mission project in Alto Molocue, Jan. – Feb. 2010. Pray for the follow-up mission, aiming to train local pastors in GCMT Level 1.

Pray:

- And speak blessings that the ministry and staff will mount up with wings as eagles (*Isa. 40: 29-31*) in the next 10 years, soar to victory like an eagle (*Isa. 40:31; Job 39:27*), learn to fly (*Exodus 19:3-4*) like the eagles, SWOOP to victory like the eagles (*Job 9:26, Deut 28:48; Habak 1:8*), FLY to fruitfulness like the eagles (*Isa. 40:31*), be RENEWED as an eagle (*Psalm 103:5*) and begin to SEE beyond like an eagle (*Job. 39:28-29*). *This is our scripture theme for our 2020 strategic plans and slogan "WE are eagles ... NOT grasshoppers."*
- For the continuation of OCM Phase III - The last phase of OCM vision, targeting Northern Mozambique (Jan. 2010 - June 2011). Mozambique's unreached peoples are still more concentrated in Northern Mozambique than anywhere else in southern Africa. Our plan is to "Possess the land in the North as we transform Mozambique into a sending nation."
- For the ministry of CCC Mozambique. Like the Church in Mozambique, it is still young but growing and emerging slowly. Pray for national leadership and for potential to raise local financial resources. Pray for the urgent mobilization that is going on and recruitment of manpower (national staff, associate staff and volunteers). Pray for the new staff as they focus on Ministry Partnership Development, March-May, in Maputo and for the missionary couple leading the ministry as they are on three months of MPD in Kenya.

## NAMIBIA

WIN (Leadership)

- Praise the Lord for renewed interest from young professionals to establish an Alumni Network to give vision to WIN.
- Pray for an enthusiastic and godly professionals to lead WIN in the future.

Expansion Movement

Praise God for:

- Good responses from local partners for our local fund development projects.
- Good outreach in the Windhoek suburb called Otjomuise to more than 10,000 people with our associates.

Requests:

- Floods are hampering work in the northern parts of our country. Please pray for creativity and ways our teams can help those who are affected by the annual floods.
- The transition period has brought new challenges but mainly opportunities. Pray that we will lay good foundations as we are embarking on new ways of working and fund development.
- We are planning to train 15- 20 volunteers in May to start a volunteer programme to help in our "JESUS" film activities. Please pray for the success of this initiative.

SPN (Schools Prayer Network)

- Pray continuously for leadership in this department. We have not had a leader since our last one moved on. Praise the Lord that some schools are still continuing on independently to pray in their schools.

CrossRoads (CR)

- Like SPN, CR needs leadership to follow up and continue the work that has been started in the last few years.

## Campus Ministry

### Praise:

- Northern Campuses new developments.
- More than 40 new salvation decisions since the start of the year and more than 20 new commitments to the Great Commission.

### Thank God for:

- A wonderful time of outreach at registration time at the beginning of the year on the Windhoek campuses where hundreds heard the gospel.
- New student leadership that is thriving and growing.

### Pray for :

- The transition to a CCC movement in Katima Mulilo campus - for a great connection with the leaders there (1200km away in the northern part of our country).
- Mid-year projects in the northern campuses to be well recruited for and also to be used as a springboard for new action groups to develop.
- Resource development, as we need two new vehicles for the Campus Ministry.

### Capacity Development

- Praise God for our recent donation from Microsoft Namibia of Windows Software amounting to USD 11,000.
- Pray for several ministry fund development events that are coming up in August (Golf Day and raffle ticket sales).

## SOUTH AFRICA

### National

- Praise God for recent improvements in our financial situation. Pray that it will continue to improve by all staff increasing their MPD and by more undesignated funds coming in.
- Praise Him for the staff. Pray for all to be humble, selfless and dedicated to the Lord and His agenda.
- Pray about transformation from a middle-aged, predominantly white staff to one that better represents demographics of the country.
- Praise Him for the opportunity offered to us by the Soccer World Cup Tournament held here this year. Pray for the Lord to use all Christians in South Africa to impact the lives of all who will travel here in June and July.

### Campus Movement

- Praise God for our nine newest interns this year serving on various campuses – seven from the US and two from South Africa.
- Pray our National Student Conference, held 19-22 March, will result in more students reached for Christ, more labourers joining us as interns and full-time staff, as well as students mobilized to share the gospel globally.
- Pray all staff and interns will be at 100% of their support goals by July.

### Integrated Movement

- Please pray for 200 people to register for the Back 2 Jerusalem Project; 96 people for the London Bridges Project; and the Harbour Project to begin again.
- Please pray for at least 100 people to attend the JESUS Film National Conference.
- Pray for the six Quest for Authentic Manhood courses started in Pretoria, and more to be started in PE, Cradock and Johannesburg.
- Pray for the Lord's blessing, wisdom, open doors and financial contributions for the newly started GAIN ministry in South Africa.

## Leader Movement

- Pray the Lord will raise up five "TOP 10" multipliers in each of the regions in South Africa. (Western Cape, OFS, Johannesburg, Pretoria and KZN). This is part of the 10 year plan of the Leader Movement of South Africa.
- Pray the "TOP 10" will become true R2D2 people (Radical, Revolutionary, Dedicated, Disciples).
- Pray we will see models of multiplying disciples who will develop 4th generation disciples in four years in each region. May the foundation laid at the grass-roots level be so motivational that all of the "TOP 10" will keep going with the program until 2020.
- Pray for planning and organising of the South African "Briefing" to be held at the Good News Convention Centre, 29-31 October 2010.

## ZIMBABWE

Praise and thank God for:

- Our former and new national directors.
- Life Ministry's local and international partners and their continued faithfulness and support.
- This month's Athletes in Action conference in which 200 students attended. Pray for follow-up that is being done and for lasting fruit.
- The AIA training and seminars which are currently going on.
- AIA 5 aside team, which sailed through to the national league, leaving a mark that is difficult to erase.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for our former and new national directors, God will bless, lead and give them wisdom and counsel as they serve in their new roles effectively.
- For our new leaders in the following strategies: Prayer, Church-Led, Operations and Administration. Pray for God's guidance and enabling for them to carry out their duties well.
- For our vision of having a ministry presence in all 64 districts of Zimbabwe.
- That the Lord will raise up additional mighty financial and prayer partners to underwrite our ministry through an August fundraising dinner.
- For God's supernatural provision of funds for our Military Ministry strategy, so that it becomes active again to continue ministering to the uniformed forces.
- The JESUS Film Project Staff started raising their financial support this year. Pray for perseverance and God's favour with potential supporters.
- Pray for wisdom and open doors for Church-led Movements as they resume Great Commission Movement Training cycles this year.
- The Church-led Movement will be hosting a prayer rally this year. They need to gather intercessors from all 64 districts of Zimbabwe. Pray for financial and other resources needed to achieve this project.
- Pray for a combined leadership training currently being organised by the Student-led Movement.
- Most of our key students at all campuses are struggling to pay fees; pray for God's provision.
- There is a group of 3-6 ladies at Belvedere Campus who are going through Great Commission Movement Training; pray they will finish strong and be bold in sharing their faith and discipling others.
- A Student-led Movement Conference will be held from 22-28 August - Pray that God will prepare the hearts of speakers and the 1,000 students to be invited. Pray also for all the logistics and resources.
- Pray for some of the staff who are still doing their check-outs at Great Commission Training Centre.

- Pray for the Great Commission graduation of 12 staff members on 29 May, that the staff will be effective and fruitful wherever they will be deployed.
- Pray for our humanitarian aid strategy, Life International, that God will provide enough resources and partners for the ministry to have the capacity to continue helping those in need.
- Pray that the Lord would lead AIA well into the World Cup and provide all the resources needed for the mission trip.
- We will be sending missionaries to serve in Botswana and Djibouti. Pray for provision of funds and other resources needed.