

## WEST AFRICA AREA

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### AREA OFFICE

Praise God for the ongoing reconstitution of the Area Leadership Team and the success so far.

Pray:

- That each member of the ALT will fully understand the clarifications of their role and be fully equipped for the next step in movement building.
- For good health for the members of the team.
- For our school - African Center for Theological Studies (ACTS). The landlord of the facility they use has increased their rent by 150%. Pray that negotiations will allow them to keep paying the previous rent. Pray they will be able to find their own good property to develop in Lagos.
- That each one of the staff will be growing in their intimacy with the Lord and please Him in every way.
- For Discipleship Ministry Partner Development (DMPD) the staff are going through to be successful. For staff to be faithful to apply all they have learned. For strength and protection for the trainer and coaches. That all staff will be fully trained soon.

### GAMBIA Great Commission Movement (GCM)

Pray for a clinic project upcountry, Mankamakunda:

- For its success and protection of the different teams working there. Despite spiritual opposition they hope to complete the building by September.
- That the new partnership with driving-in ministry will grow stronger.
- For God's strength and wisdom for the staff member as he manages the farm/clinic project. For good health and protection from the evil one.

### GHANA GCM

Praise and thank God:

- That through the DMPD training and raising blitzes, staff are discovering many new committed ministry partners.
- For the new experiences and pray for more progress so that all staff will be 100% fully supported locally by the end of 2010. Pray for wisdom and strength for our DMPD trainer and coaches.

Pray:

- For an upcoming Students Vacation (Summer) Project, "Go North," May 24 - June 14 in Tamale, involving some 200 students from Ghana and 40 others from WSN in the US. That God would provide all finances for the project through support initiatives of staff and students.
- That mobilization of CCC Student Alumni (i.e. Young Professionals) in Tamale and Accra in June as part of this year's vacation project will attract the maximum

number of alumni. That they will be available to be further equipped and committed to movement building in the market place and their local churches.

- For *creative ways of involving former JESUS Film Team Members in local, Church-led Movements and the smooth transition to continue*. All JF Team Members were released on March 31, as a *major step in transition from traditional JF (Coverage) Ministry to the development of a more integrated and holistic church-based approach to movement building*.
- For *qualified believers, church denominations and local churches to demonstrate openness to the Church Expansion Movements/Great Commission Ministry Training (CEM/GCMT) vision by enrolling qualified church leaders*.
- *About the 19 trained facilitators and three others who are ready and waiting for training*. Praise God that the International Leadership Foundation (ILF) is firmly taking roots in Ghana. Thank Him for a successful Transforming Leadership Seminar (TLS), Advanced Coaching and New Facilitator's Orientation in March this year.
- That all participants of the just ended TLS and Advanced Coaching would begin to lead societal transformation in their spheres of influence and engagements. Believe God for committed, faithful societal transformers to enroll for the next regular TLS scheduled for October and that requests being made for TLS 1 will be met as planned.

#### GUINEA BISSAU GCM

- Pray for the political climate in Guinea Bissau. Pray for stability and peace to be restored.
- Praise God for the four new languages recorded. Pray for a successful premiere to be organized for each of them.

#### LIBERIA GCM

Praise God for:

- Success of Project Nehemiah - Twenty-seven university students from five universities and one polytechnic, plus two staff members and three employees, travelled to Buchana, Grand Bassa County during the Easter week to share with the people through one-on-one evangelism and a JESUS film blitz in four major areas. The Bassa people heard Jesus speak to them in their native tongue, and more than 1,000 persons gave their lives to Christ.
- The five Home Builders Groups that have started in Monrovia. Pray that these groups will grow and meet the marital and family needs of all who attend.

Pray for the four churches that were trained to carry out follow-up. Though the numbers of converts are overwhelming, pray that God will give them wisdom to team up well for direct ministry to these people.

Church Expansion Ministry (CEM):

- CEM has a lot of travels the next three months to Northern and South Eastern Liberia to enhance partnerships with churches and train film teams. Please pray

for traveling mercy for the CEM coordinator and his team. For God's financial provision for the trips and good health on the road.

- The CEM pickup truck has been grounded for awhile. Pray for favor as they raise US\$1,800 for the repairs. They are also trusting God for a new truck.

#### Family Life:

Pray for many opportunities to actively engage speaker team members in ministering to many needy couples. Pray that the proper spare parts will be found to repair one staff couple's car.

#### Administration:

Pray for constant electricity at the National Office; work has been seriously delayed. Pray for funds to adequately repair the back-up generator. Pray that God provides new vehicles for all of the strategies.

#### NIGERIA GCM

- Thank God for saving the staff and their properties during the religious crisis that engulfed Jos, Plateau State. We have relative calm now and are able to go about our business and ministries as usual. Continue to pray that this crisis will come to an end and that the sponsors of this crisis will be brought to book. Continue to pray for safety for all the staff.
- Pray about the selection process for a new national director and that God's choice will emerge.
- Pray for success of Phase 3 DMPD, April 19 - 23 May. Pray that it will be uninterrupted.

#### Lagos Region

Praise God for:

- The gift of the Great Commission Centre, a four-flat apartment in Ikeja, for coordination of operations and ministry.
- The 2009 Pastors and Church Leaders Conference, which saw 296 pastors trained on how to "Lead for Impact." Pray for implementation of lessons and action points and follow-up sessions conducted across Lagos.

Pray for:

- Grace and lasting fruitfulness for the Campus team as they incorporate the Online Missionary Strategy. Pray for increased capacity and competence for them to positively change lives.
- The success of the 2010 Short Term Mission Trips scheduled for Sierra Leone (April), The Gambia (May), and Mali (May and Nov.). Pray that the Lord will use these outreaches to help reach these countries and also build and train the delegates for long-term ministry.
- Resource development, especially funds, that the Lord will open more doors to reach donors who will facilitate and enable all the operations.
- More labourers to join in bringing in more harvest. Pray that the Lord will raise visionary workers to accelerate the work in the Lagos Region.

### Central Nigeria Region

Central Nigeria is a high pressure point for religious crisis. A non-Christian group is pulling in resources from within and outside the country for the spread of its religion. Most Christian denominations and organizations are busy fighting each other. Nominal Christianity and idol worship are on the increase in the region.

Pray that:

- God will pull down the stronghold of a certain non-Christian religion and deliver many who have been taken captive by its spirit.
- The Church in Central Nigeria and the entire nation will be awakened spiritually.
- The Lord will deliver and set the youth free from drunkenness and immorality.
- Every closed door will open so that every unreached people group will have opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the gospel in Nassarawa, Kogi, Benue states and the surrounding of Abuja. Pray that all church partners will be committed to their responsibility in reaching their own people through this partnership.
- God will raise up missionaries who have a deep and passionate heart for the lost.
- The Lord will give them deep and passionate students who love the Lord enough to show the light in the midst of nominal Christianity on our campuses.
- New staff in training will enjoy a close walk with God and fruitfulness in ministry. That the school calendar will be stable so they can experience fruitful ministry.
- All 23 students from the region who attended just attended a student leadership retreat will experience practical spiritual movements everywhere.
- The Virtually-led Movements training will result in establishing powerful ministries on the Net.
- The target of raising 100% staff support will become a reality. Many will be going for DMPD training, 18 April - 18 May.
- The athletic disciples will continue to grow and multiply spiritually. Thank God for the open doors and spiritual hunger that exists amongst the athletes.
- The AIA staff team will continue to increase in passion and deep love for the Lord and an increasing burden for lost souls.
- The 116 top police officers who graduated from our recent Police Discipleship Program will remain faithful to the Lord in reaching and discipling their colleagues as they are sent around the country.
- The 500+ officers who have graduated since 2003 will stand for righteousness in the police force. Praise the Lord for some who have already started their ministries and are discipling their colleagues.

### Northwest Nigeria Region

Praise God for:

- His constant faithfulness, provisions, protection and mercies over the lives of the staff.
- Saving the life of a woman who was a strong idol worshipper in Eknu Village.
- The leader of another religion who walked to the church on his own and requested prayer. The gospel was shared and he received Christ.

- Success of the evangelistic picnic organised by Campus staff in Zaria. Thank God for the four souls that were won to Christ.

Pray:

- That God will provide funds for the building of the office complex in Minna, which is at foundation level and for completion of their old building, proposed for a residential complex in Zaria.
- That church leaders will embrace a vision of partnerships, giving a great breakthrough in the work in this region. Pray the Lord will destroy all satanic strongholds that hinder this.
- For success of the Kano Saturation Project in Doguwa Local Government, scheduled for May 2010. That the gospel would be clear and the hearts of the people would be open to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- That the Lord would use additional prayer partners mobilised in four states to build more and stronger prayer movements.
- The Lord would raise up more manpower as full-time staff, associates and volunteers through the School of Evangelism that we trust the Lord to start soon. That the Lord would send us 20-30 trainees who have a heart for God and are faithful, available and teachable.

### Southwest Nigeria Region

Praise God for:

- Success of NLTC 1 trainings held in different churches in Ibadan.
- Having gone through NLTC 1-4 training, Oke-Osun Anglican Diocese, Gbongan Osun State, is now conducting trainings for others. Ask the Lord to sustain this momentum and that each trainee will be committed to discipleship ministry.
- Success of the Fulani Christian Conference held in Saki, Oyo State, in January. Pray that these Christian Fulanis will remain steadfast and focused on Christ, the Author and the Finisher of our Faith. Ask for God's divine protection on them.

Pray for:

- OAU student leaders to lead by example in connecting the lost to Christ and leading discipleship groups.
- God's direction for the Women's Ministry volunteers as they prepare and plan for this year's outreaches. Pray that these women will be committed to discipling other women and that they will make their calling and election sure.
- The Ile-Ife campus team, that their motivation for God's work will flow from their passion to see God's purpose accomplished for the world.
- Women Ministry outreaches on May 8 and July 15 in Ibadan. Ask the Lord to bless our mobilization efforts. Ask for outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit on the participants as we intercede for children and train women on how to evangelize their community using the Four Spiritual Laws.
- Unity and peaceful dwelling among churches. Ask the Lord to demolish every stronghold against the unity of the body of Christ and that the church will speak with one voice and join efforts to pull down the kingdom of darkness in the region.
- OAU student disciples to devote themselves to prayer, praise and the study of God's word daily. Pray that each will grow in God's grace.

- New students involved in ministry in OAU after the fresher's programme. For good friendships between the staff and students. That these students will be built up in Christ, strengthened in faith and overflow with thanksgiving.
- Success of focused evangelism training on May 15 & 22. That participants will make use of what they will learn. That the training will open doors to more churches for partnership.
- The staff's quick understanding of DMPD training. Ask the Lord to favour us to discover new partners and they will be committed and consistent in giving to the staff.
- Staff in the region to be able to raise 100% of their support through the help of the Lord.

### South Central Nigeria Region

Praise God for:

- Intervening and neutralizing activity of the occult and militants and communal crises in the Niger Delta.
- His continued protection over the Mons and Church Expansion workers and their families.

Pray:

- For more staff and associates to join the team in the region.
- That God will raise up financial partners that will support the staff and ministry so that the ministry will grow and expand.
- That the churches we have trained will bear much fruit.
- For success of a briefing and pastors' conference in the region.
- For successful take-off of a model Great Commission Movement Training Center.

### SIERRA LEONE GCM

Praise:

- The National Office has been without a vehicle for a long time; thank God for providing one.
- Valentine's Day has always been a time for promiscuity and lawlessness in Freetown; thank God for a successful program with the High School Ministry that day with the theme: "Who is Your Valentine?" Pray that lessons learned will be put into practice.
- GCMSL is officially transiting from JESUS Film Teams to Church Expansion Teams. Thank God for a smooth transition.

Pray:

- Last year Covenant Christian Centre in Lagos, Nigeria and GCM Lagos joined forces with GCMSL in project "Operation Restore Hope." The second phase of this project was April 8-18. Pray that all goals and desires for this project will be realized.
- A team of Nigerian students are planning missions to Sierra Leone in November 2010. Please pray they will be able to raise the amount needed for the trip and all their plans will succeed.