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Nepal Orphanage Visit

REV. CATHY PAYNE, DMIN

The beginning of the new year brought a first to my life in the opportunity to visit the nation of Nepal and the orphanage work there. The children were waiting to fellowship with the team and had prepared a song about the joy of going to Sunday school.

I was blessed and honored to tour the home we are currently using for the children's care. Each room was clean and organized for the benefit of the children. The walkway outside the rooms was carefully lined with their shoes.

As we fellowshipped together, I was able to ask the children their names, ages, favorite sports and/or school classes, and what they might be dreaming of for the future. Perhaps this aspect of the future is one of the greatest blessings for these children who are a part of the OCF ministry.

Psalm 68:5–6 reminds us that God is a father of the fatherless, and he sets the lonely in families. I have witnessed this attribute of God as father, protector, provider, and advocate when I visit our OCF children's homes throughout the world. This encourages us to partner with him in his mission to provide a safe home and a secure future for orphaned and needy children.

For those who are already sponsoring this amazing ministry, allow me to thank you for your investment. For those who have not yet joined in this opportunity, allow me to encourage your support.

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WE BELIEVE in the Holy Trinity—one God, eternally existing in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, the Father, creator of heaven and earth, of all things seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is true God and true man. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered, died, was buried, and on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, and He will return to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who eternally proceeds from the Father. He is Teacher, Comforter, Helper, and Giver of spiritual gifts. Through Him the saving and sanctifying works of Jesus Christ are applied to the life of believers. He is the empowering presence of God in the life of the Christian and the church. The Father has sent His Son to baptize with the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues and bearing the fruit of the Spirit are New Testament signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross and that He died in our place. The believer's sins are forgiven by the shedding of His blood. We believe that healing of mind, body, soul, and spirit is available to the believer through the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe in one baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the grace of God brings forgiveness and reconciliation to those who repent, as well as transformation in holiness, enabling them to live a Christ-like life. Sanctification is both a definite work of grace and a lifelong process of change in the believer brought by the blood of Jesus, the Word of God, and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in one holy, universal church, composed of all true believers in Jesus Christ, offering fellowship and calling for service to men and women of all races, nations, cultures, and languages. We believe in the spiritual and ultimate visible unity of the church.

We believe that the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—is the inspired Word of God. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself and His will to humankind, sufficient for instruction in salvation and daily Christian living. The Bible is the Christian's rule of faith and practice.

We believe that God will ultimately reconcile all things in heaven and earth in Christ. Therefore, we look forward to new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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SECOND CHANCES

On rare occasion, I will spend the afternoon playing a round of golf. Mind you, my golfing skills are lacking, so I am most comfortable playing with friends who will allow for an occasional mulligan. For those of you who are not familiar with this term, it means to retake a shot without penalty. It's a do-over of sorts.

A do-over is a chance to try something again, often with the acknowledgment that the first attempt did not go as planned.

In the business world, a revised proposal is not uncommon. It is typical for a writer to work on second and third drafts. Personally, I am grateful that my computer offers editing options to undo typing mistakes or even redo the things I mistakenly deleted. All of these are opportunities for do-overs.

In Scripture, God was gracious to offer Jonah a do-over. "Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you'" (Jonah 3:1–2 NIV).

> **"The concept of second chances is integral to the church's mission. God's mercy toward Nineveh reminds us that no person or nation is beyond his reach."**

When God first called Jonah to preach to the wicked city of Nineveh, he fled in the opposite direction, boarding a ship bound for Tarshish. His disobedience led to a life-threatening storm, and he was cast overboard, only to be swallowed by a great fish (Jonah 1:17). After three days and nights in the belly of the fish, Jonah cried out to God, repented, and was miraculously delivered (Jonah 2:10).

Jonah 3:1 marks a turning point. God does not abandon Jonah in his failure. Instead, he gives him an opportunity for a do-over. This act of grace underscores a fundamental truth about God. He is a God of second chances.

Jonah's second chance, his do-over, led to Nineveh's own opportunity for redemption. Early in the first chapter of Jonah, God said that "their wickedness is come up before me" (Jonah 1:2 KJV). When he finally obeyed God and preached to the city, the people of Nineveh, from the king to the commoner, repented in sackcloth and ashes (Jonah 3:5–10). As a result, God's judgment was turned away, grace was extended, and the city was saved.

The concept of second chances is integral to the church's mission. God's mercy toward Nineveh reminds us that no person or nation is beyond his reach. In global missions, this truth fuels our hope and perseverance.

As you read this Global Missions edition of the *White Wing Messenger*, consider these truths:

1. **God's call is persistent.** Like Jonah, perhaps you have not been obedient to the call of God, whether to witness to your neighbor or to carry the gospel to another land, and you are wondering if he still allows do-overs. The answer is "yes." He remains persistent in his call and is still the God of second chances. The mission of the church is not dependent on flawless individuals, but on God's perfect grace.
2. **No one is beyond redemption.** Nineveh's repentance demonstrates that even the most hardened hearts can be transformed. This should embolden the church to engage the peoples and cultures of the world that seem far from God.
3. **Obedience is essential.** Jonah's obedience was key to citywide repentance and spiritual transformation. Your obedience might be the catalyst for the salvation of a loved one, a neighbor, or someone in the far reaches of the world.
4. **Grace fuels the mission.** Both Jonah and Nineveh were recipients of grace. We are not merely heralds of God's judgment but also ambassadors of his mercy and grace.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

— Julia H Johnston

As we reflect on Jonah's opportunity for a do-over, we see a God who redeems our failures, renews our calling, and restores our purpose.

"The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time." That same word comes to us today, urging us to go and proclaim his message. If you, like Jonah, need a do-over, remember that he is still the God of second chances.

BISHOP TIM COALTER | PRESIDING BISHOP

Ministry Update on Ukraine

Despite the devastation brought on by being in a full-scale war for over 1,000 days, the Church of God of Prophecy in Ukraine continues to experience the miraculous move of God within their churches, communities, and homes. Our pastors and members live every day with the threat of bombs and shelling, the loss of access to water and electricity, and the scarcity of food and basic necessities. They have had to evacuate and move out of danger zones. They have even lost their precious loved ones to this war. Yet, even with all the surrounding chaos and turmoil, the church is growing and even thriving.

Recently, one of our churches lost their rental property where church services were held. But God orchestrated everything in such a way that now they have a bigger building for the same price as the old one. Our church in another town held an evangelization service for children, and many families heard the gospel for the very first time. The Ukrainian youth were able to attend the European Youth Conference last year, and our pastors continue to meet for ministry trainings. We thank God that as the local churches serve their communities, people are coming to Christ and becoming a part of our family.

ON MISSION: UNWAVERING

As I study through the Word, I am often captivated by the narratives of individuals who exhibit an unwavering commitment to the purpose and calling of God. These biblical characters, courageous as well as flawed, provide powerful examples of what it means to remain focused and steadfast in their faith and in fulfilling their divine mission.

I love reading the histories of these individuals—heroes of the faith, I call them—in both the Old and New Testaments. My favorite "stories" from the Old Testament ground me in the essentials of God's presence and the power of his Word at work in me. They teach me the necessities of facing opposition to build my faith and the lessons of avoiding distractions to remain focused on his call. In their struggles, I witness the evidence of faith that is strategic in building character, and I recognize divine determination that commits to the task of being on mission.

In the Gospels, Jesus issued the foundational mission directive to his disciples as he charged them with the Great Commission: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. . ." (Matthew 28:19–20 NIV).

The Apostle Paul is one of those heroes in the faith who rises in the New Testament and submits to that commissioning call of Jesus. He becomes the active witness recording his "story" of what we recognize as being "unwavering on mission." In his letter to the Philippians, he writes, "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13–14).

As we read the narratives of Paul's evangelistic and discipleship ministry recorded in the book of Acts and through his own letters (the Pauline Epistles), we find the same kind of unwavering narratives and "stories" as those from the Old Testament—stories of presence, Word, focus, faith, determination, and commitment. Paul's declaration, his desire, is to "know" Christ (Philippians 3:10). Paul's example, as

▲ Pastor in India who was attacked

▶ Children's home leader (right) who was killed in Myanmar

well as his encouragement, is to walk so closely to the Lord so as to discern his Lord's calling and purpose without wavering.

So, Acts 21 provides an interesting challenge as a prophetic voice speaks by the Holy Spirit regarding what is waiting for Paul in his immediate future—to be bound and delivered to those who would cause him harm (v. 11).

Those who loved him passionately attempted to dissuade him from his journey. Paul, so long ago committed to service, could now only respond, "I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13). He did not consider his own life of greater value, but desired instead that he might complete with joy the ministry which he had received from the Lord Jesus—to testify of the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24).

We know the history of what follows as Paul returns to Jerusalem. He is indeed captured, arrested, bound, beaten, endured murder attempts and death plots, extradited from one trial after another, and then imprisoned.

This commitment to being "unwavering on mission" does not come in the moment of crisis; it is built on a lifetime of obedience and submission to the cause of Christ.

Recently, while meeting with our Ukrainian pastors on our weekly Zoom, I heard the weariness of the effects of war and the frustration of serving in ministry among the daily challenges of many military campaigns—i.e., transitional and temporary buildings, property damages, a congregation constantly in flux, injuries, deaths, etc. The pastors and the people they serve are regularly in responsive crises. Our pastors continue to shepherd and bring stability; however, our congregations have yet to experience stability and connection for any length of time before everything is gone again.

As I listened to their testimonies and heard their commitment to trust in the cause of the gospel, my heart began to rehearse the passage found in Habakkuk 3:17–19. This is a familiar word of encouragement that is spoken right in the middle of crisis:

> Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

The prophet brings our attention to the challenge of overcoming not just one calamity, but one after another, after another, after another, and all of them mounting (ascending) to hopeless dread. Some scholars call this syndrome "compounded grief" or "grief overload." We are witnesses to this same kind of grief overload; what we find throughout Scripture, we are seeing in the testimony of the lives of those committed to remain on mission within our global family.

This past year we witnessed our national bishop attacked in the city streets by an anti-Christian religious mob who not only beat him but attempted to burn him alive. He not only miraculously escaped, but he also immediately relocated in that very nation to continue to encourage the ministry of the gospel of Christ and to provide leadership and ministry training in that nation.

Also, in this past year, several of our pastors have been attacked in India. Perhaps you remember the photograph of our pastor after being attacked. Receiving trauma to his body, the loss of his home and ministry, he was left nearly unrecognizable with a bloody and lacerated face. In another incident, one of our female pastors had been given the agricultural gift of goats by donors to support her ministry and provide sustainable income. An anti-Christian mob attacked her home, beat and abused her, killed the goats, and did much damage to her home.

Again, in the past year, we suffered an unbelievable loss. In Myanmar, many of our people have suffered violence due to the military coup that continues. With two of our three orphanages located in a politically charged larger city, we transported all the children to the remaining orphanage site in a quieter village hoping to provide a safer environment. One morning, after providing breakfast to all our orphanage children, one of our leaders of the children's home was walking to a community home to lead a morning Bible study. As she passed through the streets, with no provocation, a soldier lifted his gun and shot her dead in the street.

There are abundant testimonies among our global family that align with this unwavering commitment to the purpose and calling of God. We are blessed with living testimonies of courageous, as well as flawed, global leaders who provide powerful examples of what it means to remain focused and steadfast in their faith and in fulfilling their divine mission.

Many of these have lived through the kind of desperate loss and despair declared in the first portion of the Habakkuk passage above and now being experienced in Ukraine. As a global family, we have read and possibly heard their "stories" of disappointment in expected seasons of service.

And **yet**, we also witness their declaration of faith and joy in their submission in ministry service. We will indeed rejoice in the Lord! We will indeed remain joyful in God our Savior. He is our strength, and we will remain unwavering on mission.

As you read through the following pages of this March Mission Drive issue of the *White Wing Messenger*—filled with the testimonies and stories of ministries and ministry points sharing the gospel of Christ and reconciling this world to Christ—please pray prayers for God's steadfast love and purposed calling so that our global family will continue to stand **unwavering on mission**!

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GLOBAL MISSIONS COORDINATOR

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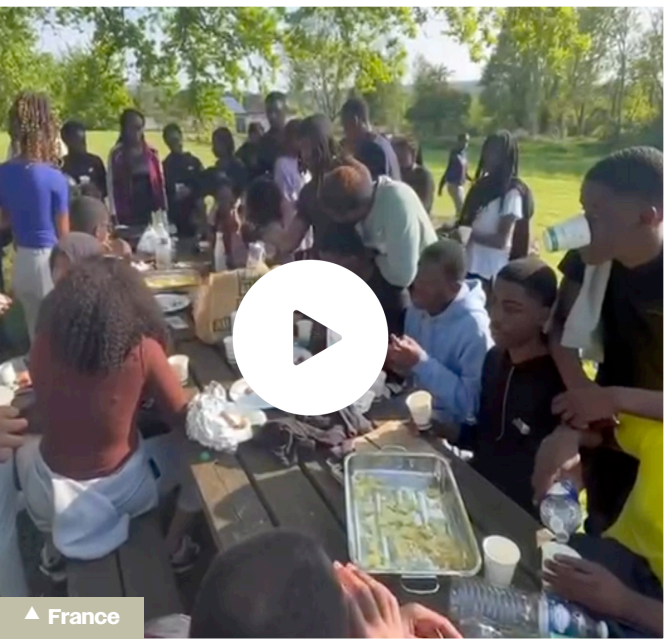
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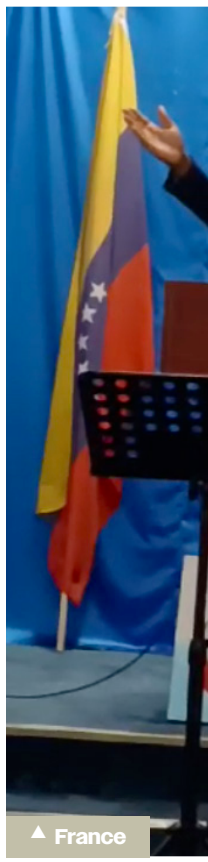
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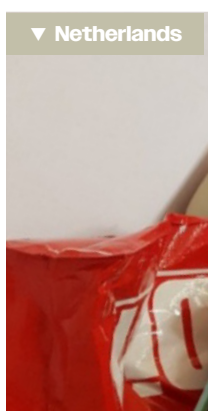
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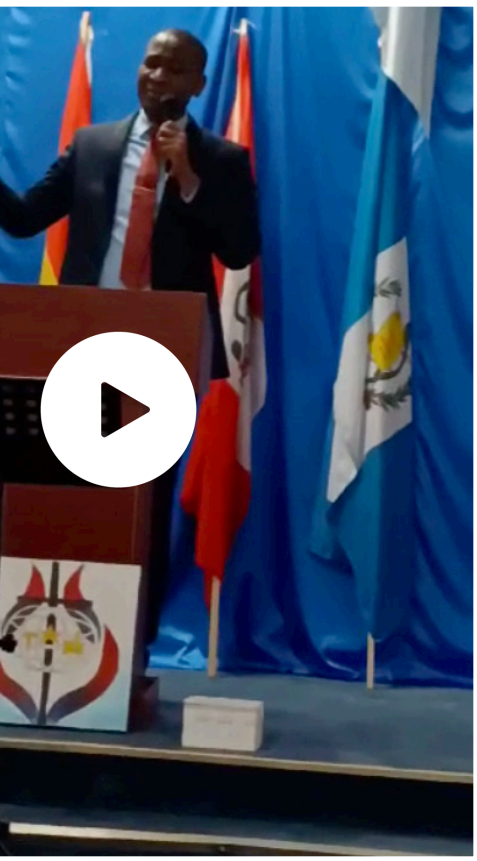

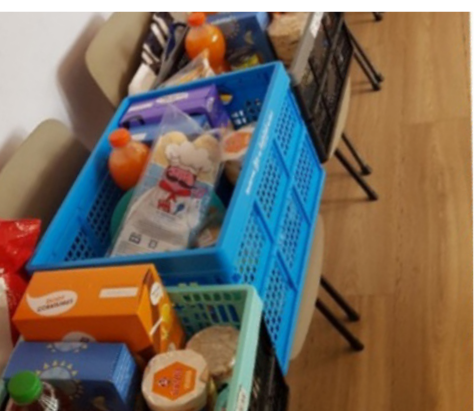

FRANCE
Bishop Michael Wilson
National Bishop

God loves France! And God wants France to be saved. The challenge to be "On Mission" is to "bring the heart of God to the heart of the people" in France. The motivation for all that God does is love—self-sacrificing, agape love! This puts relationships at the heart of everything we do vertically with God and horizontally with each other. This love is fundamental to all that we do (Matthew 22:37–40):

- LOVE leads us to vibrant and intimate worship and prayer.
- LOVE causes us to win souls to Christ—the prism of sharing this relationship that we have found so that others may find him too (John 4:39–42).
- LOVE will identify us as disciples and motivate us to grow the church through converts who become disciples—followers of Christ (John 13:35)—and servant leaders of others (2 Timothy 2:2).
- Because we LOVE God, what concerns his heart will concern our hearts (his compassion; his justice), motivating us to serve others (SERVICE and SOCIAL ACTION; Luke 4:17–21). We proclaim the year of Jubilee wherever we go (Leviticus 25:47–52).
- This (all the above) means that we want to see all that we are and all that we possess yielded on the altar of God: our time, our talent, our treasure (STEWARDSHIP; Romans 12:1–3).

This is a qualitative approach to church growth, achieving the Great Commission through the Great Commandment

"On Mission" in France has been implemented with the following ongoing ministries: 24-hour prayer services, new church planting, outreach by being "Fishers of Men," French and Spanish MDP sessions and graduations, Nehemiah-RAFFA Charity, and Aimer Plus Feedings and Shut-In Programs. Together in ministry, all churches in France are working to reconcile their nation to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

NETHERLANDS
Bishop Tedroy Powell
National Bishop

New Anointing Church Emmanuel in Rotterdam, Netherlands, is pastored by Carlolyn Nivillac Gijsbertha. This local church is serving their community with a food and clothing bank. Contributions and second-hand clothing are donated by the church members, but they also work closely alongside the Red Cross and other well-known organizations. Here is a report from the local pastor on how the church serves the community:

> Each year around Christmas or New Years Eve, we try to give the clients of our food bank something extra for the holiday season. One year, each food bank client received a mini cake (for 6 people) that a member of the church baked. We also help with filling out of government forms or translation of letters to and

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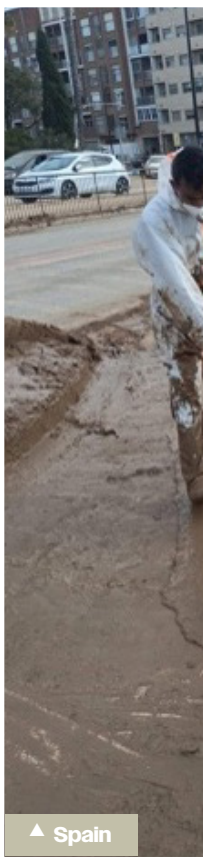
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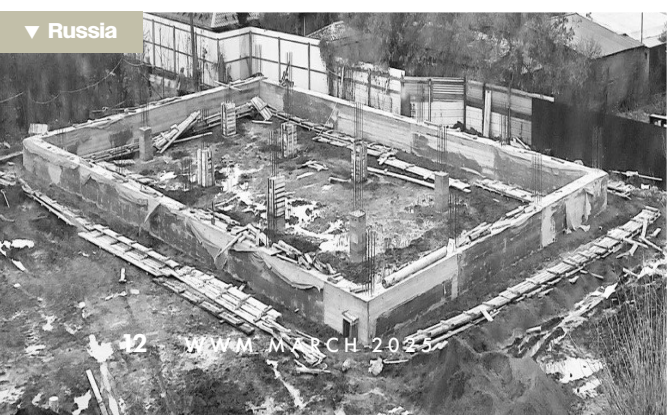
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from Dutch into other languages such as Spanish, English, and Papiamentu. On Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., people from the neighborhood can come in for help with their financial questions, letters from the government, or just for a chat. We also organize special workshops for the elderly and for the family on healthy food choices.

RUSSIA

Bishop Misha
National Bishop

For many nations, 2024 was not an easy year, including for our churches and pastors in Russia. The impact of the current war and persecution has affected our ministries and churches. Yet we are grateful for the expansion of God's kingdom and for spiritual growth within our churches. All new believers are truly answers to our many prayers.

The construction of our church building, House of Prayer, in Moscow has started, and we give God all praise and honor for these first steps. Thank you to all who have supported and continue to pray for this project, as it remains an ongoing process.

We expect great things in 2025, and we look at the new year with anticipation of God's faithful guidance. Please continue to pray for our nations and churches in this very challenging season. As one global family, we lift every one of you up in prayer as well. What an honor to be a part of this great church family.

SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND ITALY

Bishop Edgar Rossini Ortiz Salguero
National Bishop

We give all the glory to God for what he is doing in Spain, Portugal, and Italy! His kingdom continues to spread, and we are witnesses to his faithfulness. This year in Spain, we expect the planting of four new churches and the legalization of places of worship in Baza, Figueres, Girona, and Huesca. We celebrated the first graduating class of the Foundations course with 50 graduates who are now equipped to serve, and we give thanks for the 60 active students at IBIDPE, an institute that continues to form committed leaders. In addition, we are taking steps of faith with the purchase of our national property and the ordination of 10 new licensed ministers.

In Portugal, God's work is advancing with the planting of a new church; and in Italy, multicultural services in Spanish and Italian are touching hearts. We now have 440 members in Spain, 22 in Portugal, and 60 in Italy, and every day more lives are being transformed by the gospel message. The church continues to grow with a multicultural ministry that reflects the love of Jesus to all nations.

In addition, God has allowed us to extend our help to France and Belgium, taking the Foundations course and strengthening his church in these nations.

Today, we have seven organized churches, six missions, and five mission fields in Spain; one organized church in Portugal, and one in Italy. His light continues to shine! We invite you to be part of this work. Your generosity is key

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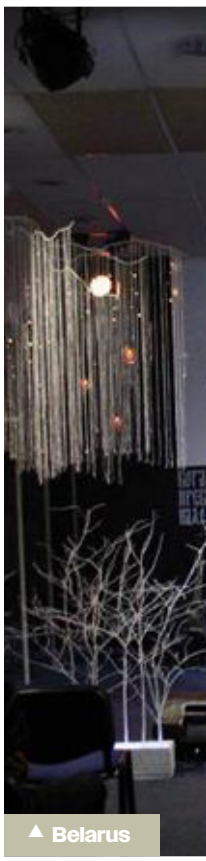

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for God's glory to reach all of Europe. Together let us proclaim his name to the ends of the earth.

ISRAEL

Bishop Clayton Endecott
General Presbyter

Brother Jules Endrawes shared the following:

> Greetings to everyone, and hello from the Holy Land.
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> This last year was very tough on us because of the war and its results. Life has not been the same. Our region is still empty of citizens at the moment, and because of that, it is hard to find work. Nevertheless, God has provided for us and kept us safe. We pray that peace comes on these troubled lands.
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> We continued to meet for meetings and prayer throughout the war and will continue to do so, in Jesus's name.
>
> We would like to thank everyone who has supported, helped, and prayed for us. If it were not for your prayers, we would have been going through even more trouble.
>
> We love you, and we bless you in Jesus's name! We wish you a belated merry Christmas and happy new year!
>
> Your family in Israel

BELARUS AND UKRAINE

Bishop Gena
National Bishop

Greetings to you from Belarus.

This past December in Berezino, our children's ministry participated in a bake–off fundraising event for the local elderly people's home. It has been a blessing to see the generosity of our church members. Some of them are elderly as well. Some baked. Some knitted warm socks. Others generously gave.

They also spent Christmas Eve at church. A few new people attended. Youth from the youth ministry participated in a skit. It was so good to see new teenagers sharing the gospel in a skit they had prepared.

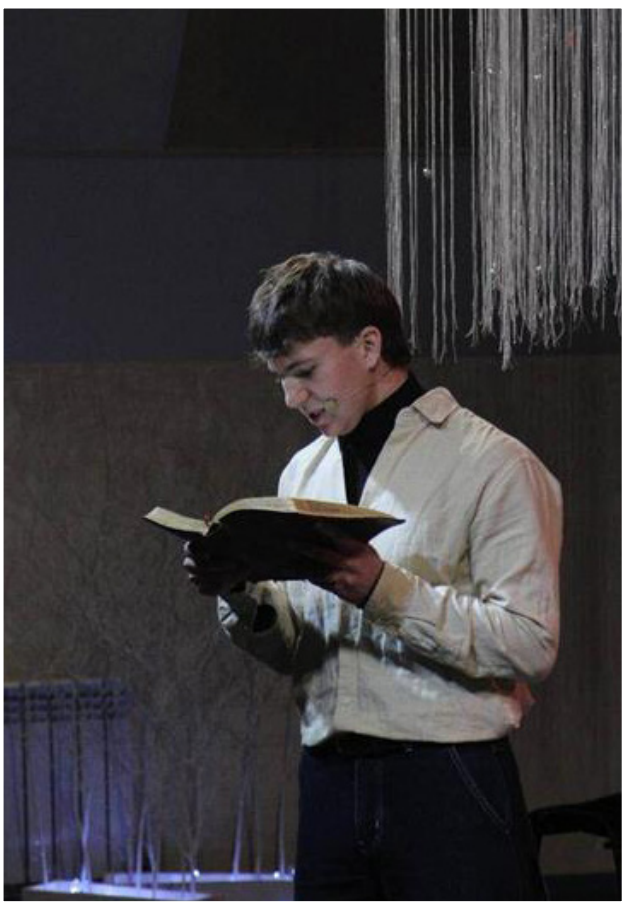
The church in Minsk celebrated Christmas and served people with disabilities in our community along with the children. People were invited to church and were told about the true meaning of Christmas, prayed for, and received gifts of groceries.

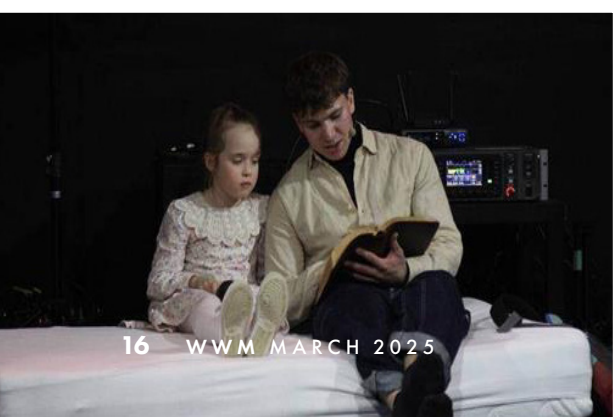
Right before New Years, our church in Minsk hosted a youth event, "Night in the Church," where our young people from Minsk and Berezino spent 24 hours at church. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, games, good food, teaching, and prayer. Our young people enjoyed spending the night at church, getting to know each other better, and growing closer to God.

Thank you for your prayers and your support of our ministry!

WIDER EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST

▼ Photos from Belarus





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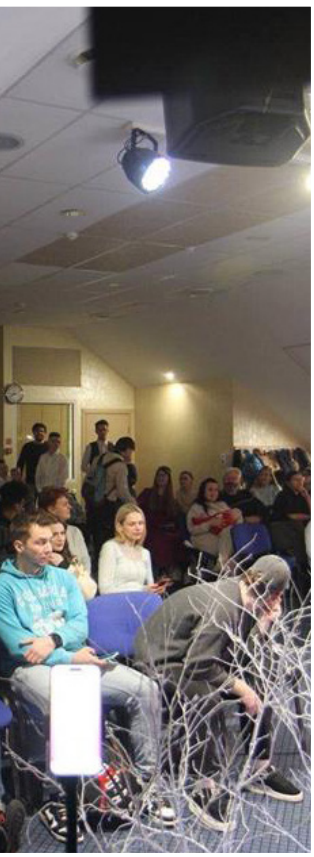

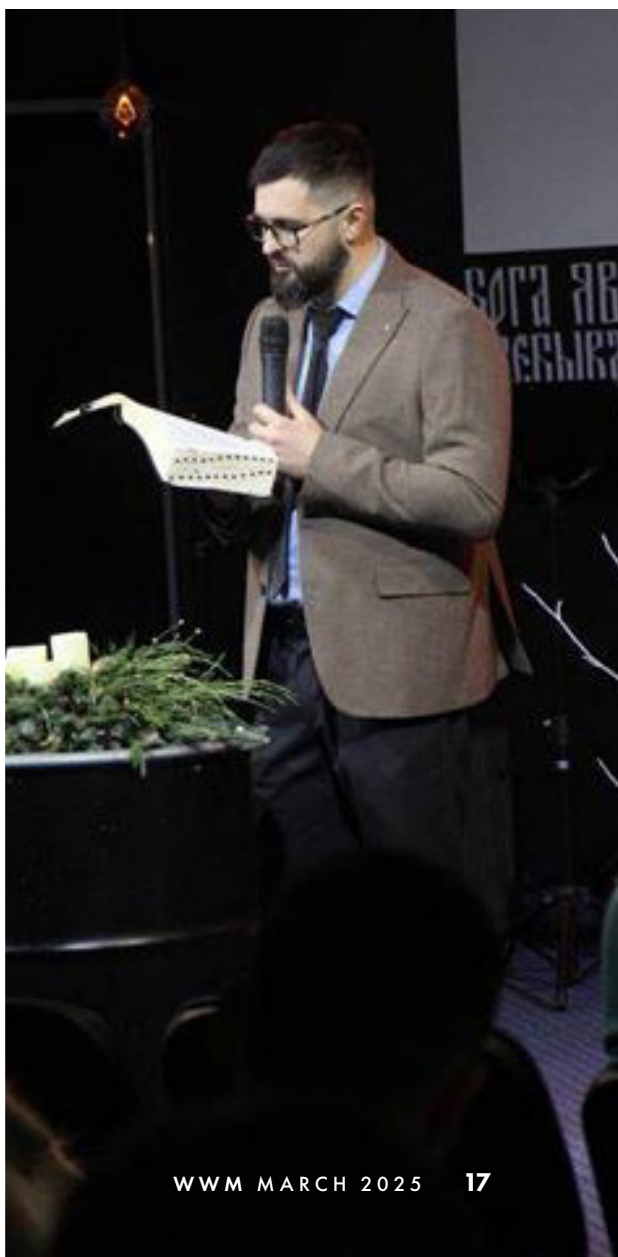

CARIBBEAN AND ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS

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BAHAMAS

Bishop Dr. Woodley C. Thompson was officially installed as the sixth national bishop of the Church of God of Prophecy in The Bahamas on September 1, 2024. The sacred service was truly Spirit-filled and ushered in the launch of the national vision of "One Faith, One Family, One Future."

One Faith
Our unified faith in Jesus Christ alone as our Lord and Savior, Redeemer and Teacher is the pillar of our belief and lifestyle.

One Family
Our commitment to building the kingdom family through intentional restoration, active growth and vibrant multiplication

One Future
Our purposeful alignment with the promises of God as recorded in Scripture defines our future both in time and eternity.

The new plurality leadership was also introduced on September 1, 2024, with Bishop Branson Gibson as executive director of ministries and Bishop Nathaniel Beneby II as executive director of finance.

As part of One Family Day on December 8, 2024, churches across The Bahamas wore branded shirts and pins. This was a reminder that despite 60 different locations, we share this Christian journey together as a family.

Our National Crusade was held January 8–10, 2025, under the theme, "Be Reconciled to God." Bishop Tedroy Powell, the national bishop of the United Kingdom, was the guest speaker at the crusade. Three powerful nights brought salvation, breakthroughs, healings, and restoration. Additionally, there was a children's crusade called "God's Friendship Adventure" that included interactive Bible study, games, drama, prayer time, and discussion.

Our outreach efforts include renovating two senior members' homes, as well as visiting Elizabeth Estates Children's Home. We spread God's love and let them know we support them as a church.

In service, faith, and collective commitment, we will continue to impact God's kingdom.

ANGUILLA

A Triple Celebratory Service in the District of Anguilla

The Church of God of Prophecy congregations in Anguilla had good reasons to celebrate three notable achievements in late December of 2024, and a special service was held in South Hill to allow for this celebration.

Moderated by the newly appointed district supervisor of Anguilla, Evan Brooks, the first segment of the service and reason for celebration was for the dedication of the new church building. The previous church building was destroyed by Hurricane Irma in September 2017, and this provided an opportunity to improve the plant and overall facilities. This beautiful, concrete structure was the culmination of the initial support from the Caribbean presbyter's office as well as the generous giving and the hard work of church members, especially those from the Spanish-speaking community. This article affords us another opportunity to express our gratitude to Bishop Martin and our Harvest Partners for their assistance.

The second segment of this celebratory service focused on the retirement of Pastor Rosa Balbuena Azor. In this section, various tributes were given to honor the work of Pastor Rosa Azor, who served for 28 years in the Spanish-speaking community of Anguilla. In his remarks to highlight her contribution to the ministry of the Church on the island, the newly appointed regional bishop, Dr. Samuel Daniel, had the following to say:

> She is a faithful servant, great pastor, and a friend to pastors across the island of Anguilla. Over the years, I've been privileged to get to know her a little. And every time I consider her, I've been encouraged and challenged by her seriousness in the work of the ministry, her humility, and friendship.

The regional bishop highlighted five areas in which he found Pastor Rosa to be outstanding:

Her Faithfulness in the Ministry
Over the years, Pastor Rosa was loyal and steadfast in her commitment to the work of the Lord. She was cooperative with the leadership of the Church and encouraged her congregation to do likewise. God has used her faithfulness not only to build a strong congregation, but

CARIBBEAN AND ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS

▲ The newly constructed concrete church at South Hill, Anguilla

▲ Cayman New Construction

▲ Anguilla

▲ Regional Bishop Dr. Samuel Daniel, Lady Malita Daniel, District Supervisor Bishop Evan Brooks, Retired Pastor Rosa Azor, and newly appointed Pastor Elias Maynard

▲ Pastor Elias Maynard

▲ Anguilla

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also to help to extend the work on the island. Through her work, she was able to challenge and encourage many people, members, and pastors in the Spanish-speaking community to be faithful through times of testing.

Taking a Stand on Biblical Principles
Pastor Rosa stood for righteousness and holiness—virtues based on principles in the Bible—and she encouraged the congregation to follow these principles in their living. She was passionate and intense in her commitment to watch and guard the members of the Church to ensure that they lived lives pleasing to God, and she was loved and respected for this.

The fact that Pastor Rosa served for 28 years in one church and did not change her convictions or position over these years, but stood strong with a gracious spirit, is remarkable. In all these years, she seemed to follow the admonition of Acts 20:28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." She took a firm stand on biblical principles.

Compassion
Pastor Rosa was known for hosting people at her home who had come from overseas, and she helped those who needed help to get established in Anguilla. Additionally, through her leadership in the Church, she was able to help many people from her community who were in need. Some of these became members of the Church.

Bishop Daniel added, "I believe many got saved over the years because they were shown the love of Jesus by their pastor."

Soul Winning
Pastor Rosa believed in soul winning. She practiced what she preached. Not only did she talk about outreach, expanding the work, and soul winning, but she led the church in outreach, and she personally shared the gospel with people in her community one on one.

Except when she was challenged with her health, she never seemed too busy or preoccupied to care about a lost person. She believed in winning souls.

Burden-Bearing Pastor
Finally, she was a burden-bearing pastor.

When she took ill and had to travel to Santo Domingo, it was amazing to see the large welcome party that met her at the airport upon her return—not just church members, but members of the community. This is testament of the impact and influence she has in the Anguilla community as someone who has helped so many. She has been a true, burden-bearing friend to many over the years, and the Lord has used her tenure to advance the work in the Spanish community on the island because of this.

The regional bishop concluded, "As she steps down from active ministry, I use the opportunity on behalf of the leaders and members of the region of the Leeward Islands, Dominica, and French West Indies to thank her for her years of faithful service; and to wish her good health for the years to come." The congregation was invited to stand and applaud a great woman of God.

The final part of the service was the installation of the new pastor, Brother Elias Maynard. This young man has served faithfully, supporting the work of Pastor Rosa over the years. His installation to assume the full responsibilities of the Spanish-speaking congregation in South Hill was applauded and supported by the congregants and community alike on the island.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Construction continues on the new church/multipurpose complex in the Cayman Islands. This dream is in fulfillment to the command of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah:

> "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. . . ." (Isaiah 54: 2–4 NIV)

As we witness progress through these photos, Bishop Clayton Martin notes that the project is taking shape. Continue to remember this effort in prayer for completion.

NORTH AMERICA

▲ New mission: Stanfield, OR

CELEBRATING GOD'S WORK THROUGH THE MULTIPLY 2030 INITIATIVE

As we embrace the call to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20), the North America Multiply 2030 Initiative flows from the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to join God in his mission of reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. In previous *White Wing Messenger* articles, we have celebrated the new church plants organized through the Multiply 2030 initiative. Today, with excitement and thankfulness, we celebrate the 28 new missions that have been planted since the initiative's inception! This wonderful milestone highlights our collective obedience to the Lord and inspires us to continue in prayer and obedience toward the goal of planting 500 new churches in North America by 2030.

THE FIRST STEPS: ORGANIZING NEW MISSIONS

The journey toward establishing a new church begins with the organization of a mission. In North America, this process involves a leader or a group of leaders gathering a small group of believers who are committed to meeting, praying, and ministering together within their community. These missions serve as the foundational step in church planting, providing the nurturing ground for growth and discipleship.

One of the most exciting things I witness is when a local congregation "mothers" a new mission or local congregation. We all have a mother who birthed and nurtured us to life and health. In the same way, new missions and congregations are birthed and nurtured by healthy congregations who support their organization, growth, and ministry. Thank God for mothering churches!

To support these new missions, beyond the support of their mothering congregation and the assistance they receive from their regional/state office, North America provides each new mission with a $1,000 Multiply Grant to aid in their initial ministry phases. Prayer and financial support enable these budding

MULTIPLY 2030 INITIATIVE
NEW MISSIONS ORGANIZED

Mission Name	State/Region
New Beginnings Russelville	Alabama
IDP El Lugar	Texas
Gresham	IOU Region
Stanfield	IOU Region
Patchogue IDP	Northeast Spanish
IDP Ebenezer	Southeast Spanish
IDP Fuente de Vida	Southeast Spanish
Sweet Home Mission	IOU Region
Encienda Una Luz	Mid-Atlantic
Shekinah Evangelical	Mid-Atlantic
Las Vegas Mission	AZ, NV, NM
Lovington COGOP	AZ, NV, NM
Rwanda Mission CGP	AZ, NV, NM
Lynnhaven COGOP	AZ, NV, NM
Tolleson COGOP	AZ, NV, NM
African Mission COGOP	AZ, NV, NM
Alamogordo COGOP	AZ, NV, NM
Central Islip	Northeast Spanish
South Farmingdale	Northeast Spanish
IDP China Grove	Southeast Spanish
Avondale COGOP SP	AZ, NV, NM
Valley Chapel	Virginia
IDP San Antonio Español	Texas
Bethel CGP	IOU Region
Grand Rapids	Great Lakes
Ebenezer IDP	Midwest Rocky Mountain
Shirley, NY	Northeast Spanish
Ministerio Restaurando Vidas	Texas

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▲ New mission: New Beginnings Russelville, AL

▲ New mission: El Lugar San Antonio, TX

▲ New mission: Enciende Una Luz Scotch Plains, NJ

▲ New mission: Gresham Portland, OR

▼ New mission: Patchogue, NY

▲ New mission: Valley Chapel Riverton, WV

new missions to establish themselves and begin their ministry of sharing Jesus with their communities. The ultimate hope for these recently planted missions is to see them flourish into organized and effective churches that share the love of Jesus with their communities/cities.

It is also significant that many new missions are organized in new and exciting ministry contexts. Some missions are established around specific community-facing ministries, rather than what we would identify as traditional church ministry. Some focus on their calling to meet the physical, emotional, and social needs of their communities, as well as the spiritual. Whatever the context, we celebrate every preaching and serving point being planted and rejoice in how God is moving in ministry that is new and exciting!

CELEBRATING THE 50TH NEW CONGREGATION PLANTED THROUGH THE MULTIPLY 2030 INITIATIVE

Amidst the joy of planting new missions, we are also thrilled to announce the organization of our 50th church within the Multiply 2030 Initiative. This milestone is a profound reminder of God's goodness and the tireless efforts of church planters and church planting teams across North America. Each of these 50 new congregations represents a community touched by the love of Christ and a testimony to the goodness of God. We celebrate the **Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía Jesucristo Rey de Reyes**, the 50th congregation planted during the Multiply 2030 Initiative!

We rejoice for God's faithfulness and the work of North America's regional/state bishops, and their Multiply 2030 teams. These leaders, along with the pastors, ministers, and leaders in every region/state, are committed to prayer and obedience to the work of the Holy Spirit. Together, we are witnessing the work of God that brings us closer to the vision of 500 new churches and 2,000 healthy congregations in North America by 2030.

TRAINING FOR GROWTH: HEALTHY CHURCH DYNAMICS

A cornerstone of the Multiply 2030 Initiative is the emphasis on

◀ 50th church plant: Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía Jesucristo Rey de Reyes

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▲ New mission: IDP Fuente de Vida, LA

▲ New mission: China Grove, NC

▲ New mission: Sweet Home, OR

▲ New mission: IDP San Antonio, TX

▼ New mission: Shekinah Evangelical, DE

▼ New mission: IDP Ministerio Restaurando Vidas Houston, TX

▲ IDP Ebenezer, AL

▲ New mission: South Farmingdale, NY

▲ New mission: Central Islip, NY

▼ New mission: Bethel West Valley City, UT

not just planting new churches but ensuring existing North America congregations are healthy and sustainable. The introduction of the Healthy Church Dynamics (HCD) training is equipping pastors and leaders across North America with the tools they need to nurture thriving congregations. This training has already been offered in a number of states/regions in North America, with the goal of extending it to every state and region by the end of 2025.

Healthy churches are the lifeblood of the initiative, as they possess the potential to impact their community with the love of Jesus, to mother other churches, and to expand the reach of the gospel. The HCD training underscores the importance of spiritual health, leadership development, and effective ministry, all of which are essential for fulfilling the Great Commission.

AN INCREDIBLE BEGINNING: HEALTHY CHURCH DYNAMICS TRAINING

We experienced a wonderful outpouring of God's goodness as North America's 26 regional/state bishops, along with the Multiply 2030 commissions of these regions/states, gathered at the International Offices Ministry Training Center in October 2024 for equipping in Healthy Church Dynamics and Church Planting Essentials. This incredible three-day event was a catalyst moment for North America as Multiply 2030 commissions were equipped to take training back to their respective regions/states. (See Recap Video at the end of this report.)

A WORLD IN NEED: PLANTING CHURCHES FOR HOPE

At the heart of our church planting efforts lies the deep conviction that the world is in desperate need of Jesus. We believe the most effective way to spread the gospel and fulfill the Great Commission is to plant healthy churches in every city and community. This mission is not just a strategy, but a divine calling placed upon the Church of God of Prophecy in North America.

Prayer is the key and essential element of the Multiply 2030 Initiative. It is through prayer that we seek guidance, strength, and provision from the Lord. We invite every believer to join us in daily prayer, lifting up this goal of 500 new churches and 2,000 healthy congregations by 2030!

NORTH AMERICA

A COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT: HONORING OUR LEADERS

We extend our deepest appreciation to the regional/state bishops of North America who have shown extraordinary commitment to the Multiply 2030 Initiative. Their support, along with their dedication to leadership development and training, has been invaluable. These leaders have embraced the challenge of expanding God's kingdom with open hearts and hands, ensuring that every new church and mission is impactful and participating in the mission of God.

A CALL TO ACTION: PARTNERING IN PRAYER AND SUPPORT

As we celebrate these achievements and look ahead to the future, we urge you to continue standing with us in prayer. Your support and intercession are vital as we strive to meet the ambitious goals of the Multiply 2030 Initiative. Let us seek the Lord together, trusting that he will lead us to plant 500 new churches and cultivate 2,000 healthy congregations by 2030. For more information visit Multiply2030.org.

▲ Training recap video

◀ Photos from North America Healthy Church Dynamics Training

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REPORT ON MINISTRY ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA

NIGER

We give thanks to the Lord for the incredible work accomplished and ongoing in Niger. As the general presbyter for Africa, I am pleased to share this report, highlighting the significant milestones achieved under our collective effort and God's guidance.

In 2018, under Bishop Kadato Richard's leadership, land was purchased in Niger with the support of the Global Mission Department. A temporary structure was erected to serve as a gathering place for worship and fellowship, but our organization was limited because we were not officially registered as a religious organization in the country.

Collaboration with Pastor Amoussou

For seven years, we were in partnership with Amoussou Agbo Pierre of Église Pentecôtiste Source De Vie (Source of Life Pentecostal Church). This partnership has been a great blessing to the two organizations and culminated in Pastor Amoussou's decision to merge his established ministry with the Church of God of Prophecy.

Combined National Convention

The November 2024 convention marked a significant milestone, drawing around 400 attendees despite the predominantly Islamic demographic.

Certainly, the merger between Pastor Amoussou Agbo Pierre's established ministry and the Church of God of Prophecy represents a significant collaboration aimed at strengthening the Church's presence and impact in Niger.

With our unified vision, the merger brought together shared values and a unified vision for community outreach and spiritual growth, enhancing the ministry's ability to serve the community, allowing the Church to engage with a larger part of the community and extend its message to more individuals across the region. This strategic partnership has positioned the Church of God of Prophecy to be more effective in its mission, building stronger community ties and creating a positive influence in Niger. We want to appreciate the global Church for supporting the mission work in Africa.

Future Development Plans

As part of our vision for growth, a proposal has been made to acquire land for a conference center, estimated at 35 million CFA francs (approximately $70,000). This facility will serve as a vital hub for future gatherings, training, and ministry activities.

We give all glory to God for the remarkable progress made in Niger. Despite the challenges of ministering in a predominantly Islamic country, the Church of God of Prophecy continues to grow and transform lives. We remain steadfast in our mission to reconcile Africa to Christ and are committed to furthering the work of the kingdom with faith, dedication, and the Lord's guidance.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Advancing God's Kingdom in Equatorial Guinea

The Church of God of Prophecy in Equatorial Guinea continues to experience God's favor and remarkable growth, marking a significant chapter in our mission to expand his kingdom across the African continent. As we reflect on the progress and achievements in this nation, we are filled with gratitude and renewed determination to fulfill the Great Commission, reconciling Africa to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Establishing a Foundation: Acquisition of Land and Temporary Place of Worship

A major milestone for the ministry in Equatorial Guinea has been the acquisition of land, which now serves as the site for a temporary place of worship. Despite financial constraints preventing the construction of a permanent building, this temporary structure stands as a beacon of hope and faith. It accommodates over 150 members who gather regularly to worship and engage in fellowship. This space has become a vital hub for spiritual nourishment and community building, symbolizing the resilience and dedication of our members.

Inspiring Visit by General Presbyter

The recent visit of South America General Presbyter Gabriel Vidal and his team brought encouragement and renewed focus to the work being done in Equatorial Guinea. Their commitment to the ministry's growth was evident in their pledge to support the renovation of the temporary building. Transforming this structure into a more durable and functional headquarters will enhance our capacity to serve as a spiritual and administrative center, fostering greater unity and purpose among the church members.

Celebrating Growth: A Thriving Network of Local Churches

The ministry's expansion is a testament to God's provision and the dedication of our leaders and members. With over five local churches established and a membership base of

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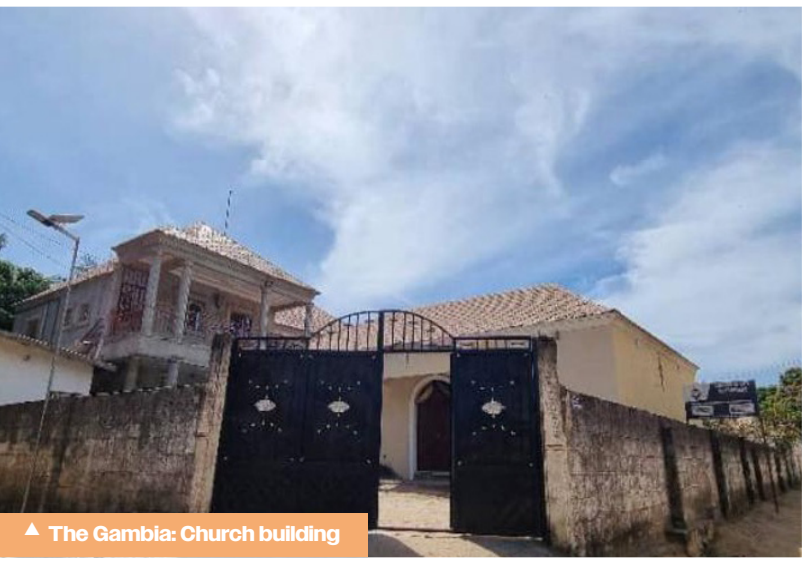
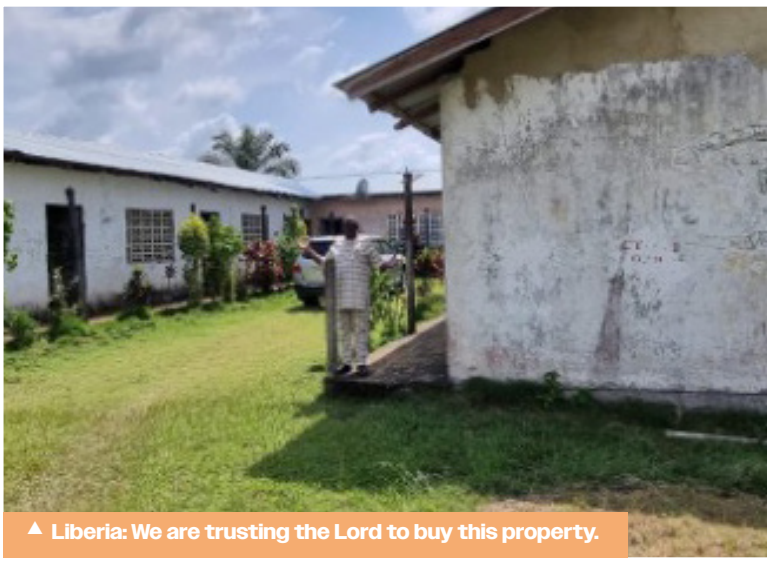


▲ The Gambia: Church building



▲ Liberia: We are trusting the Lord to buy this property.

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▼ The Gambia: Newly ordained ministers and pastors

400 to 500 individuals, the Church of God of Prophecy in Equatorial Guinea is a vibrant and growing community of believers. This growth underscores our collective commitment to spreading the gospel, discipling new believers, and serving the communities around us.

Looking Ahead: Building for the Future

The journey ahead is filled with both challenges and opportunities. The planned renovations of the temporary structure will be a significant step forward, providing a more stable and inspiring environment for worship and ministry. Moreover, we remain committed to supporting the local churches, equipping leaders, and reaching new communities with the message of Christ.

Gratitude and Vision

We are profoundly thankful for the unwavering support of the international Church leadership and the prayers of believers around the world. Your contributions have been instrumental in the progress we have achieved thus far. As we continue to build and grow, we invite you to partner with us in prayer, giving, and service, so that together, we can advance God's work in Equatorial Guinea and beyond.

The harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are rising. Let us press on with faith, love, and determination, trusting that he who began a good work in us will carry it to completion!

GHANA

The Adawukwao Local Church of the Church of God of Prophecy, Ghana, was established on May 21, 2023, with an initial fellowship of 12 members. By December 3, 2023, the group had grown to 35 members and was officially organized as a local church under the leadership of Pastor Emmanuel Amonoo-Halm and Lady Sandra Amonoo-Halm. The church's leadership team actively oversees key ministries such as evangelism, Christian education, youth, and worship, fostering growth and community engagement.

Significant milestones include the acquisition of land by Bishop Sam Addy, providing a foundation for a permanent worship center and a hub for ministry. Additionally, on August 11, 2024, Bishop Addy donated musical equipment to enhance worship experiences. These initiatives underscore the church's commitment to spiritual development and creating a vibrant worship environment.

The Adawukwao Local Church remains steadfast in its mission to reconcile the world to Christ. Through dedicated outreach, dynamic worship, and a focus on community transformation, the church continues to grow and make a meaningful impact. It stands as a testament to God's faithfulness and the unwavering dedication of its leadership and members, serving as a beacon of hope in Adawukwao and beyond.

THE GAMBIA

The mission of the Church of God of Prophecy continues to thrive across the African continent, as evidenced by the remarkable developments and spiritual milestones in The Gambia. It is a profound joy to witness how God's hand is at work, guiding his people and empowering his church to expand its influence and fulfill its mission.

This report highlights two significant areas of advancement: the ordination of ministers and the ongoing development of The Gambia Church Building Project. These milestones showcase God's faithfulness, the commitment of the leadership, and the dedication of the congregation in advancing the kingdom.

The recent visit to The Gambia by Bishop James Kolawole (Africa general presbyter) and his wife, Reverend Ellen Kolawole, allotted them opportunity to witness a momentous ordination service celebrating the calling of three pastors—Victor Akharume, Frank Lawrence O. Ogedengbe, and Emmanuel Chukwuka Enis Uti—as well as Joel and Merrily Rose Burke as deacon and deaconess.

Esteemed leaders such as Bishop Chris Uti (The Gambia and Senegal national bishop), Bishop Paul McCalla (COGOP U.K. Region 4 bishop), and others graced the occasion. The ordination, conducted by Bishop Kolawole, was a powerful and inspiring ceremony filled with prayers, blessings, and faith-filled anticipation. Bishop McCalla's sermon, titled "Called to Serve," resonated deeply as he emphasized that true ministry is rooted in humility and service to God and others.

The Gambia Church Building Project has achieved extraordinary progress, reflecting years of faith, vision, and partnership. Under the leadership of Bishop Chris Uti and with support from Harvest Partners and donors, the project now includes a sanctuary, children's hall, offices for the national bishop and pastors, seven toilet units, and a five-bedroom parsonage. This accomplishment is a testament to God's provision and the dedication of those who believe in the church's mission. The fellowship and hospitality we experienced were a true reflection of God's love.

Looking ahead, Bishop Uti has called for prayers for Senegal, where the Church currently lacks structures, but he envisions similar progress. God's work in The Gambia continues to inspire, and we celebrate his ongoing faithfulness with gratitude.

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LIBERIA

Leadership Conference

We recently held a transformative, three-day leadership conference in Liberia under the theme "Equipping Today for Tomorrow's Challenges." The event was led by Africa General Presbyter Bishop Enis James Kolawole, The Gambia/Senegal National Bishop Chris Uti, and host, Liberia National Bishop Ferdinand Weah. It was a powerful time of connection, learning, and spiritual growth, leaving participants inspired and united in their mission to spread the gospel.

The sessions were filled with impactful teaching and sermons that captivated attendees. Initially, many thought three days would be too long, but by the end, they wished it had been longer as they marveled at the joy, inspiration, and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Land for Purchase in Liberia

Following the success of our recent Liberia Leadership Conference, we are excited to share an opportunity to expand our ministry's impact. During our visit, Bishop Ferdinand Weah and his team introduced us to a property that is available for $15,000, which will serve as the future site for a national convention center. This center will be a hub for spiritual growth, leadership training, and fellowship in Liberia for generations to come. We kindly ask for your support in purchasing this land, helping us to continue to equip leaders and spread the gospel in Liberia. Your generous contribution will be a vital part of this vision.

UGANDA

Africa Youth Conference

The inaugural Africa Youth Conference was held from December 12 to 15, 2024, in Uganda. Under the theme "Shift to Reconcile Africa to Christ," this landmark event brought together vibrant youth from across the continent and beyond for spiritual growth, empowerment, and fellowship. Organized by Africa Youth Director Bishop Peter Koyea, who was unavoidably absent, and with significant financial support from International Youth Director Bishop Kirk Rising, the conference set a precedent for youth ministry in Africa. Delegates from 16 countries participated, including Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Botswana, Eswatini, Nigeria, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Guinea, Ethiopia, the United States, and Uganda (serving as the host nation).

The conference targeted 500 participants—200 international delegates and 300 Ugandan youths. However, attendance surpassed expectations with 615 participants recorded, reflecting a growing enthusiasm for youth engagement in ministry across Africa.

Conference Highlights

Day 1: Pastor Anathi Qokonyeka, from South Africa, delivered the opening message, titled "Mental Shift," inspired by Proverbs 23:7. He emphasized the importance of aligning personal convictions with God's promises, encouraging the youth to embrace transformative thinking anchored in faith.

Day 2: Bishop Gaofenngwe Edison Mooketsane, from Botswana, shared an inspiring message on "Evangelistic Shift," calling for a renewed passion for soul winning and outreach beyond familiar congregations. Additionally, Bishop Kirk Rising underscored the necessity of yielding one's life to God and highlighted the Holy Spirit's critical role in spiritual growth and transformation.

Day 3: Host Bishop James Ntezimana led a morning session focusing on leadership and growth. In the evening, I had the honor of delivering a message on "Financial Independence for Africa." This session challenged participants to reduce reliance on external aid and emphasized the importance of creating an African financial pool to support church activities and missions. The day concluded with a powerful night of impartation, leaving participants spiritually rejuvenated.

Day 4: Bishop Kirk Rising delivered the closing message on "Walking Closely with God," encouraging delegates to deepen their relationship with God. The conference concluded with the appointment of regional youth leaders, closing remarks by the host bishop, and the official launch of the Africa Youth Fund. Delegates generously contributed to this fund, marking a significant milestone for youth ministry in Africa.

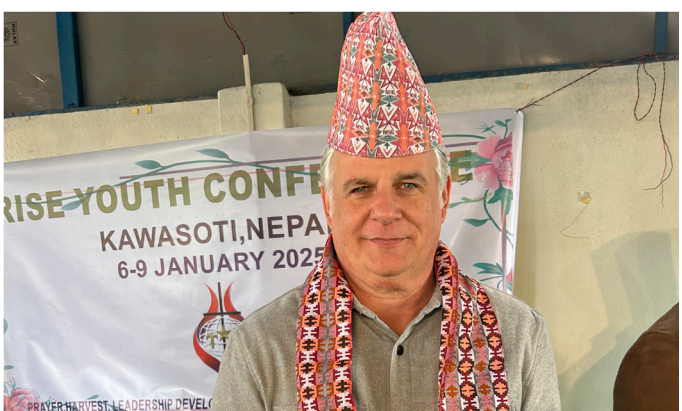
Outcomes

The Africa Youth Conference achieved remarkable results, including the following:

1. It strengthened unity and collaboration among youth leaders from 16 countries.
2. It empowered the youth with practical tools and spiritual insights for kingdom advancement.
3. It established the Africa Youth Fund to support future initiatives.
4. Regional youth leaders were appointed to enhance organizational reach and effectiveness.

The inaugural Africa Youth Conference was a resounding success, creating spiritual, mental, evangelistic, and financial shifts among participants. Delegates left inspired, equipped, and ready to drive change across the continent. Thank you to all our donors; your support made the program a success.

ASIA, AUSTRALIA, AND OCEANIA



Bishop Tim McCaleb, DMin | General Presbyter

MISSION TRIP AND NEPAL'S FIRST YOUTH CONFERENCE

As the new year of 2025 dawned in January, a multinational mission team from around the globe began to assemble in Nepal. The primary mission of this trip was to minister to the youth of Nepal spiritually, mentally, and practically. This dream for an international youth conference began several years ago in the heart of Nepal's national youth leader, Yamsing Tamang. Yamsing had seen a need and a hunger in the young people to know more about Christ, to meet Christians from other cultures, and to be strengthened in their faith. He also felt a deep concern for the mental health of his youth because of the struggles with hopelessness that is brought on by depression due to poverty, lack of opportunity, joblessness, and an overall difficult life. The conference included leaders and youth from North America, India, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Nepal. More than four hundred young people walked, rode public buses, and hitched rides on trucks just to be at the conference.

The venue was held mostly in an open-air structure with a roof and no walls even though it was January. There was no complaining, even when the cold wind was blowing and accompanied by a cold, foggy mist. The young people sat attentively through the classes from early morning until 5:00 p.m. After a two-hour break, they happily reassembled at 7:00 p.m. for worship, preaching, and celebrations until it was time to dismiss. At bedtime, all the young ladies slept on the floor of the local church, and the young men boarded buses that carried them to another nearby church, where they slept on the floor as well. Amazingly enough, there was no complaining from either group; they only expressed excitement for the opportunity to be a part of the conference.

The celebrations and singing were so intense and loud at times that Bishop Gopal Lama had to caution the participants because of complaints from some of the local Hindu population. He requested the young people to try and contain themselves so that the police would not come.

Every morning, Bishop Kirk Rising took the young people through the class "Think About It," which addressed and encouraged better mental health. Many of the youth were blessed and strengthened by this teaching. Dr. Cathy Payne spoke in the general session, but she also had one session where she ministered to all the young ladies. Bishop Tim McCaleb taught on the importance of mixing God's word with faith, and the national youth leaders of the Philippines and Malaysia ministered in song as well as through teaching. Juan Rivera, youth leader of the Northeast Spanish region in the United States, and Omar Gonzalez, state youth leader of California, taught classes, preached during the evening services, and mightily encouraged the youth of Nepal. Jessica Wellings and Jonathan McCaleb also participated in the conference, with each of them sharing words of encouragement.

The conference ended with every young person receiving a new Bible that was provided by the Tucson, Arizona, church. Most of the youth had never owned a Bible, and there was such delight on their faces as each one received the Word of God in the Nepali language. This solemn time of handing out Bibles was extremely moving to the entire team. To see the enthusiasm and eagerness of the Nepali youth as they eagerly came forward was a time that will not be soon forgotten.

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▼ Pastor Richard Anthony

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▼ Jisel Baliguat

After the youth conference ended, the ministry did not stop. The team visited nearby local churches, seeing their work, hearing their testimonies, praying with them, and giving out Bibles. We also had the opportunity to visit one of our orphanages. As the team arrived, the children were lined up to greet us, and we spent several minutes talking to the children as Sister Payne asked each one to share about school and their dreams for the future. After a while, the children sang songs, posed for pictures, and gave big hugs to all.

As the mission trip was coming to a close and each of the members began returning to their homes, the consensus was that traveling to Nepal and meeting the people there was an incredible, rewarding experience, and even though we all went there to minister, we each acknowledged that we received much more than we gave.

TESTIMONIES FROM TEAM MEMBERS

A Divine Appointment in Nepal

Pastor Richard Anthony
Malaysia National Youth Director

My recent trip to Nepal for the youth conference was a profound experience, fulfilling a divine appointment I could never have fully anticipated. My purpose was threefold: to teach on topics of faith and resilience, connect with the vibrant Nepali youth, and support our church in organizing Nepal's inaugural youth conference. From the very beginning, God's hand was evident.

My initial hesitation about accepting the invitation was replaced with a clear sense of purpose as I learned about the rising rates of depression and suicide among young people in Nepal. This knowledge resonated deeply, given my own journey in overcoming depression, and solidified my understanding that God had a specific reason for me to be there. This understanding was further cemented when I was able to share my personal testimony for the first time, something I had not done before.

The interactions with the youth were truly inspiring, marked by their receptiveness, engagement, and genuine excitement for the Lord. Learning a Nepali worship song during my layover became an unexpected and powerful connection point. Distributing Bibles in the Nepali language and witnessing the eagerness for God's Word was an unforgettable ministry highlight. This experience also resonated with memories of my father's ministry in a nearby Hindu village, highlighting the impact of perseverance and faith. Connecting with national youth leaders from other nations created a profound sense of unity in Christ.

I am deeply grateful to Bishop Tim McCaleb for this incredible opportunity. The *Kathmandu Post*'s report of 7,223 suicides in Nepal during the 2023–2024 fiscal year—the highest in the nation's history—underscores the conference's timeliness. It is clear this gathering was divinely orchestrated to bring us together as instruments of revival in Nepal.

You may hear Richard's testimony here.

Do It Again, Lord!

Omar Gonzales
California Regional Youth Director

Where do I begin? It was a blessing and an honor to be with our COGOP family and the young people of the beautiful country of Nepal. Glory be to the Lord for being able to witness history in the making—Nepal's first ever youth conference!

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Over four hundred young people were in attendance, with additional representation from India, Malaysia, Philippines, and North America. It was glorious to see such an atmosphere of expectation and a genuine desire for the Word of God. I saw with my very eyes the kingdom of God flourishing in the hearts of every pastor, parent, and young person present in this conference. I had the opportunity to hear their stories of how they came to the faith, and I learned of the obstacles and challenges they face on many levels because of their faith in Christ. Despite those challenges, their faith continues to grow and so does their desire to see God's glory and to learn about his Word.

I returned home with a full heart and a love for God's people in Nepal, and I could not help but remember the powerful words of Jesus: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6 ESV). May the Lord quench the thirst of our young people in Nepal in deeper waters; may he do it for our churches in Asia and all around the world, for this is only the beginning for the young people of Church of God of Prophecy. Do it again, Lord!

Blessed!

Jisel Baliguat
Philippines National Youth Director

I was amazed with the experience the Lord provided me on the mission trip to Nepal. My testimony from the youth conference begins with the knowledge that this was my first invitation to speak in another nation. Starting with my first presentation, I was very nervous as I was required to deliver the lesson in English, and I am not a native English speaker. Additionally, my lesson had to be understood and translated. I had been praying for several days for the Lord to use me as an instrument to speak to the young people and to share the Word of God. It certainly was a blessing to be able to connect with them. After I had spoken the first day, two young girls approached me and thanked me in our Filipino language. I was so touched and blessed by them for trying to learn how to thank me in my own language.

During the second day, I was blessed by how attentive the young people are in Nepal. This new way [for me] to serve the Lord and connect with his people is so exciting.

It was also a blessing to see the creation of God in Nepal and to experience the hospitality of the people. It was an incredible blessing to be a part of the team that ministered. I thank the Lord for the opportunity he gave me.

You may hear the fuller expression of Jisel's testimony here.

Harvest Partner Spotlight

All of us are familiar with the Bible verses known as the Great Commission. Matthew 28:18–20 (NLT) states, "Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Our church is privileged to have great leaders on the frontlines around the world following this very commandment.

These ministers of the gospel give from every aspect of their lives. They sacrifice time away from their families missing major holidays, milestones, and special occasions with their children and grandchildren. They spend hours studying to prepare sermons and messages. They spend time in their prayer closets seeking a deeper relationship with God and crying out in desperation for their churches and nations. They travel many miles across deserts, mountains, and even oceans to reach remote islands and villages to encourage our pastors and to reach new people groups who have not heard the gospel message. They comfort and give aid to their neighbors during times of crisis such as famine, war, and natural disasters. They are even persecuted by their own governments and chased away by religious zealots who do not want the spread of any Christian influence in their countries.

Political and civil unrest seems to be a major theme throughout many nations around the world— including nations in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. National Bishop Chin in Myanmar recently said,

> Under the military regime, commodity prices have risen sharply, and inflation has made even the basics unaffordable. Electricity is unreliable, with power available for only four hours a day. Despite these hardships, the believers in our church have stepped up in an extraordinary way. For the upcoming conference, the local church will contribute $3,998 USD—not because we have an abundance of funds, but because our members have made tremendous sacrifices. Many have given up their meals and endured hunger to show their love and devotion to God. This kind of sacrificial giving reflects the heart of our people.

Pastor Albino Quembo, the administrative assistant in Mozambique, shared with us the struggles of our members and people from that nation. They are currently going through a season of civil unrest due to the recent political elections. The nation is also going through a drought, and they have been unable to sow seeds to grow food for the last three seasons.

Our leaders give so much of their time, energy, and their own personal resources to see the church grow and the gospel spread. As a church family we *must* continue to support our leaders with our prayers and finances. I pray that God will bless you and your church greatly for your sacrificial giving to our global family as they continue to be *On Mission* as they work to reconcile their nations to Christ.

STEPHANIE ROBERTS | GLOBAL MISSIONS MINISTRIES

MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND SPANISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN

"ONE LIFE, ONE MISSION" GLOBAL CONFERENCE
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

On November 21–23, 2024, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, became the epicenter of an international event that marked a "before and after" in youth ministry at a continental level. The "One Life, One Mission" Global Conference, held at CEAD's (Centro Evangelístico Asambleas de Dios/ Assemblies of God Evangelistic Center) facilities, brought together 1,600 young people from more than 20 countries in Central America, the Caribbean, South America, and the United States. It was a transforming experience full of inspiration, learning, and unity that focused on expanding the kingdom of God.

The event was sponsored by the region of Mexico, Central America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, under the leadership of Bishop Benjamin Feliz, and organized by the National Youth Ministries of Honduras. The Global Conference stood out for its excellence in planning, the diversity of its participants, and the spiritual and academic depth of its activities.

A Historic Continental Meeting

The atmosphere at CEAD during those three days was unparalleled. Young people from different cultures and backgrounds gathered with a single purpose: to affirm their calling and commit to fulfilling God's mission. Representatives from Spanish- and English-speaking countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America, and the United States, gave testimony of the unity and diversity that characterize the body of Christ.

The presence of internationally renowned speakers enriched the event. Among them were the following:

- **Dr. Alexia Salvatierra**, dean of Fuller Seminary, who challenged the audience with each of her sessions
- **Dr. Jorge Patpatian**, from Uruguay, who spoke on the challenge of mental health and sexuality
- **Dr. Elías Rodríguez**, who opened the Global Conference and presented the biblical basis for the mission

Also in attendance were Dr. Gabriel E. Vidal, presbyter of South America; Bishop Kirk Rising, International Youth Ministries director; and the presbyter of Mexico, Central America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, Bishop Benjamin Feliz. These and other speakers, with their excellent presentations, left an indelible impression on the young people present, motivating them to embrace their mission and commit themselves to God's work in their respective countries and communities.

Major Activities

The conference program included various activities designed to equip and motivate attendees. The following were among the highlights:

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- **Keynote lectures:** Keynote speakers provided insightful and relevant teachings on key topics. Each session was a call to action, challenging young people to step out of their comfort zones and become agents of change.
- **Workshop for key leaders:** A one-day workshop was held exclusively for key leaders from more than 20 countries during the event. It was a space for learning and exchanging experiences, where strategies to strengthen youth ministry were discussed.
- **Discussion forums:** In these spaces, young people had the opportunity to discuss current issues affecting Christian youth, and the speakers had the opportunity to answer many of their questions.
- **Talent afternoon:** One of the most exciting activities was the talent afternoon, where participants were able to showcase their artistic gifts and skills, from music to poetry. This event highlighted the creativity and potential of young people as instruments to glorify God.
- **Worship times:** Music and worship were fundamental pillars of the conference. The worship team led moments of deep connection with God, creating an environment where the Holy Spirit moved powerfully.

The **One Life, One Mission** Global Conference was not only a training event but also a time of consecration and commitment. The sermons challenged attendees to live purposefully, be faithful to God's call, and influence their communities.

The testimonies of the young participants confirmed the impact of the event. Each returned home with a renewed vision and a heart on fire for the gospel. The unity experienced at this conference reminded us that although we are diverse, we share the same calling and Lord.

Looking to the Future

The **One Life, One Mission** Global Conference set a precedent in the history of youth ministry. It was a historic time that reminded attendees of the importance of investing in the younger generation and equipping them to fulfill their mission in Christ.

As the church looks to the future, the message of this conference resonates strongly: every life has a purpose in God's plan, and every mission matters in the expansion of his kingdom. With hearts full of hope and determination, the young participants returned to their countries, ready to live and fulfill their calling.

The Global Conference was more than an event; it was a move of God that inspired a generation to walk firmly in their faith and to commit to the mission of taking the gospel to the world. This historic time will remain etched in the hearts of those who attended, reminding them that every step they take toward God's purpose has an eternal impact.

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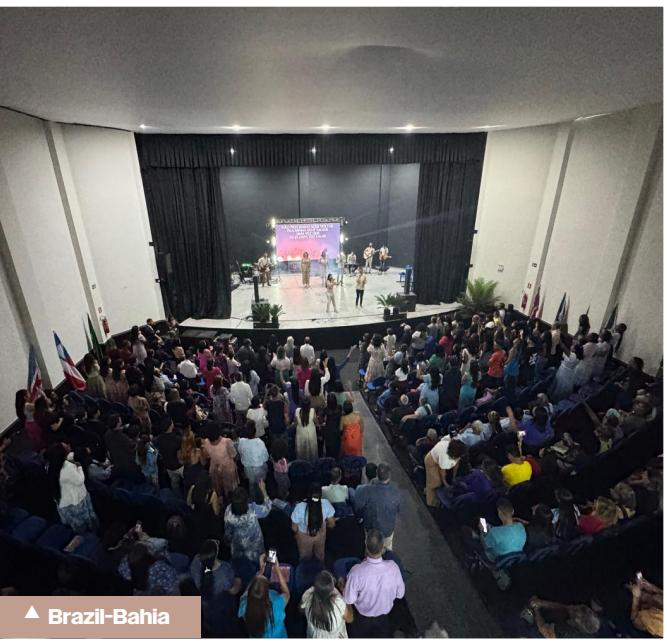

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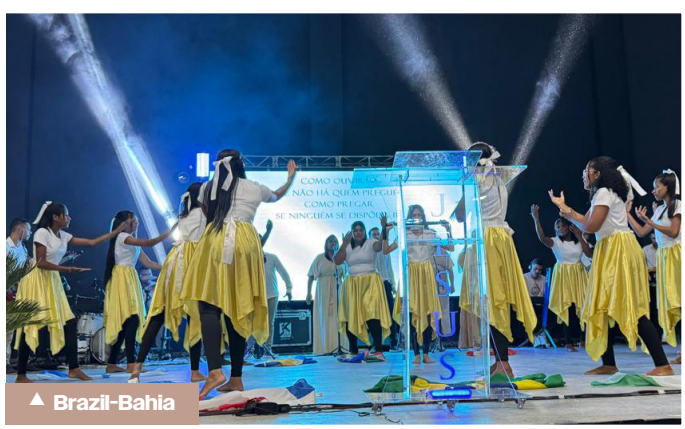

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By the grace of our Lord, we continue to work with the harvest, discipleship, and our national ministries.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH IN BRAZIL

Bahia

From November 15 to 18, 2024, the Regional Convention of the Church of God of Prophecy in the state of Bahia took place in the city of Cândido Sales with an average attendance of two hundred people per day. The convention operated under the theme "Called," and special guests included the continental director of the Church Planting Department of the Church of God of Prophecy in South America, Francisco Lopez Paz, and the representative of the Multiplication Network, Luís Eduardo Pinzón. Powerful messages and teachings based on the theme were given throughout the convention. On Saturday, November 17, an evangelistic march through the city was organized, touching the hearts of several people in the community. At the end of the convention, more than 15 brothers met with the continental director of church planting to receive strategic instructions for starting a new preaching point in the region.

Ceará

The first COGOP church in the state of Ceará was planted at the end of 2017. Since then, the church in Ceará has moved forward and has experienced enormous growth with four organized churches and seven missions, some of which are almost ready to be organized.

On November 29 through December 1, 2024, the First Regional Convention of the Church of God of Prophecy in the state took place in the city of Varjota (Ceará) and brought together around two hundred and thirty participants. The convention adopted the theme "On Mission," based on Matthew 28, and welcomed special guests such as Hernandes Fernandes Filho (COGOP national bishop of Brazil), Francisco Lopez Paz (continental director of the Church Planting Department for COGOP South America), and Luis Eduardo Pinzón and Gizele de Oliveira (both from the Multiplication Network). The event impacted many lives and made an impression on the state of Ceará.

IDP (COGOP) Sertão Project

The Ceará hinterland is one of Brazil's most challenging and culturally rich regions. Located in the semi-arid northeast, the sertão faces adverse climatic conditions, especially long periods of drought and water scarcity, which directly affect the economy, agriculture, and the population's quality of life. With a deep-rooted Catholic religious culture, small communities can easily be found in this state that do not have even one evangelical church. Recently, COGOP Brazil reached a community of around 3,000 people and established the first evangelical church in that area. The proposal of the IDP Sertão Project is to offer, in addition to the word of reconciliation, food baskets, a sports activities project, and training for workers in the region. During the convention, we received a donation of a motorcycle to facilitate evangelization in this community. Pray for the IDP Sertão-Ceará Project!

Minas Gerais

The Regional Convention of the Church of God of Prophecy in Minas Gerais took place on January 17–19 at the Pousada do Rei site, located in the municipality of Sarzedo (Minas Gerais) and was attended by approximately two hundred people. The theme of the convention was "Called to Holiness," emphasizing the importance of holy living for missional purposes in reconciling creation and humanity with Jesus Christ. Powerful messages and various teachings were shared based on the central theme.

ECUADOR'S NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

Benjamin Aldana Perez
Ecuador National Bishop

During the month of October, Ecuador celebrated their National Youth Camp with the theme "More of You, God; Less of Me." The camp was comprised of three hundred young adults and teenagers. The focus of the event was to remain mindful that Christ may reign in our lives, as mentioned in

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the words recorded in John 3:30. During the camp, topics such as "Discovering My Identity in God" and "Living with Intention" were addressed. There were also workshops for young married couples on how to apply the motto of the camp in marriage. Campers experienced moments of deep spiritual connection and saw the glory of God through worship, reflections, and group dynamics. This camp not only strengthened the faith of the campers, but it also fostered a sense of community and commitment among the attendees.

We thank God for his blessings and the outpouring of his Spirit, which made this experience a transformational encounter that strengthened faith and community among the participants.

URUGUAY NATIONAL CONVENTION

Bishop Gabriel Vidal
General Presbyter

In November, we convened the National Convention of Uruguay, marking the transition of National Bishop Sergio Garcia, who had served for over a decade. During the convention, Bishop Garcia was able to pass the mantle to Bishop Marco Antonio Benavides.

To bid farewell to our esteemed Bishop Sergio and his wife, Susana Garcia, we extended an invitation to all the South America national bishops to attend, participate, and minister during the convention. Additionally, we wanted to spend time with the García family.

During the convention, each national bishop had the opportunity to minister with authority to our church in Uruguay and bid adieu to Bishop Sergio Garcia and his wife. We also formally welcomed Bishop Marco Antonio Benavides and his wife, Marcela.

We extend our continued prayers for Bishop Garcia, who is currently in poor health. We also pray for the Benavides family, seeking God's guidance to enable them to continue the transformative work within our church in Uruguay. Finally, we would like to sincerely thank the Garcia family for their gracious treatment and love for all of us.

BOLIVIA 2024 MINISTER'S CONVENTION

David Orozco Chino
Bolivia National Bishop

On December 3–5, approximately three hundred individuals, including bishops, ministers, pastors, national directors, and special guests, convened in Yacuiba, Bolivia. The gathering was characterized by a period of profound praise, communion of the Holy Spirit, and the exposition of the Word of God.

The central theme of the event was the imperative of reconciling the world with Christ. The Biennial Operational Plan, presented by the regional supervisor, is structured upon three primary focal points:

1. Intentional Evangelism
2. Relational Discipleship
3. Church Planting

We express our gratitude to God for the opportunity to witness the tangible progress of the work in Bolivia.

Please continue to pray for Bolivia, as we are planning to establish 500 new churches by 2030.

ARGENTINA NATIONAL MINISTER'S CONVENTION

David Ramon Ceballos
Argentia National Bishop

On December 5-8, 2024, we held our Minister's Convention at the Cine Teatro Español in the city of Roque Saenz Peña in the province of Chaco. Our theme was "Servant Leadership." Bishop Gabriel Vidal and Dr. Elias Rodriguez, CBL instructor, shared the preaching and conference trainings, which were very inspiring and a great blessing for the leadership in Argentina. The attendance of 352 people consisted of pastors and leaders of the Church of God of Prophecy in Argentina. We promoted the processes of church planting, theological education, ladies' ministries, and intergenerational ministries (children, teenagers, and youth). We thank the Lord for the time of harmony and fellowship among the leadership. We begin a new year with great expectations of what the Lord will do in our nation.

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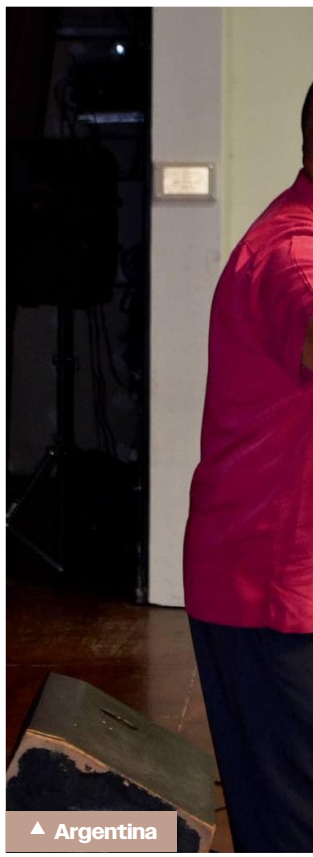
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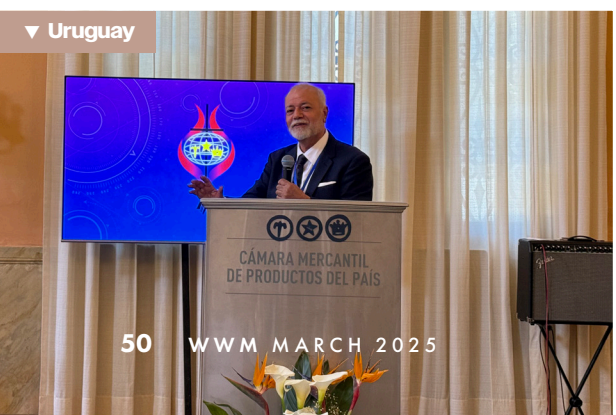

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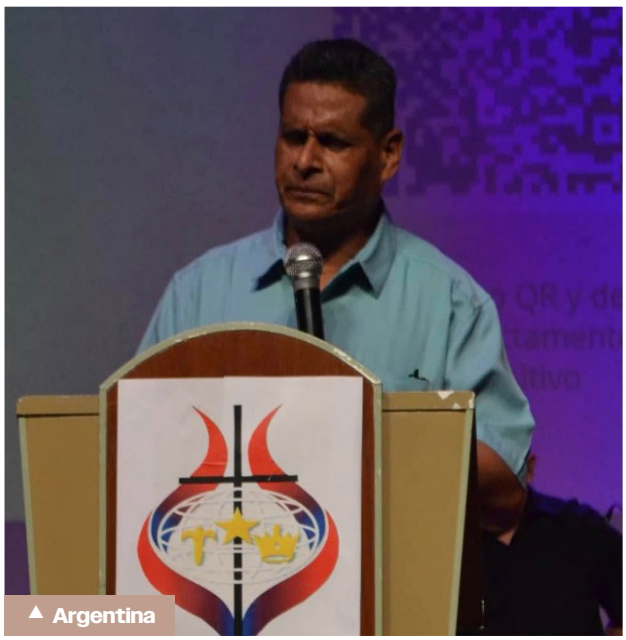

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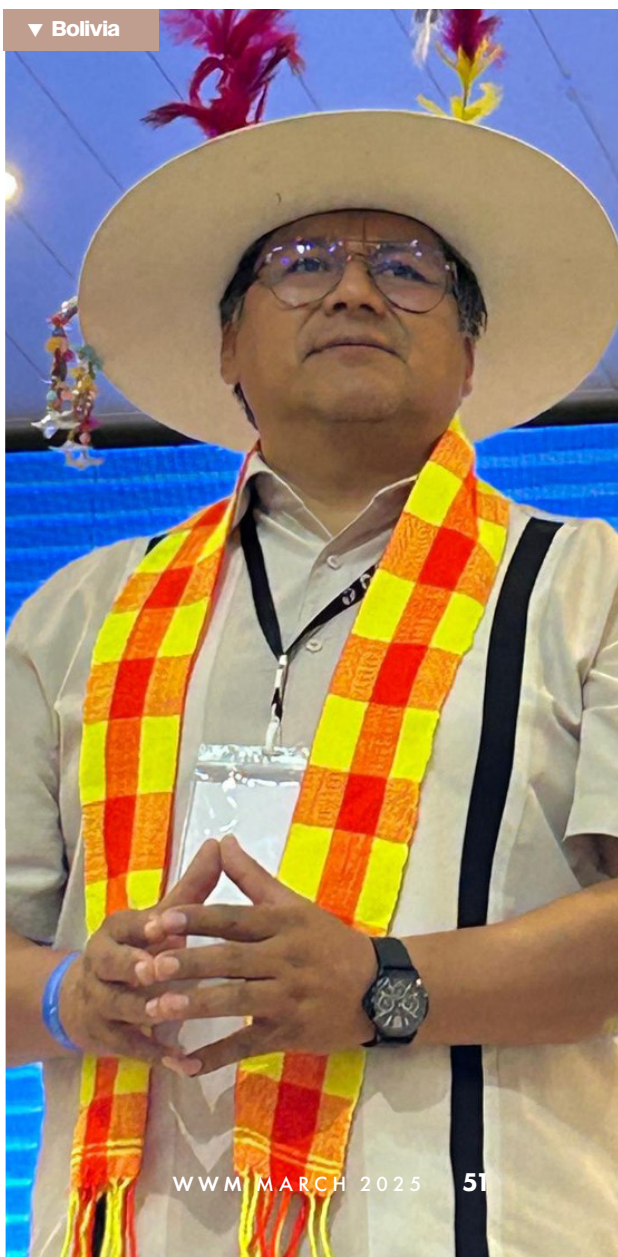

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Bishop Jose Romero Diaz

COSTA RICA NATIONAL BISHOP

Bishop Jose Romero Diaz was appointed as the national bishop of Costa Rica in August 2023. Global Missions was very fortunate to get to know Bishop Romero and his sweet wife better at last year's International Assembly, so we would like to share with you his testimony and vision for Costa Rica.

Originally born in Boca Chica, Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic), Bishop Romero says that his family environment was decisive in his development at a young age. He grew up with an education based on moral and family principles, being taught to love and help those most in need. His parents, who did not necessarily live out their faith to the fullest, taught him to do what was right and to try to be a good person in everything he did. He credits his parents' influence for his early development.

During Bishop Romero's adolescence, he was faced with various existential crises and family situations, including the separation of his parents. These struggles were what created a great internal need for him to turn his life around, and he came to know the Lord at the age of 17. He said it was an unparalleled and unforgettable experience. After that, he grew his faith in the church and developed a passion for the lost and the things of the Lord. Keeping close relationships with the pastors and leaders in the church helped him in his spiritual growth and development. Bishop Romero has served in many ministry capacities—as a youth leader, evangelism leader, Bible school teacher, family ministry leader, district youth pastor, pastor, and national director of youth ministry—in the Dominican Republic. And now he serves as the national bishop for the beautiful Republic of Costa Rica.

When asked what some of the major challenges are that the church currently faces in Costa Rica, Bishop Romero responded that the limitation of economic progress and social development within the nation is one of the main obstacles. A large percentage of the church's membership is originally immigrant. They are affected by transculturation, which produces changes in identity and significantly affects the character and development of the church's mission in this diverse context. Additionally, the lack of economic resources

to develop projects causes instability—instability due to the constant migration of some of the parents or entire families to other cities in search of better development opportunities, which creates challenges in management and, in many cases, leads to family disintegration. Another major challenge is the low levels of education many of the current ministers have. Implementing new curriculum, education projects, and leadership development opportunities has come with a new set of challenges.

On the other hand, when asked about some of the biggest triumphs and blessings the nation is experiencing, he said they have been blessed to experience lives restored by the power of the gospel. Families and marriages are being restored. New congregations have been established. The growth and mentoring of senior leadership is taking place. The development of a project to build parsonages has produced a significant movement in favor of our ministers in precarious situations. Experiencing the benefits of effective and intentional pastoral care in families has resulted in greater satisfaction.

Bishop Romero has a big vision for the nation of Costa Rica. He wants to continue to provide comprehensive leadership that encompasses the emotional, spiritual, familial, and social health of their ministering body and the families of the church. He wants to provide continuous and intentional education opportunities for those in leadership. He desires to plant new churches. He wants to see an effective mentoring plan for the youth in the nation, which includes developing strategies and forming structures for them as the next generation of ministry leaders. He also wants to develop inspirational and healthy leadership for every church congregation. We pray that God will bless and honor this vision and provide the resources needed to see this vision to fruition.

Finally, we asked Bishop Romero how we should pray for him, his family, his ministry, and Costa Rica. Bishop Romero asked that we pray for wisdom, strength, passion, and provision so that he can continue fulfilling the assignment in Costa Rica and be a benefit for the kingdom and its mission. Pray that he will continue to obtain the tools needed to be a more effective minister, and pray for his wife, Sister Aracelis Morillo, and his children, Hillary Esther, Jose Eliel, and Shelsy Marie—that they will continue to be a source of support and will continue to grow in the calling God has for them. Pray for the integral health of the ministry in Costa Rica, including spiritual, familial, and emotional health. Pray for all the children, teenagers, and young people as they rise up as a new generation. Pray for the growth in membership and church planting projects. And finally, pray for the financial resources to continue with leadership development projects, parsonage construction projects, and the construction of the national convention center, as well as other expansion projects.

We are blessed and honored to work alongside Bishop Romero as co-laborers in the kingdom of God. Please pray for this precious family and our church in Costa Rica.

▲ Children of Mali

ONE CHILD FUND UPDATE

Over the years, the number one question asked of me is, "Where is the greatest need?" And, every time I want to respond, "**All** of them." That response is always true; however, in this article I will highlight the ministry of three nations: Indonesia, Mali and Uganda. This highlight does not indicate that the other eight nations do not need support; the reality is that every national orphanage ministry is currently underfunded, meaning that operational support is also required from the national budgets.

Indonesia

The past few years have been challenging for the church in Indonesia. Just a few years ago, we had four orphanages in this nation that we assisted with funding support. Currently we assist only one, and the others continue to be funded by the local churches. The Terima Kasih Abadi Children's Home houses the largest number of children of all our homes with 83 children in the care of the national bishop, Fasa Aro Zendrato, and his staff. The average cost per month for a child's expenses for food, clothing, personal items, school support, etc., is $160.00. With our financial support, these children were still underfunded by 85 percent for each child's needs.

Mali

Ranked amongst the poorest nations in the world, Mali established the Centre David est Roi Children's Home in 2008. The majority of the 50 children come from poverty-stricken families where one or both parents are deceased, and the family can no longer provide care for the child. Other children come from homes where the parents desire an environment for their children which they cannot provide. The average cost per month for a child's expenses (food, clothing, personal items, school support, etc.) is $135.00. Even with our funding support, these children were underfunded by 87 percent for each child's needs.

Uganda

We are currently assisting the ministry of three children's homes in Uganda. House of Mercy, built and opened in 2012 by our national bishop, houses and provides schooling for 54 children. Ramona's Reach Children's Home was built in honor of a young woman who wanted to bless

▲ Children of Indonesia

▲ Top: Uganda // ▲ Bottom: Indonesia video

and help poor children in Uganda. An untimely death prevented her from ever going to Uganda. Her legacy, however, continues within this home. The dorms, school classrooms, the well for clean water, and kitchen were all built and improved by her childhood Canadian Mennonite fellowship. Our fellowship owns the land and is rebuilding the church on the land. The third children's home with whom we have a connection operates under the name Emanuel. The location in a swampy area has resulted in its temporary closure by the national Ministry of Health. Twelve of our children have been moved to Amungula Children's Development where Compassion International assists with support.

Remaining Orphanage Ministries

The three homes above are perhaps currently the "most in need." However, allow me to share the needs of some of the remaining orphanage ministries with you, noting the underfunding for these nations. The Horizon of Hope Village in the Philippines has reopened this past year under the protection of our national ministry and is in desperate need of sponsors again. Haiti, a nation plagued with violence, is 68 percent underfunded. India, a nation experiencing religious persecution, remains at 70 percent underfunded. Myanmar, a nation suffering from military oppression, is 60 percent underfunded. Rwanda is still recovering from past political turmoil and remains 80 percent underfunded.

As a fellowship, I believe we can do better to assist these ministries. I am a witness of our compassion and giving in times of crisis, and this is a crisis for our children. The Word instructs us to not only take care of the orphans (James 1:27) but to defend them as well (Psalm 82:3).

Thank you to the individuals and churches who give faithfully to the One Child Fund (OCF) to support and bless our orphaned and needy children. As we continue to give and pray, please also pray for the Lord of the harvest to prick the hearts of other individuals and churches to support this incredible ministry.

If you or your church have any questions about the OCF, please feel free to contact me. If you would like to start giving now, go to https://globalcogop.org/donate.

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