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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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The Church of God of Prophecy is a vibrant, worldwide body of believers, united in worship, working hand-in-hand to share God's love and a message of hope to the brokenhearted. The organization has more than a million members and more than 16,000 ministers, worshipping in more than 14,000 churches or missions in 139 nations of the world.

Church of God of Prophecy Core Values

- Prayer
- The Harvest
- Leadership Development
- Biblical Stewardship
- Service

Vision Statement

Reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit

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PASTOR APPRECIATION

“And He Himself gave some to be pastors . . .”
(Ephesians 4:11 NKJV).

There are few callings more sacred—or more demanding—than that of a pastor. Each week, thousands of pastors across the Church of God of Prophecy faithfully open God’s Word, lead worship, pray with the broken, comfort grieving families, dedicate babies, officiate weddings, visit hospitals, counsel marriages, disciple believers, and reconcile the world to Christ. Much of what they do is never seen by the congregation, yet heaven records every act of faithful service.

The Apostle Paul instructed the church to “respect those who labor among you . . . and esteem them very highly in love because of their work” (1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 ESV). Pastor appreciation is more than an annual observance—it is a biblical opportunity to honor those who faithfully shepherd God’s people.

October has been designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. I want to encourage every local church to make this more than a date on the calendar. Let it become an opportunity for extravagant appreciation—expressed through extravagant gratitude, extravagant encouragement, generous giving, and intentional prayer. Honor should never be reserved only for retirement or a memorial service. Faithfulness deserves encouragement while it is still being lived.

As you honor your pastor, remember the family who serves alongside them. Spouses and children often share in the sacrifices of ministry while quietly supporting the work to which God has called them. They, too, deserve our extravagant love, encouragement, and appreciation.

Recently I came across the following Facebook post (author unknown). I paused when I read it. Although written with the small-church pastor in mind, I believe it speaks to the heart of every faithful shepherd, regardless of the size of the congregation. It reminded me that while the world often celebrates prominence, God honors faithfulness.

Pastor, know that your labor is not in vain. The lives you touch, the prayers you pray, the tears you shed, and the seeds you sow are making an eternal difference. Your influence extends far beyond what you can presently see.

To every pastor and pastoral family across our global fellowship, thank you for serving so faithfully. We honor you, we appreciate you, and we are praying for you. Thank you for answering God’s call and for serving His Church with such faithfulness.

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” —Galatians 6:9 (NKJV).

TO THE *SMALL CHURCH* PASTOR

The one not chasing a platform, building a brand, or looking for applause.

You're just faithfully doing the hidden work of the Kingdom.

- You preach while tired.
- You pray over your people by name.
- You walk families through heartbreak, funerals, failures, and hard seasons.
- You've been hurt, questioned yourself, and kept loving anyway.
- Sometimes you're the preacher, janitor, counselor, volunteer coordinator, and maintenance crew all in one.
- Yet every Sunday, you still show up carrying hope.

In a culture obsessed with celebrity ministry, never forget this: real shepherd work still matters.

*You may never
be known by the
world, but heaven
knows your name.*

Pastor, keep serving. Keep loving. Keep being faithful.
JESUS IS WATCHING!



A VISION FOR — THE NATIONS —

PRAYER, PRESENCE, AND PROVISION

Heaven will someday host a gathering more diverse than any our world has ever seen. John saw it and gave us a small glimpse: a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, standing before the throne, worshiping the One seated on it. The Father's will is that all should be saved, that none be missing from that multitude. His mission is that we join with Him to reconcile the world to Christ, so that His vision for creation may come to pass and all may be present when that multitude assembles.

The question for our global Church of God of Prophecy family today is this: what role will we play in the mission of God so that His will may be accomplished through us?

I am honored to serve the Church of God of Prophecy as the new Director of Global Missions Ministries. As I step into this role, I do so with gratitude for the many generations of missionaries, national leaders, pastors, and congregations who have carried the Gospel to the ends of the earth, many times at great personal cost. I am committed



to connecting the hands of our churches, pastors, and members, one to another, so that God's mission can be accomplished through His body. I am inviting you to join in what the Father set out to accomplish, continue in the work that Jesus began, and go where the Spirit of God is already going.

The State of the Church

The Church of God of Prophecy is a global family. Collectively, there are more than 14,000 organized churches and missions with over 16,000 licensed ministers actively ministering across 137 nations

around the globe. From Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world, to the remote mountains of the Himalayas in Nepal, from refugee camps in South Sudan to regions of the Amazon in South America, the Church of God of Prophecy is present, preaching, and serving.

I also believe that God is not finished! Across our global family, doors are opening in places where the Church has never had a voice. New congregations are forming. New leaders are being raised up. In some communities in Nepal, our churches remain the only Christian witness for miles. In nations affected by war and civil conflict, we have watched God sustain revivals and keep churches ministering through crisis. The harvest is laid out before us, but the question that rang true for Isaiah now rings true for us as well: "Who will go?"

Our Vision: Prayer, Presence, and Provision

We believe an invitation has been extended to every believer and every congregation to participate in the mission of God. Jesus calls us to be His witnesses "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). That commission was not given to the global missions office, however. It was given to the Church. Our vision is to see the people of God actively engaged in God's mission for reconciliation through three primary areas of partnership: prayer, presence, and provision.

Through prayer, we intercede for churches, leaders, families, missionaries, and communities of faith around the world. Prayer is not a preface to mission; it is mission. When a congregation in the Bahamas intercedes for a congregation in Belarus, Brazil, or Bermuda, something happens in unseen places that no manmade strategy could ever accomplish. We are committed to being led by the Spirit. Every initiative must be preceded by prayer. Every need must be laid before the Lord. Every good thing He provides must be returned to Him in praise and thanksgiving. Church of God of Prophecy family, would you join us in partnering in the mission of God through prayer?

Through presence, we build relationships across cultures, serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ, and make ourselves available to go where God sends us. God's global mission does

not operate in one direction. God is raising up faithful men and women from everywhere and sending them to the ends of the earth. His Spirit may be stirring you to cross borders and cultures, but presence is not merely measured by miles traveled. All of God's people play a part in His missional mandate to go, and there are ways you can walk with us in that mandate today. Be present for missions services in your church and share about the work God is doing among the nations. Attend your conventions and district services to build community. Finally, be present for the International Assemblies where you are able to see a small scale of that multitude John saw as well.

Further still, in response to Bishop Coalter's biennial address at the 103rd International Assembly, the Global Missions Department is actively working to make mission-sending opportunities through the International Offices a reality for those who have discerned the call to go beyond their borders. I look forward to the day when I can invite you to go and be a part of what God is doing in another part of the world. Church of God of Prophecy family, would you join us in partnering in the mission of God through presence?

Through provision, we faithfully provide the resources needed to strengthen ministries, equip leaders, care for missionaries, support churches, and respond to practical needs. Our stewardship

is an act of worship. Provision is not charity flowing from the strong to the weak. It is the body of Christ, joined together, supplying what each member needs so the whole body can fulfill its calling.

There are ways you or your church can walk with us in this expression of the mission today. Through Harvest Partners, your church can prayerfully partner with a nation and provide support for national leaders and strategic projects. Through Helping Hand Ministry, you as an individual can give toward construction, transportation, disaster response, and other needs across our mission network. Through One Child Fund, churches and individual donors can support children in our orphanages and children's homes. Church of God of Prophecy family, would you join us in partnering in the mission of God through provision?

The Ministry of Reconciliation

The mission of God is the ministry of reconciliation. Before the foundation of the world, God willed to reconcile all things to Himself, and He has done so by way of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul writes that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, and that He "hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19). At the cross, Christ made peace "by the blood of his cross . . . to reconcile all things unto himself" (Colossians 1:20). What God has willed, Christ has accomplished, and the Spirit now applies throughout the earth.





We who have been reconciled are now invited into the very same work. Paul calls those who have been redeemed ambassadors for Christ, and that we now go out proclaiming to the lost, “be ye reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:20). An ambassador carries no message of his own but represents the One who sent him.

This is how we participate in the mission of God today. Every prayer offered for the lost, every relationship built across cultures, every gift given to strengthen a struggling nation is participation in this one great ministry of reconciliation. I am not trying to recruit you to be part of a program; I am trying to convince you that you are an ambassador of the King.

The Invitation

The October Mission Drive is a tangible way that we can take up this ministry together. This month, churches across our movement will pray for the nations and give to strengthen national ministries,

equip leaders, and care for those serving in some of the most hostile places on earth. If your church has given faithfully for years, I want to say thank you. If your church has not participated in missions giving before, there is no better season to begin. The mission of God is not simply reserved for some. It is something that belongs to us all.

I do not know every door that God will open in the years ahead, but I know the One who opens doors that no man can shut. I believe God is preparing the Church of God of Prophecy for a season of missional engagement greater than we have ever known. Heaven’s multitude is still assembling. Until the last man or woman at the very end of the earth has the opportunity to join the chorus of the multitude, may we be found faithful to the call: reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

For prayer and giving resources tailored for this October Mission Drive, visit us at globalcogop.org.

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CLICK TO WATCH A RESOURCE THAT IS ABLE TO BE SHARED PRIOR TO A SUNDAY MORNING MISSIONS OFFERING.



REV. HUNTER ROBERTS
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL MISSIONS

Hunter Roberts is a licensed minister in the Church of God of Prophecy. He was raised in Mooreville, Mississippi. After completing bachelor's degrees in international finance and Spanish at Mississippi State University, he relocated to Cleveland, Tennessee, to serve in the North America General Presbyter's office. Hunter transitioned into the role of executive assistant to Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter in 2022. At the 2026 Assembly, he was appointed International Director of Global Missions Ministries. He earned a Master of Arts in Church Ministries from Pentecostal Theological Seminary in May of 2026.



I AM NOT A MISTAKE

I am Anathi Siphosethu Qokonyeka, a born-again child of God, a member of the Church of God of Prophecy South Africa-East under the leadership of Bishop P. E. Namntu. I was born and bred in a small town called Dutywa. I was raised in the love and care of my grandparents because I was born to a 15-year-old mother who was young, naive, and probably ashamed and scared when she discovered she was pregnant. She was impregnated by a 19-year-old boy who himself grew up in an unofficial foster family, and when he heard the news, he ran away. He, too, didn't know who his father was and when he was 15 years old, he discovered through village gossips that the parents who were raising him were not his actual parents. And that broke him to a point of smoking marijuana and becoming promiscuous with girls.

My maternal family was stable, but inside I was a prisoner of my own turmoil. I was plagued with unanswerable questions. I grew up not knowing who my father was, and I could not even ask because our culture hindered me from freely asking those questions. Then my mother passed away at only 29 years old. I was distressed and heartbroken. It felt like my heart was pierced by a thousand needles. I was hopeless, filled with rage

and bitterness. Though I was bright at school, I was ensnared by negative coping mechanisms—smoking benzene and petrol.

Even the news I was hearing about my father tormented me. The man was broken to the point of becoming an inmate, living below the margin. When I heard of my father, I was not proud of the man I might become. My birth parents' mistakes weighed on my shoulders like a burden of a thousand years. I was bitter, lost, angry, and I had a very negative view of myself. My soul was panting for rest and belonging. I felt lost, even in a full house of grandparents, uncles, aunties, and cousins.

When I was 13 years old, I encountered Jesus through a local crusade. It was not a fancy, well-established revival; it was hosted in a rondavel hut and the people were TESTIFYING about JESUS. I decided to choose this path of following Jesus, not really sure what it meant. But I was so drawn to this Jesus who suddenly became more real to me than life itself. He spoke to my stormy and bitter heart, "Peace, be still."

This is how Jesus picked up my pieces when I felt as scattered as a jigsaw puzzle. He gathered all

my pieces, put me back together, and introduced me to His great love when I felt unlovable. As days went by, I felt like He was introducing me to the version of myself I had always longed to be.

The subject of fatherhood used to make me cringe because of how I was born and the history of my own father. But Jesus Christ made me realize that I can be a BETTER father. I cannot choose who my father is, but I can be the father I want to be. For me to find God's depths was to literally find the heights of manhood.

Now all I wanted was this Jesus who arrested my heart, liberated my soul, and gave me identity and purpose. For the first time, I felt so important in this world because Jesus Christ called me into His kingdom. My sins were forgiven, and I became part of something greater than my own existence. Though I may be a son of a teenage mother, TO JESUS I AM NOT A MISTAKE. Because He entered

my life, I was even able to forgive my biological father to the point of providing for his essentials.

I am a testimony! Today, I am a full-time minister in the Church of God of Prophecy, serving as a local church pastor and currently as the national youth pastor. I am married, looking forward to being a good husband to my wife, and a good father to the children God will give us. Looking back over my life and everything I've been through, I no longer see just trauma and scars. I see battlefields where my Jesus proved that the devil could not have me, right when the enemy thought he stood a chance. Sometimes the things we survive are indicators of why some had to be saved and some had to be chosen for something far greater than their actual lives!

I am now part of God's very big family. I belong to Jesus, and I live for Him. This is my testimony, and I will TESTIFY till I depart for glory.

▼ RIGHT Pastor Anathi S. Qokonyeka's late mother, Vathiswa
LEFT Annual SAVED TO SERVE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN Soup Kitchens for Old Age, Disability and Orphanage Homes
BOTTOM Sporting activities during National Youth Camps





▲ LEFT Bishop PE Namntu and pastors praying for young people in a National Youth Camp.
RIGHT Praising and dancing in the presence of God.
TOP Youth leadership training programs

A Testimony From the COGOP Youth of South Africa East

In a nation that is tired, God is raising a youth who are not tired.

South Africa is a beautiful but wounded nation. We know the stories too well—corruption in the corridors of power, crime in our streets, unemployment stealing the future of graduates, moral decadence celebrated as freedom, and the heartbreaking wound of gender-based violence. Ethnicity has often divided us politically. But in the middle of all this, something else is happening in the Church of God of Prophecy South Africa East. The youth are experiencing revival. And it is real.

The COGOP youth of South Africa East are vibrant, joyful, and deeply rooted. Rooted to the doctrine of the Bible and to the core values of our movement: prayer, harvest, service, leadership development, and stewardship. You see it in the quality and intentionality of what we do. We are not just running programs; we are contending for a generation. We are a completing generation. We believe the Pentecostals gave us fire, the Reformers gave us the Word, the Evangelicals gave us mission, and the Social Justice movements gave us mercy. They were not incorrect, they were incomplete. We do not throw away the syllabus. We complete it.



▲ LEFT Attendees of the National Youth Camp in South Africa East
 RIGHT A moment of prayer in the presence of God. The National Youth Director of Eswatini, Pastor Celumusa Khumalo, praying together
 with the National Youth Director of South Africa East during a Camp Service.
 TOP Youth leadership training programs

Activities

Our year moves with rhythm. In the season of December, we gather for our National Youth Camps. This is our sacred appointment. What happens there cannot be explained, only encountered. Young people are encountering Jesus, deepening their faith in Him, in a way that will mark them for life. Young people are being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Young people are being delivered from demons and evil addictions with tears and joy.

It is beautiful to see all nine provinces represented, speaking different languages but one language of worship. And it is more beautiful to see our SADC (Southern African Development Community)

family join us—young people from Eswatini and Botswana crossing borders because there is a healthy, Christ-centered, working relationship between the youth of these nations. We are showing a united front even when ethnicity threatens the work of this beautiful movement in South Africa. God is using young people to unite tribes that politics has divided, under one banner of faith in Jesus.

Our camps are not only spiritual, they are joyful. There are sporting activities—soccer and athletics—with young people participating with enthusiasm and pure joy. Our older people do attend these camps, and that is our pride. Our national bishops and many pastors sit with us, pray for us, teach us. It is a beautiful blend of old

and young, with the old sending the young into the harvest field. And while we are there, young leaders are trained for ministry and even for the marketplace—for classrooms, clinics, courtrooms, and boardrooms.

In the season of June, we go out for our Saved to Serve Outreach Campaign. This is my dream—to see young people serving and glorifying Jesus even outside the four walls of the church. We do this drawing inspiration from the Global Serve Weekend which takes place every May. We take the church to the community.

With our mandate from Matthew 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden,” every local church becomes a mission center. Young people are helping the poor, serving communities, cleaning schools, visiting the elderly, cooking in soup kitchens, donating clothes, and cleaning yards and homes of grandmothers who live alone. Some are even teaching people how to grow food from their gardens and small pieces

of land, using their skills and education to serve communities as a way of TESTIFYING the gospel of Jesus Christ. And as we serve, people are being saved. Doors are opening.

Throughout the year, we pray. We conduct whole night prayers and fasting led by the youth of South Africa East because we know nation-building is spiritual warfare. Revivals, youth activities, and leadership training to equip young people for service never stop. And we have taken the church to the digital world. The church is being taken to social media platforms by young people of the Church of God of Prophecy. The youth of this land are taking the lead in ushering the church to a level of digital relevance. The youth are TESTIFYING via Facebook, TikTok, and other platforms. Videos of church services and sermons are being shared all over the nation through the strides of young people. We see the strengthening of fellowship between South Africa and the SADC nations through young people. You can trace and follow the COGOP Youth of South Africa East on Facebook and Instagram.

Administration

We are a strong movement because we inherited a culture of strong administration from our national bishops, the late Bishop K. A. Jombile and the current national bishop, Bishop P. E. Namntu.

We do things decently and in order. Quarterly, all the local churches are reporting to the national office with a report form that is designed to access



all necessary information requested. This form goes with a fee for fundraising purposes to fuel the work. Local churches are reporting through proper leadership structures of the Church in this nation. We respect leadership.

Leadership and Discipleship

The youth leadership is conducting trainings both physically and virtually to make sure that the youth are being made ready for service and ministry. We have leadership breakfasts where district and local leaders discuss, pray, and cast vision together to become leaders after God's own heart.

Young ministers are leading and are given a chance to lead branches in order to disciple believers. Young people are also at the forefront of the harvest and church-planting. Discipleship does not end at the altar for us. It continues in how we govern, teach, heal, employ, and reconcile. We are brave to challenge the status quo and fellowship together every year in love and faith.

Service

Young people are passionately serving in various departments in the local churches up to the national level in departments such as music, ushering, protocol, and ministering on the pulpit. The youth are a heartbeat of God's work in the Church of God of Prophecy South Africa East. Those called to on-pulpit ministries function with excellence, purity, and power. And those called to off-pulpit ministries—in classrooms, clinics, courtrooms, boardrooms, and building sites—function with equal anointing, dignity, and authority. That is our definition of service.

Challenges

We will not pretend we have no challenges. We have limited resources to maximize our efforts.

Many of our young people come from broken backgrounds, carrying wounds from home. Unemployment is real among us, and corruption in the government of the nation makes life harder. But even with that, we rise.

Our Confidence

The true gospel of Jesus Christ is still being TESTIFIED with power and with genuineness. It is still being TESTIFIED with purity and honor, without hidden ambitions. The Father's interests for His kingdom advancement on earth are still being held highly in our hearts with reverence and submission.

The Holy Spirit of God is still moving powerfully both in private and in public.

- People are getting saved.
- Eyes are being unveiled.
- Hearts are aligning with God.
- Minds are changing.
- Addictions are breaking off.
- Sickesses are melting away.
- Demons are being cast out.
- Dark kingdoms are falling.
- Believers are still TESTIFYING JESUS in all spaces and platforms boldly.
- The remnant is being put together and prepared for the coming of Christ.
- The prayers are made; surely the kingdom is here!

WE ARE THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY!



PASTOR ANATHI S. QOKONYEKA
NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR, COGOP SOUTH AFRICA EAST

Pastor Anathi S. Qokonyeka serves as National Youth Director for the Church of God of Prophecy in South Africa East, with a passion for discipling and developing the next generation of Christian leaders. He has championed outreach to young adults in colleges and universities, including launching the COGOP Intervarsity Movement to connect and equip students in higher education. His ministry also emphasizes partnership between full-time ministers and Christians serving in the marketplace. Pastor Qokonyeka has ministered internationally, including at the inaugural COGOP Africa Youth Conference in Uganda, where he challenged young people to align their thinking and convictions with the promises of God. Through preaching, leadership development, and intentional discipleship, he seeks to empower young people to serve Christ, the Church, and their communities.



Bishop Koissi Antoine

NATIONAL BISHOP IVORY COAST & BURKINA FASO

Bishop Koissi Antoine has been a member of the Church of God of Prophecy since 1986. Throughout his years of ministry, he has served in many capacities, including children's and youth ministry, evangelism, pastoral ministry, and national leadership. Before being appointed as National Bishop, he pastored five different local churches. Today he serves as the National Bishop of the Church of God of Prophecy in Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso. But his journey of serving God began long before any of these appointments.

A Life Changed by a Miracle

Bishop Koissi was born in Ivory Coast into a large and loving family. He grew up surrounded by seven older brothers and sisters, as well as a younger brother and sister.

When he was nine years old, his life took an unexpected turn. He became seriously ill, and his parents sought every available avenue of treatment. After six months with no cure in sight, his family turned to the Lord.

God answered their prayers and miraculously healed him. That healing not only changed the life of a young boy, it changed the entire family.

During those difficult months, he remembers crying out to God and making a promise: "Lord, if You heal me, I will give You all my life and serve You." He has spent his life keeping that promise.

A Call to Serve

Bishop Koissi recalls feeling an urgent call to ministry deep within his heart and began pursuing that call with passion. At the age of 15, he entered a Church of God of Prophecy training center. By the age of 21, he had been appointed to his first pastorate.

He preached wherever an opportunity arose, including on the streets, on buses, and wherever people would listen. His desire was simple: to share the Gospel and see lives transformed by Jesus Christ.

His first ministry opportunities came through working with children and youth in his local church. Former General Presbyter Bishop Sherman Allen later gave him the opportunity to serve as the national children's ministry leader in Ivory Coast, followed by serving as the national youth ministry leader.



Alongside these responsibilities, he served as an evangelist before receiving his first pastoral appointment. Through each season of ministry, God continued to shape him as a leader. Today one of his greatest joys is teaching, discipling, and helping others grow in their relationship with Christ.

Faithfulness Through the Challenges

Ministry brings unique challenges wherever God calls us, and serving across Africa often requires tremendous sacrifice. Bishop Koissi has experienced seasons of preaching and ministering with few resources, walking for miles from village to village because there was no transportation, and worshipping in places without electricity.

The demands of ministry have also meant long days, little rest, and exposure to illness and disease. Yet, through every challenge, he has continued to serve faithfully.

In March 2025, he experienced one of the deepest trials of his life when his precious wife, Sister Georgina, passed away following an illness. Throughout their life together, she faithfully supported his ministry through her prayers, encouragement, and presence. Her loss has left an empty place in the family, but her legacy of faith continues.

His children have also walked alongside him throughout his years of ministry, and he remains deeply grateful to God for their support.

A Vision for the Future

Despite the sacrifices and challenges he has faced, Bishop Koissi says his greatest joy is seeing people give their lives to the Lord, witnessing sick people experience healing, and seeing new churches established for the glory of God.

Looking toward the future, he is excited about what God is doing across Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso. The church is reaching increasingly into villages and communities, and pastors and congregations are motivated by a desire to see their entire nation won to Christ.

An important part of that vision is investing in the next generation. As the church continues to grow, leaders are committed to training and discipling younger generations so they can carry the Gospel forward.

From a nine-year-old boy who cried out to God for healing to a national leader carrying the Gospel into villages and communities, Bishop Koissi Antoine's life is a testimony of God's faithfulness. His story began with a promise to give God his whole life, and decades later, he continues to live out that promise.

Please join us in praying for Bishop Koissi, his children, and the Church of God of Prophecy in Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso as they continue reaching their nations for Christ.





HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF **PROGRESS AND APPRECIATION**

An Update from Coordinator Vincent Harvey, Hurricane Melissa Disaster Relief

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As coordinator of the Hurricane Melissa Disaster Relief response, it is my privilege to provide a brief update on the progress that has been made through the generosity, prayers, and partnership of our local and global Church family.

Giving Thanks Amid Devastation

First, we give thanks to Almighty God. Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica on October 28, 2025, as a Category 5 hurricane. The storm

caused widespread destruction, damaged 56 Church of God of Prophecy buildings across Jamaica, and disrupted the lives of approximately 2,000 of our members. Several church buildings lost their roofs, equipment, and furniture; some were completely destroyed. Many of our members also lost sections of their homes, personal belongings, and sources of income.

Yet, in the midst of this devastation, God moved upon the hearts of His people. You prayed, you gave, and you came alongside us. Because

of your response, we were able to move from immediate relief to recovery and, increasingly, towards rebuilding.

To date, approximately J\$58.03 million has been received through the generosity of our International Office, Harvest Partners, local churches and individuals, our Caribbean family, overseas churches and individuals, and gifts designated for specific churches and projects. This does not include the significant value of the many donations received in kind, including food, bottled water, clothing, bedding, toiletries, tarpaulins, building materials, and household supplies.

What Has Your Giving Accomplished?

Three relief hubs were established at 6 Phoenix Avenue in Kingston, 41 Old Harbour Road in St. Catherine, and 42 Caledonia Road in Manchester. The 41 Old Harbour Road location served as the main packing and distribution center.

From these locations, more than 3,100 care packages were prepared and distributed. Over 13 relief trips were made to some of the most severely affected areas, carrying food, water, toiletries, and other essential supplies. Tarpaulins were distributed to provide temporary roofing for damaged homes and church buildings. Barrels and suitcases containing clothing and bed linen were also received and distributed.

Relief supplies: Approximately J\$13.5 million was spent on the purchase and distribution of care packages, water, and other relief supplies — food on the table, clean water to drink, and practical help for families who had suddenly lost so much.

Pastoral care: Recognizing the strain placed upon our pastors in the affected areas, approximately J\$3.78 million was provided in pastoral stipends during November and December 2025. These pastors were caring for distressed congregations while, in some cases, also facing damage to their own homes and reduced church income.

Home repairs: Approximately J\$2.3 million was allocated and provided through the Pastors' Home Repair Grant, while approximately J\$3.48 million was distributed to assist with repairs to members' homes. These grants helped families purchase zinc, lumber, plyboard, and other

materials needed to make their homes safer and more habitable.

Church buildings: Approximately J\$33.34 million has been allocated for the Church Building Repair Grant. To date, disbursements have been made to several churches including Montego Bay, Whitehouse, Belvedere, Deeside, Chatham, Left Hall, Battersea, Santa Cruz, Heathfield, Flamstead, Walkerswood, Windsor, Dalintober, Kensington, Lima, and many others.

Operation Hope: National workers were assigned to affected churches to provide visitation,

▼ **Bishop Felipe & Bishop Martin survey the effects of Hurricane Melissa during their site visit in February 2026.**





▲ One of the COGOP churches affected by Hurricane Melissa.

counseling, cooked meals, care packages, toiletries, electrical items, and spiritual support. This initiative has been substantially completed and brought encouragement to pastors, members, and communities.

Church Assistance Program (CAP): This program has connected churches in less-affected areas with congregations requiring continued assistance. These partnerships provide prayer, financial help, volunteer labor, and other resources. The intention is for these relationships to continue for 12 to 24 months so that affected congregations are not left alone during the long rebuilding process.

Our Overseas Partners

Our overseas partners have also provided invaluable assistance. We are especially grateful for the support received from Western and Eastern Canada and England.

We also express appreciation for the visit of our Presiding Bishop, Tim Coalter; Bishop Daniel Felipe; our then General Presbyter, Bishop Clayton Martin; National Bishop Winston Leith; and other leaders on February 10 and 11. Their visits to St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, St. James, and Trelawny brought encouragement to our pastors and members and strengthened our recovery and rebuilding efforts.

The Work Continues

While we celebrate the progress, the work is not yet finished.

Several churches still require permanent roofing, windows, doors, electrical work, masonry, tiling, painting, furniture, and equipment. Some buildings require major structural repairs before they can be safely occupied. The National Reconstruction Task Force continues to provide technical oversight so that rebuilding is undertaken safely and responsibly.

The continued distribution of the Melissa Church Repair Grant, subject to the readiness of those churches, the strengthening of CAP partnerships, and the restoration of members' homes will, therefore, remain important priorities. Additional financial support will also be needed to replenish the building and relief funds so that we can respond to the projects still awaiting assistance.

A Word of Appreciation

I extend heartfelt appreciation to our International Office, Harvest Partners, Helping Hand Ministries, our Caribbean nations, the wider Church of God of Prophecy diaspora, our partners in Canada, England, and North America, Samaritan's Purse, other denominations, faith-based organizations, local churches, and every individual donor.

Special thanks must also be expressed to our National Office staff, particularly our National Treasurer, Minister Deloris Dean; Sister Sharon Golding, who provided supervision at the main hub; the pastors and parish bishops in the affected areas; members of the Relief Committee and Reconstruction Task Force; and the many volunteers from Nugent Street, 41 Old Harbour Road, and other churches who packed, transported, and distributed supplies.

To everyone who gave, prayed, visited, packed a care package, transported supplies, adopted a congregation, or encouraged an affected family: **Thank you.** You have helped to restore more than buildings. You have helped to restore dignity, faith, and hope.

"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2 NLT).



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THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

MICHELLE BROOKS-YOUNG



CREATIVE WAYS TO FUND MISSIONS—AND MAKE GENEROSITY A LIFESTYLE

Some of the greatest missions opportunities begin with one simple idea.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of leading and being part of a lot of missions projects. Some raised thousands of dollars while others may have looked small on paper but made an enormous difference in someone's life. Some met a very specific need. Some served people right in our own communities. And some began with an idea that sounded a little unusual at first.

That's the point. We don't have to do missions the same way we've always done it. Whether you're part of a congregation of 30 or 3,000, a small group, women's ministry, youth ministry, Sunday school class, or missions department, there are creative ways to raise funds and make an impact. That has taught me something: you don't have to have a large congregation, a huge budget, or a complicated plan to make a difference. You simply have to be willing to start.

Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "God loveth a cheerful giver." Generosity isn't just about the amount we give. It is about developing a heart that looks for opportunities to give. Sometimes we simply need to look at what God has already placed in our hands—and think outside the box.

LOOK AROUND. YOUR CHURCH IS FULL OF POSSIBILITIES.

One of the biggest mistakes we can make is assuming a missions fundraiser has to look like a traditional fundraiser. It doesn't. Your congregation is filled with people who can cook, bake, paint, sew, build, craft, organize, entertain, teach, photograph, garden, decorate, collect, create, and connect. Put those gifts to work. Host a dessert auction. Sell handmade items. Organize a missions yard sale. Have a talent night with donations going toward a project. Auction a quilt. Offer a church-wide service day and invite people to make donations toward the missions project. Let a small group host dinner. Have a "favorite things" auction. Ask businesses in your community to partner with

“Don’t start with what you don’t have. Start with what God has already placed in your hands.”

you. The possibilities are limited far more by our imagination than by the size of our congregation.

And don’t be afraid to involve every generation. Creativity doesn’t belong to one age group. Grandparents have skills. Young adults have ideas. Children have enthusiasm. Teenagers have energy. Retirees have experience. Put them together.

HOMELESS BLESSING BAGS

One project we used at a large camp was assembling blessing bags for people experiencing homelessness. The bags included practical necessities such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, Band-Aids, feminine hygiene products, snack crackers, socks, and other everyday items. Each bag also included a handwritten note of encouragement. The supplies were important, but the personal touch was just as meaningful. I’ve heard stories from people who received similar bags during difficult seasons of their own lives. Those stories remind us that we never really know the impact of a simple act of kindness.

Matthew 25:40 reminds us that when we serve others, we are serving Christ. A missions project doesn’t have to be complicated to be meaningful. And while this particular project focused on meeting a need rather than raising money, it can easily become a fundraising opportunity: sponsor a bag, challenge groups to fill a certain number, or ask businesses to donate supplies while your congregation raises funds for the items that still need to be purchased.

MISSION ART AUCTION

At Junior Camp, the girls competed against the boys in a mission art project. Each group created artwork, and the finished pieces were auctioned to raise money to purchase French books for an orphanage in Haiti. It was fun. It was competitive. It was creative. And it raised money for missions.

Don’t limit an art auction to only children. Invite adults, families, small groups, artists, hobbyists, or even local businesses to participate. Paint a canvas. Create a handmade piece. Donate photography. Make something from wood. Design a mission-themed centerpiece. Then auction it. Turn creativity into currency for the Kingdom.

ADOPT A SCHOOL STAFF

Our church has a school next door, so we found a natural opportunity to bless the people working there. We collected practical supplies for teachers and staff—highlighters, scissors, sticky notes, tissues, snacks, dry-erase markers, and other everyday necessities. The response reminded us that what seems small to us can be significant to someone else.

This idea could also become a year-round missions partnership. Adopt a classroom. Sponsor a teacher. Host a school supply drive. Provide meals during teacher appreciation week. Ask your congregation to “fill the supply closet.” And if fundraising is the goal, let people sponsor a specific need or donate toward the monthly project.



Galatians 6:10 says, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.” Sometimes the mission field is literally next door.

SUPPORT A LOCAL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Another practical opportunity is partnering with a local pregnancy resource center. Collect diapers, wipes, baby clothing, formula, car seats, and other essentials. One director we worked with mentioned something as simple as fresh fruit to serve young mothers during their sessions. That stuck with me. Sometimes we get so focused on raising a certain dollar amount that we overlook the opportunity to meet an actual need.

Ask the organization: What do you need? Then listen. Maybe it’s money. Maybe it’s diapers. Maybe it’s food. Maybe it’s volunteers. Generosity isn’t always measured by the size of the check.

DIMES FOR MISSIONS

One of my favorite fundraising challenges started with something most of us hardly notice—a dime. During a camp missions class, we distributed clean 16-ounce water bottles and challenged participants to take them home and fill them with dimes. The bottles were then returned to their local church to support a designated missions project.

A full bottle can hold roughly \$75–\$80 in dimes. One bottle doesn’t sound like much. But when an entire church participates, those little bottles can become thousands of dollars. That is the power of collective generosity. Never underestimate small gifts multiplied by many people.

GIVE PEOPLE A REASON TO DREAM BIG

Second Corinthians 9:7 tells us that God loves a cheerful giver. Giving isn’t simply about fundraising. It is about forming a generous heart. That’s why

I believe we should challenge our churches to move beyond their comfort zones. Try something different. Ask questions. Find the needs. Listen to your community. Give people an opportunity to use their gifts. And don’t decide something can’t work simply because nobody has done it before.

“We don’t always have to look across an ocean to find a mission field. Sometimes it’s across the street.”

The widow in Scripture didn’t have much, but she gave what she had. A little boy offered his lunch, and Jesus used it to feed a multitude. God has always been able to do extraordinary things with ordinary things placed in His hands. So don’t begin with, “What can we afford?” Begin with, “What can we do?” Then pray, plan, work, and watch what God does.

Missions isn’t an event on the church calendar. Missions is a lifestyle. It is serving across the street and giving across the globe. It is teaching our congregations to see needs, respond to needs, and become people who live with open hands. Make outreach personal. Make it practical. Make it exciting. Live generously. Give generously. Dream generously. And whatever you do—don’t be afraid to think outside the box. And be courageous enough to DREAM BIG!

Some of the greatest missions opportunities really do begin with one simple idea.



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JOYFUL BLISS

Bishop Richard Anthony and his wife Philea serve a local church in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where they have found creative ways to share the love of Christ with their community. Each year, they host a Christmas celebration for children, but they soon realized that the church building itself could be a barrier for some families. Because Muslims in Malaysia are not permitted to enter churches, they began looking for ways to take the celebration beyond the church walls.

They started by renting space in a shopping mall, raising the money needed through their congregation. Richard even drove Uber to help cover the cost. Families from different faiths came, and what began as a Christmas outreach became an opportunity for the church to build relationships and become known in the community.

The following year, a larger mall invited them to host the celebration—and then surprised them by waiving the rental fee. Other businesses and individuals soon joined in as well. McDonald's, an LED-screen company, and even a professional Muslim emcee offered their services and products

at no cost after hearing about what the church was doing.

Today, the outreach is called **“Joyful Bliss”** and reaches more than 300 children. There are food, games, gifts, snow machines, and even Santa Claus sharing joy with children in several local languages. But for Pastor Richard and his wife, the greatest blessing is what happens beyond the event itself: relationships are being built, trust is growing, and doors are opening in places they never expected.

They have even found that people recognize and welcome them in places such as hospitals. They see each of these unexpected opportunities as God's provision and an invitation to keep going.

Their story is a beautiful picture of what can happen when we are willing to step outside the walls of the church. In Kuala Lumpur, God is using a simple celebration of Christmas to bring people of different cultures, religions, and backgrounds together—and to create opportunities for His love to be seen.

[Click here to watch Bishop Anthony and Philea share their testimony and hear how God is opening doors for the gospel in Kuala Lumpur.](#)



A PROMISE OF JOY

For more than 20 years, Ina and her husband prayed for a child. After more than 25 years of marriage, they continued to believe that God had not forgotten their prayer.

One day, while reading the story of the birth of John the Baptist, Ina felt God speak something very personal to her through the words, “You will have great joy.” She believed God was telling her that she would have a son. Just three months later, she discovered she was pregnant. Today, that answered prayer is a five-year-old boy.

Ina says that even at such a young age, her son has a remarkable love for Jesus. He tells his friends about God, prays for them, and loves to tell stories about God’s miracles and the power of prayer. Their family lives in Novovorontsovka, in Ukraine’s Kherson region, where life has been deeply affected by the war and the destruction of

the Kakhovka Reservoir. Water is now available only once a week. One day, after accidentally swallowing some unsafe water, Ina’s young son became frightened and ran to her, asking her to pray that he would not die. Together, they prayed and trusted God.

For Ina, that moment revealed something beautiful about her son’s faith. In the middle of circumstances that would frighten any child, he knows where to turn. When the shelling begins and their lives feel threatened, he prays and trusts God.

Ina’s testimony is a beautiful reminder that God’s faithfulness is not limited by time, circumstances, or even a war zone. The little boy she prayed for over 20 years is now learning to pray for others—and his faith is becoming a testimony of its own.

Click here and watch Ina’s testimony to hear her share the story of God’s faithfulness to her family.

FOUR NEW NATIONS ADDED

There are few moments during an International Assembly that capture the excitement of our global Church family quite like the Parade of Nations. As the opening music begins and the flags start making their way into the room, the atmosphere changes. This year, that anticipation was especially fitting as the Assembly gathered around the theme “Testify.” Before the first nation entered, the congregation was reminded that we gather “as one body from many nations, tribes, languages, and people” to testify of God’s faithfulness and what He has done throughout the earth.

We were reminded that the Church of God of Prophecy now has congregations on every inhabited continent and churches in 137 nations around the world. We heard testimonies of new salvations, baptisms, missions, churches, and the continued ministry of our orphanages serving children in 11 nations. Then came the declaration that “the Church of God of Prophecy is a global family. One church, one mission, one message to reconcile the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit,” followed by the call to welcome the nations. As the upbeat song “Let’s Go Up” filled the room, the celebration began.

One by one, our nations entered, bringing with them a beautiful picture of the diversity within our global family. Leaders proudly carried their flags, some dressed in beautiful indigenous clothing, while blue stoles bearing the names of their nations rested across their shoulders. There was a sense of joy and pride as each nation was welcomed. Yet, amid the celebration of 139 nations, there was an especially anticipated moment still to come: the announcement of four new nations joining our global Church family.

Madagascar: A Call Answered

The first new nation welcomed during the Parade was Madagascar, an island nation off the southeastern coast of Africa. This new work is a testimony to a calling that Pastor Iseolorunkanmi

Matthews carried in his heart for several years. In March 2024, funding was received to begin the process of planting a mission church, and with faith and anticipation, Pastor Matthews and his family began making preparations to establish the work.

The first converts were welcomed on September 29, 2024, and the congregation was officially set in order the following month. God continued to bless the young church, and by June 2025, an average of 80–90 people were worshipping together. During a powerful revival, 14 believers



were baptized and 55 entered into covenant membership. With an application for official registration submitted to the government, we celebrate the establishment of the first Church of God of Prophecy congregation in Madagascar and look forward to all God will continue to do there.

Poarch Creek Nation: A New Community Reached

The second new work represents a unique and significant addition to our global family—the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Atmore, Alabama. Established in a repurposed local church building and led by an ordained Poarch Creek minister, this new congregation was established to serve and reach the local community.

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us that we truly are a global family and that the story is still being written.

If we want to see the gospel continue to spread and the Church of God of Prophecy reach more nations, we cannot do it without the prayers, encouragement, generosity, and support of our local churches. Through Harvest Partners Ministry, churches have an opportunity to build meaningful connections with congregations and leaders around the world and help provide the support needed as new works are established and existing ministries continue to grow. Whether

partnering with one of these four new nations or with one of the many nations where we already serve, your church can become part of what God is doing around the world.

As we testified during the Parade of Nations about God's faithfulness, may we also testify through our participation in His mission. The next time you see a flag in the Parade of Nations, remember that behind every flag are people, churches, and stories. Consider how God might use your church to become part of their story.



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When God Builds the Connection

A MULTIPLY 2030 STORY

BISHOP RICHARD RAMSEY

The Multiply2030 church planting and revitalization initiative was a Holy Spirit-inspired directive. When North America General Presbyter Bishop Dr. Brian Sutton introduced the vision to the state and regional bishops, I immediately became excited about its potential.

The Church of God of Prophecy began as a church-planting movement, and throughout our history, the desire to establish vibrant local churches has remained at the heart of who we are. I believe church planting and revitalization are essential if we are going to leave a spiritual legacy for future generations of young men and women who will call the Church of God of Prophecy home.

When I was appointed state bishop of Alabama in October 2022, I wanted the Lord to help us embrace and fulfill the vision of Multiply2030. And God began opening doors.

One aspect of the Multiply2030 vision is recognizing that empty church properties can become opportunities for new ministry. Independent congregations that share the vision and mission of the Church of God of Prophecy may find a spiritual home in places where one chapter of ministry has ended and God is ready to begin another.

We saw this happen in two wonderful Alabama communities, Elkmont and Hartselle. Another important part of this renewed focus is providing a safe place for congregations that may have



▲ Pastor and Sister Daughtry

become disconnected from the Church of God of Prophecy in years past. We witnessed a beautiful example of this in Red Bay, Alabama, when the church there felt it was time to reconnect with the CGP after nearly 30 years of separation.

When asked what led to that wonderful reunion, Bishop Smith shared something that captures the heartbeat of this entire initiative: CGP leadership was not looking for buildings or money. We wanted him and the people. That is what this is about. Yes, Multiply2030 helps grow the Church of God of Prophecy, but ultimately, this is kingdom work. It is about people, relationships, ministry, and reaching communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Alabama also witnessed a more traditional church plant in Russellville under the leadership of Pastor Zach Isom. That congregation is making a tremendous impact. One of the principles of Multiply2030 is that churches should plant churches, and the Russellville congregation became a testimony to that vision when, after only a year, they were able to plant a daughter church in Phil Campbell.

But there is another Multiply2030 story that is especially close to my heart. It is the story of

Restoration Church in Bay Minette, Alabama, which officially became part of the Church of God of Prophecy family on August 30, 2026.

An Ending That Became a Beginning

More than a year earlier, I had faced the difficult decision of closing our local church in Atmore, Alabama. The church was located on the Poarch Creek Indian Reservation but had always functioned as a traditional congregation. Our pastor had served faithfully, but ultimately the church was no longer sustainable.

Closing a church is never easy. You cannot help but feel the weight of history, ministry, prayers, and people connected to that place. But sometimes what looks like an ending becomes the beginning of something God is preparing to do.

Not long after that difficult decision, I received a call at the state office from Bishop Don Stanton, the wonderful pastor of our church in Twilleytown, Alabama. Around Alabama, we affectionately call Brother Stanton “Chief” because of his Native American ancestry. He carries a tremendous heart for Native American people.

When he heard about the situation at Poarch, he wondered if this could become a doorway for reaching the Poarch Creek people. Area Presbyter Bishop DeWayne Smith helped plan a revival, and a ministry team was assembled. A connection was established with a tribal leader and his son, Brother Cedo Coon, a Pentecostal firebrand preacher. That revival was phenomenal. Something happened there that was bigger than a meeting. God kindled a passion in our hearts for the Poarch Creek people.

During this journey, a young man named Brother Dakota Barlow, a member of the Poarch Creek Tribe, was set forth as a lay minister and became the pastor. The story reached a beautiful moment at the 2026 International Assembly when the Poarch Creek Church flag was presented.

The man carrying that flag was Brother Trevor Daughtry, a cousin of Pastor Dakota Barlow.

Brother Trevor had also been at that revival meeting at Poarch. At the time, we could not have known everything God was putting together.

A God Appointment

Pastor Trevor Daughtry pastors a wonderful independent congregation, Restoration Church, in Bay Minette, Alabama. One morning, I felt the Lord pressing me to contact him and arrange a breakfast meeting. I drove down to meet him, and what happened that morning can only be described as a God appointment.

We talked about South Alabama. We talked about ministry. We talked about the needs of the region. Most importantly, we both opened our hearts and listened to one another. Somewhere in the middle of that breakfast, a bond began to develop. Looking back, I believe God was establishing a covenant relationship between us. Neither of us had any idea that the relationship being formed around that table would eventually lead to the momentous occasion of August 30. We simply knew that God was doing something.

Pastor Daughtry has a phrase he likes to use when he senses God at work: "I feel the goosebumps." Well, that morning, we were feeling the goosebumps of heaven. We did not know where the journey would lead, but we knew God was in it.

A Vision for South Alabama

I am certain there are important details I am leaving out, but the story of what God has done is remarkable. South Alabama is an area of tremendous potential for the Church of God of Prophecy. Over the years, the region has experienced the loss of several congregations. Although Alabama has historically been a strong CGP state, the southern part of the state had only five active congregations. How grateful we are for the precious pastors and congregations who remained faithful and kept the work alive.

South Alabama needed, and continues to need, the vision of Multiply2030 to become a reality.

After much conversation and prayer, Pastor Daughtry decided that he wanted his personal ministry to come under the covering of the Church of God of Prophecy. After consulting with the state board and the area/district presbytery, and receiving counsel from our North America General Presbyter, Dr. Sutton, we approved Pastor Daughtry's licensure as an ordained minister and

appointed him South Alabama Director of Church Planting and Revitalization. He excelled in that role.

God began opening doors. Pastor Daughtry connected beautifully with our pastors in South Alabama and began developing strategies to see new churches established and existing ministries strengthened. Today, Bishop Tim Douglas, the new state bishop of Alabama, is continuing to lead the way, listening to the Holy Spirit and believing for an even stronger future for ministry in South Alabama. But God still had another surprise waiting for us.

The Phone Call

It was a Tuesday, just three weeks before I would transition from Alabama to begin serving as state bishop of Kentucky. Bishop Tim Douglas was at the state office as we worked through transition preparations when my phone rang. It was Brother Daughtry. I put the call on speaker. Brother Daughtry told us that after talking with the board of Restoration Church, they had decided they wanted the congregation to become part of the Church of God of Prophecy family. There they were again. Those holy goosebumps.



▲ Bishop Douglas leading the new members in the membership covenant.

Bishop Douglas and I looked at one another, and after the call ended, we simply took some time to rejoice. God had been working all along. The revival at Poarch. The relationships that developed. The breakfast meeting. The conversations. The prayers. The covenant relationship.

The open doors. None of these moments stood alone. God had been weaving them together into a story that we could not see when the journey began.

Finding a Church Family

Pastor Daughtry brought 18 people from Restoration Church—including many members of his board—to the International Assembly. They were deeply moved by what they experienced and by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Daughtry later told me that one thing particularly impacted him: our willingness to share the pulpit with the Church of God in Christ General Overseer and other honored guests from outside the Church of God of Prophecy. That mattered to him because Pastor Daughtry is a kingdom-minded man. He saw something beyond an organization. He saw a church family with a heart for the greater kingdom of God.

I believe everyone should experience an International Assembly. There is something powerful about gathering together and seeing firsthand who we are as a global church family. For Restoration Church, that experience became another important step in the journey. Then came August 30.

Welcome Home

We gathered at Restoration Church in Bay Minette and made it official. Restoration Church became **Restoration Church of God of Prophecy**. Bishop Tim Douglas received new members into the Church of God of Prophecy. Four lay ministers were set forth, and in proper business, the congregation set forth Pastor Trevor Daughtry for bishop ordination, which is planned for Alabama's next state convention.

What a day! It was a celebration of much more than organizational affiliation. It was the celebration of relationship. It was the fruit of prayer, trust, openness, and a willingness to follow the leading

of the Holy Spirit. After sharing a meal with the congregation, Kim and I had to leave to catch a plane back to Kentucky. But the story did not stop when we left.

Several from the congregation traveled to the Poarch Church and saturated that ground in prayer in preparation for its official launch service. Think about that for a moment. A church had closed. A door opened to reach the Poarch Creek people. Relationships were formed. A young Native American minister stepped forward to pastor. A connection was made with an independent pastor. A covenant relationship developed. That pastor came under the covering of the Church of God of Prophecy and began helping lead church planting and revitalization efforts.

Then his entire congregation chose to become part of the Church of God of Prophecy family. And now members of that congregation were traveling back to Poarch to pray over that great work.

That is Multiply2030. It is not merely about adding churches to a list or putting another dot on a map. It is about people finding one another in the providence of God. It is about churches planting churches, ministries being revitalized, relationships being restored, and congregations discovering that there is room for them in this family.

Most of all, it is about recognizing what God is already doing and having the courage to join Him in it. Sometimes God closes a chapter only to reveal that He has already begun writing the next one. Sometimes He starts with a difficult decision, a telephone call, a revival, a breakfast, or a new friendship. And sometimes, somewhere along the journey, you begin to feel those holy goosebumps and realize: **God is up to something**. There is no better way to end this story than the way it deserves to be ended: **to God be the glory!**



RICHARD RAMSEY
KENTUCKY STATE BISHOP

Bishop Dr. Richard Ramsey serves as state bishop of the Church of God of Prophecy in Kentucky. A longtime minister and leader in the Church, he previously served as state bishop of Alabama, providing oversight and leadership to congregations and ministers throughout the state. A respected preacher and church leader, Bishop Ramsey has ministered throughout the denomination and recently addressed the 103rd International Assembly, challenging the Church to conduct its work prayerfully and in unity.



We Found Home

A RESTORATION CHURCH TESTIMONY

PASTOR TREVOR DAUGHTRY

When our journey with the Church of God of Prophecy began, affiliation was nowhere on our radar. Restoration Church in Bay Minette, Alabama, was an independent church with momentum, vision, and a heart for planting churches. We were raising leaders, developing ministry, and had already begun planting a daughter church. We believed strongly in what God had called us to build, and we weren't necessarily looking for a denomination. Looking back now, however, I can see that God was already building a relationship we didn't yet recognize. And strangely enough, He used the keys to a nearly closed church to open the door.

One of Restoration Church's spiritual sons, Cedo Coon, was being raised up through Restoration to pastor our daughter church when his father, Clayton Coon, received an unexpected call. Brother Don Stanton was trying to help the Church of God of Prophecy relaunch a church in the Poarch community. Brother Don, who is Native American himself and carries a deep

burden for Native American ministry, knew very few people within our tribe, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. One of those people happened to be Clayton.

Clayton told him that he knew a preacher who might be able to help; his son, Cedo. Brother Don traveled from central Alabama and met Cedo for lunch. They talked about the church and the possibility of getting something started again, and before the meeting ended, Brother Don handed Cedo the keys to the building. I still remember Cedo calling me afterward and saying, "They gave me the keys to the church. What am I supposed to do with them?" I laughed and told him, "Go unlock it and go inside!"

None of us understood what God was beginning.

Cedo began cleaning and straightening the building, and plans were made for a two-night revival. Several COGOP churches came down to help clean, get the air conditioning working, and set up sound equipment. Cedo preached the first night, and Presbyter DeWayne Smith preached the second. That was where I first encountered several COGOP leaders, including Brother Don Stanton, Bishop Richard Ramsey, and Pastor Christina Middleton. At that point, we barely knew each other. They didn't really know Restoration, and I didn't know much about COGOP.

As Cedo continued trying to balance his new pastoral responsibilities at our daughter church with the possibilities at Poarch, he eventually asked me to step in and help with administration and communication. He told me plainly, "I don't want to continue with this if you're not in it with me." So as his leader and covering, I stepped in, and Brother Don and I began talking regularly. He shared the vision for Poarch and explained how important it was to see life return to that church. He also shared his heart for Native American ministry.

I started doing what I naturally do: asking questions. What exactly were we trying to build? Was the goal an occasional revival service, or did COGOP really want a functioning local church? If Cedo and Restoration invested our relationships, resources, credibility, and ministry into rebuilding this work, what would its future look like? Those



▲ New lay ministers

questions mattered deeply to me. Cedo and I are both tribal members, and ministry within our own community carried a particular responsibility. At that point, I still knew very little about COGOP beyond Brother Don, a few leaders I had briefly met, and an old church building. After prayer and several conversations, I eventually told Brother Don I needed to step away and allow him and Cedo to continue on down that journey. I didn't believe I could put Restoration behind the project without greater clarity.

I thought that might have been the end of my involvement. God knew it was only the beginning.

Not long afterward, Bishop Richard Ramsey called me on a Friday evening and asked if I would meet him for breakfast the next morning. He was traveling down from Huntsville, Alabama, and also wanted to tour Restoration Church. We met at a small restaurant in Bay Minette. Other than briefly seeing one another at the Poarch revival and speaking by phone a couple of times, we really didn't know each other.

We started casually, getting acquainted and eating breakfast. Then, about a quarter of the way through his meal, Bishop Ramsey pushed his plate away, crossed his legs, and got straight to business. I admired his straightforward approach, and it truly caught my attention. He began talking about South Alabama. He described churches that were struggling, facilities that needed attention, churches that had closed, one that had burned, and congregations that needed strengthening. Then he began talking about what he saw in me



▲ Restoration Church COGOP

and how he believed my experience in church planting and revitalization could potentially help.

After breakfast, we drove to Restoration Church. Bishop Ramsey walked through our building taking pictures. He expressed his appreciation for what he saw—the atmosphere, presentation, intentionality, and culture we had worked hard to build. Reminder, this was an independent plant with only a word from the Lord and a whole lot of passion. I remember him expressing that he hoped churches throughout the South could eventually have that kind of look and feel. Something shifted for me that day. He wasn't approaching me simply because COGOP had needs. He was recognizing that God had already placed something valuable within Restoration that could potentially strengthen the churches he served.

Over the next couple of weeks, I prayed. Restoration was flourishing. We had momentum, we were completing the development of our first daughter church, and we had great aspirations for our future. I wasn't looking for somewhere else to go. Yet I couldn't shake the possibility that God was opening another door.

When Bishop Ramsey and I talked again, he proposed something that got my attention. I could become a licensed COGOP minister and begin serving in South Alabama while Restoration

remained independent. We would work together, build relationship, and evaluate the journey over approximately two years. Doing kingdom work together. That mattered to me because Bishop Ramsey was willing to take a risk. As state bishop, he was willing to trust an independent pastor with an assignment among COGOP churches without demanding that my church affiliate first. I realized that if he was willing to put some skin in the game, perhaps I could too. We were both taking a risk on relationship.

Meanwhile, Cedo's responsibilities at our daughter church continued increasing. Eventually, he called me and told me he couldn't carry Poarch too. He needed to give his full attention to the church he was pastoring and was ready to return the key back to Brother Stanton.

I told him, "Hold up on the key."

By then, something had changed in me. I explained what Bishop Ramsey and I had been discussing and asked Cedo whether, if he truly felt released from Poarch, if would he be comfortable with me taking responsibility for it. He agreed, and the key changed hands again.

This time, when I walked into that building, I saw it differently. I was beginning to understand the condition of the churches across South Alabama and hear the heart of state leadership. What had initially looked like an old building needing

an occasional service now looked like a church that needed to live again. At the same time, the assignment Bishop Ramsey and I had discussed was becoming clearer: serving in Church Planting and Revitalization across South Alabama.

Suddenly, Poarch made sense.

For years, I had carried a burden to see a church closer to the Poarch community. Several people from that area had been part of Restoration from our beginning, but traveling approximately 35 minutes to Bay Minette was difficult for families. One of those people was Dakota Barlow, another tribal member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I knew Dakota's heart and sensed that he could eventually become the leader of this church. I talked with Cedo and Dakota, and we agreed that Dakota was the man for the assignment.

In October 2025, we went to work remodeling the Poarch Church. We weren't simply repairing a building; we were reimagining what a functioning, healthy church in that community could become. The atmosphere began changing. The look began changing. The Restoration DNA Bishop Ramsey had seen in Bay Minette began appearing in Poarch. A building that had nearly reached the end of its story was beginning another chapter, and so was I.

I verbally accepted Bishop Ramsey's offer and officially began serving in the role in early 2026. But something was happening alongside the work. My relationships with Bishop Ramsey and Brother Don were becoming more than organizational relationships. We were becoming friends and partners in Kingdom work.

I began meeting pastors throughout South Alabama and learning their churches and stories. Bishop Ramsey opened doors for me to grow, including the opportunity to attend DCPI Church Planting Essentials training. He later asked Restoration to host a South District gathering called the Enlarge Our Coast Conference, where I would serve as a key speaker. It became an opportunity for us to begin envisioning together what church planting and revitalization could look like across the region.

One relationship during that season became especially significant. Pastor Christina Middleton



▲ Presentation of state board investment

was serving as South District Supervisor while pastoring Christian Fellowship COGOP in Robertsedale, Alabama. Christina and her family played a pivotal role in helping me become comfortable with the world I had stepped into. Her transparency, heart for God, and willingness to build genuine relationship mattered to me.

We visited Christian Fellowship and other churches across the South, and we began talking seriously about church health and revitalization. I later invited Christina to preach at Restoration's annual Campmeeting. Her family came, our people connected with them, and something very simple but important happened: they fell in love with us, and we fell in love with them.

The Church Planting and Revitalization assignment carried very little positional authority.



leaders also wanted to attend the Assembly. We didn't realize beforehand how much God would use that experience to open our eyes to the scale and scope of the movement. We saw the nations. We saw generations worshiping together. We saw a shared platform with other church movements. We experienced the heart of COGOP beyond South Alabama and beyond the United States.

Other experiences, including leadership development at Camp Boothe, continued exposing us to the movement. I immersed myself in COGOP sermons, literature, history, vision,



▲ (From left to right) Bishop Richard Ramsey, Pastor Trevor Daughtry, Bishop Tim Douglas

I couldn't force a church to change; pastors had to trust me enough to invite me into their journey. Christina did. She saw elements of Restoration's atmosphere and culture that she wanted to develop at Christian Fellowship and opened the door for us to begin walking alongside them in a revitalization journey. I began realizing that what God was doing in South Alabama was going to be built through relationship.

Strangely enough, that was exactly what God was doing with me.

Then came the 2026 International Assembly in Orlando. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians was recognized within the global missions work of the Church of God of Prophecy, and I had the incredible privilege of carrying the Poarch flag in the Parade of Nations. Many of our Restoration

governance, and beliefs. The more I learned, the more something surprising happened: it felt familiar.

Restoration believed in Spirit-led leadership, developing and releasing leaders, church planting, reaching younger generations, missions, holiness, reconciliation, and using every available means to communicate the gospel. Again and again, I discovered those same values within COGOP. I fell in love with the movement's origin story. I appreciated the openness concerning its ups and downs. I appreciated its governance and connected with its culture. I began recognizing an alignment between what God had been building in Restoration and what this global family believed God had called it to become.

Nobody had pressured us. Nobody had demanded our church. We had simply been given room to serve, observe, build relationships,



▲ Bishop (Chief) Don Stanton

and discern. Somewhere along that journey, something happened almost without me noticing.

I stopped thinking of COGOP as “them.”

It had become “us.”

By then, we weren’t trying to become something different. We were discovering a family that carried much of the same DNA God had already placed within us.

There is a beautiful irony in how God brought the story together. Our relationship with COGOP began because they trusted us with one of their buildings. Now Restoration Church was facing a major decision concerning ours.

For some time, Bishop Ramsey had expressed that he believed Restoration’s facility could become a regional hub for ministry in South Alabama, and he had openly shared his desire to see Restoration become part of COGOP. Yet he never forced that decision. Then an opportunity came for Restoration to purchase the facility we had been leasing. We had a short window to make the decision and needed additional resources to complete the process.

By then, however, the conversation wasn’t simply about a building. Months of relationship had happened. We had labored together, worshiped together, traveled together, and dreamed together. COGOP had trusted me with its churches before Restoration ever carried its name. Now

Restoration had to decide whether we trusted this family enough to connect our future with theirs.

We did.

COGOP leadership stepped forward and invested in Restoration’s future, just as Restoration had invested in the future of Poarch and South Alabama. The building didn’t create the relationship; it revealed how far the relationship had already come and that the divine providence of God was taking place. What began with the key to a struggling church in Poarch had come full circle.

On August 30, 2026, Restoration Church officially became part of the Church of God of Prophecy. Standing there that day, one of the strongest emotions I felt was relief. For years, I had desired spiritual covering, but I had determined that I would never manufacture it simply because I wanted one. I needed God to lead us to the right relationships, the right family, and the right season. That day there was peace. There was joy. There was belonging.

I was proud of Restoration for recognizing that God was calling us to become part of something larger than ourselves. I was proud of South Alabama, a district that had experienced real struggle but where we were beginning to see signs of renewed life. And I was deeply grateful for the leaders God had used throughout the journey.

Brother Don Stanton made a phone call because he carried a burden for Native American people, never knowing where that call would lead. Alabama State Bishop Richard Ramsey was willing to sit across a breakfast table from an independent pastor and see possibility instead of difference. He was willing to trust before there was affiliation. Pastor Christina Middleton and the pastors of South Alabama allowed relationships to become friendships and assignments to become shared mission.

Then the journey came full circle in another way. As Bishop Ramsey prepared to complete his tenure in Alabama and Bishop Tim Douglas prepared to lead the state into its next season, one of Bishop Ramsey’s final official acts was to stand in Bay Minette and receive Restoration

Church into the Church of God of Prophecy. The man who had driven from Huntsville to Bay Minette to eat breakfast with an independent pastor was now standing inside that pastor's church welcoming us into the family. And our new State Bishop was standing with us, representing the future we would now build together.

For me, it felt like both an ending and a beginning.

I realized that becoming part of COGOP didn't require Restoration to surrender the identity God had given us. Instead, we had discovered covering without losing calling, family without losing identity, and connection without losing mission. We weren't losing Restoration; we were bringing what God had placed in our hands into something much larger than ourselves.

Looking back, perhaps the greatest lesson of our journey is that nobody recruited us into this movement. They built relationship with us. Don reached out. Cedo opened a door. Ramsey sat across a breakfast table. Poarch gave us a mission we could share. Christina and the South gave us a family we could love. The International Assembly allowed us to see the world we were becoming part of. And the Church of God of Prophecy gave us enough room to discover for ourselves where God was leading.

Relationship came before affiliation. Trust came before commitment. Mission came before membership. Somewhere along the journey, "they" became "we."

Today, the little Poarch Church that once faced the possibility of being sold is being relaunched under emerging Native leadership. Restoration is helping strengthen and revitalize churches across South Alabama, and the independent church that once cautiously researched the Church of God of Prophecy is now proudly part of its global family.

Perhaps that's what makes this story so meaningful to me. God used a struggling church in the tribe that I grew up in that almost closed as the doorway to connect people who didn't yet know they needed one another.

COGOP had something Restoration needed. Restoration had something COGOP needed. Poarch needed both of us. And the Kingdom was bigger than all of us.

We didn't arrive here through a recruitment strategy. We arrived here through prayer, shared mission, MUTUAL RISK, genuine friendship, and the providence of God.

By the time August 30 arrived, we weren't asking anymore whether Restoration belonged in the Church of God of Prophecy. God had already answered that through the journey.

We had found home.

And now, together, we look toward the harvest as one church.



▲ Poarch Pastor Dakota Barlow



PASTOR TREVOR DAUGHTRY
LEAD PASTOR | RESTORATION CHURCH COGOP

Pastor Trevor Daughtry is a longtime Christian minister serving the Atmore, Poarch, and Bay Minette communities of Alabama. He currently serves in leadership at Restoration Church Bay Minette, where his ministry centers on preaching, pastoral care, and spiritual growth. For many years, he has been active in community ministry, participating in area-wide prayer initiatives, evangelistic outreaches, and services bringing churches and community members together. His ministry reflects a commitment to sharing the gospel, strengthening the local church, and serving individuals and families throughout his community.



When Service Becomes Our Signature

THE POWER OF INCARNATIONAL MINISTRY IN CEARÁ, BRAZIL

The church exists for one purpose: to proclaim Christ and make disciples. Yet how we fulfill that mission varies greatly across contexts. While we too often depend on the Sunday pulpit alone, others have embraced a lesson Jesus made clear throughout His teaching: tangible acts of service open doors that well-crafted sermons alone cannot unlock.

During my recent trip to Ceará, Brazil, to attend their second state convention, I was moved to hear how the COGOP in Ceará is making the Word become flesh as they reach their community with the gospel. They are doing this one act of service at a time under the servant leadership of Brazil's national bishop, Dr. Hernandes Fernandes Filho and the regional leadership in Ceará. What follows are some of the social initiatives now happening in Ceará.

In the area of Caucaia, Pastor Valdo Silva has been developing the Project Fraternity and Family since 2016. The initiative combines evangelism with family assistance and, most visibly, with the construction of small houses for families facing vulnerability. This audacious project relies on only a few hands and scarce resources; however, these are overwhelmed by their willingness to love their community sacrificially. Pastor Silva's work shows what happens when a church takes both the spiritual hunger and the physical hunger of its community seriously.

In Fortaleza, a different but complementary expression of service has taken root. The Project Movement and Life, operating for approximately one year, uses volleyball as an instrument for transformation. What began as an experiment with four young people has grown to twenty-one active participants. The church recognized

something critical: youth naturally gather on courts and fields. Rather than waiting for them to come to the church building, the church went there. The leaders showed up where young people already were, built relationships in their context, and demonstrated through consistent presence that the gospel is real.

In Santa Quitéria, Pastor João Paulo leads the Institute Ephraim under the motto, Saving Lives and Restoring Stories, a commitment the ministry lives out daily as it coordinates recovery groups for people struggling with chemical dependency, offering accompaniment and community support. The ministry in Santa Quitéria is committed to the idea that the church is the community where broken stories get rewritten.

In the region of Lagoa Salgada, in Cruz, Pastor Júnior directs Project David and Esther toward children. The motto captures the vision: “Today boys and girls, tomorrow kings and queens in God’s presence!” The project’s approach is simple yet powerful: nourish the body, gladden the heart, present Jesus. Addressing physical, emotional, social, and spiritual dimensions simultaneously. To children whose circumstances may have suggested otherwise, the church declares: in Christ you have dignity, value, and purpose.

In Bela Cruz, another iteration of service through sports unfolds. The church uses a soccer program called Soccer is Life as a tool for relationship, reorientation, and spiritual formation. This program is creating spaces where adolescents and young people encounter adults who care, community that accepts them, and a vision of what their lives could become.

The experience of the Church of God of Prophecy in Ceará demonstrates something the contemporary church desperately needs to rediscover. The church’s credibility in a community does not ultimately rest on theological statements or institutional structures. It rests on whether people who are hungry, broken, marginalized, and struggling actually encounter a church that cares. Whether the church shows up. Whether it stays. Whether it sacrifices.

Feeding the hungry, welcoming a family, offering opportunity through sports, accompanying a young person, supporting the recovery of the addicted, building shelter for the homeless, teaching God’s Word, and praying with families are not separate activities. They are different expressions of a single Christocentric conviction: the church has been called to serve.

Service is not what the church does. Service is who the church is. Incarnational ministry finds its truest expression not in committee meetings but on the streets, in communities, in social projects, on sports courts, in families, and in the daily rhythms of people’s actual lives. As the apostles knew well, these are the very places where tangible service opens doors that sermons alone cannot unlock.

In Ceará, the Word is still becoming flesh. That signature is being written in the lives being changed and the gospel being announced by a people determined to reconcile their community to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, one act of service at a time.

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BISHOP DANIEL FELIPE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Bishop Daniel Felipe was born in the Dominican Republic to a missionary family. In his many ministry roles, he has served as youth pastor, camp director, pastor, district supervisor, and state bishop, along with serving on several national and international Church committees. He earned an MBA from Grand Canyon University and worked for 10 years in the financial industry before coming to the International Offices in 2023 to serve as the executive director of Finance and Administration. He and his wife, Laura, have been blessed with three children: Brandon, Dominic, and Estefania.

ONE CHILD FUND

We've been hearing the word *Testify* for a while now. It was the theme at the Institute for Children's Ministries (ICM), and then we carried it with us into the International Assembly. So, of course, the One Child Fund (OCF) had to take advantage of the theme too!

Before ICM, I asked several of our children's homes to send me testimonies from some of the children who have been part of OCF. I wanted people to hear not just from us about what the One Child Fund does, but from the children themselves about the difference it has made in their lives.

Here is one of those testimonies.

Jeovanie's story is one of deep pain transformed into purpose. Her father, a faithful member of the Church of God of Prophecy (COGOP) in Burundi, was tragically killed when civil war broke out in their country in 2015. Left without support, her family fled to Rwanda, broken, uncertain, and grieving. The only family they knew, COGOP Rwanda, opened its arms and received them with love.

Through the One Child Fund, Jeovanie was welcomed into the children's home, where she received access to education, nutritious meals, and a nurturing Christian environment that allowed her to dream again. Her intelligence and determination quickly stood out as she excelled in school and inspired others through her optimism and faith.

Today, Jeovanie is a university graduate, news anchor, and mental health activist. Each year, she leads a workshop at the annual youth camp



as her way of giving back to the church and the home that helped raise her. Using her platform, she continues to inspire hope and speak truth into the lives of others.

"They didn't just help me survive," Jeovanie says. "They helped me believe in myself and in the God who never forgets His children."

Her story continues to inspire the young girls in the home who see in her a living testimony of what God can do through compassion and faith.

And Jeovanie's story is just one of many.



You can read and hear more testimonies from our children at <https://globalcogop.org/ocf-testify>.



When I began planning the OCF display for this summer's International Assembly, I knew I wanted to incorporate the Testify theme somehow. I wanted the children themselves to be part of telling the story of OCF.

That idea became "Handprints of Hope: Every Handprint Tells a Story of Hope."

It was simple and subtle, but each handprint on the display belonged to one of our children. Without saying a word, those handprints testified. Each represented a child with a name, a story, a past, and, because people have chosen to give, pray, and care, a hope for the future.

Jeovanie was once one of those children. Today, she is using her own voice and her own story to give hope to others. There are children in our homes right now whose stories are still being written.

That is why I would love for these handprints to continue serving a purpose beyond the Assembly.

I still have several of our children's handprints available. If you would like some to give to members of your church, use in a classroom, or

display as a reminder to pray for our children, please email onechildfund@cogop.org with the number of handprints you would like and the address where you would like them sent. I will continue sending them for as long as I have handprints available.

I also have prayer cards featuring our children. If you would like one, or several to share with members of your church, please email me and I would be happy to send those as well.

And, of course, you can become part of helping another child's story become a testimony of hope through the One Child Fund.

Give online at globalcogop.org/donate, call 423.559.5209, or mail a check or money order to:

One Child Fund
P.O. Box 2910
Cleveland, TN 37320-2910

Every handprint represents a child.

Every child has a story.

And every story has the opportunity to become a testimony of hope.



SHELLY WILBANKS | GLOBAL MISSIONS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CHURCH *of* GOD *of* PROPHECY

NEW CHURCH PLANTS



BAHAMAS

Deveaux Street Church of God of Prophecy

New Providence, Bahamas

Organized on September 24, 2025

Pastor: Melvin L. Lundy



BAHAMAS

George Town, Exuma (Creole) COGOP

Exuma, Bahamas

Organized on March 16, 2025

Pastor: Justin Nord



U.S. – OKLAHOMA

Harvest Church of Stigler

Oklahoma

Organized on March 17, 2024

Pastor: Jerry D. Stevens



U.S. – WASHINGTON

IDP Vancouver, WA

Washington

Organized on July 20, 2025

Pastor: Samuel M. Munoz J.



U.S. – SOUTH CAROLINA

Iglesia Aposento Alto (Upper Room Ministry)

South Carolina

Organized on May 16, 2025

Pastor: Alexander R. Sanabia



U.S. – WASHINGTON

Iglesia Cristiana Restauración Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía
Washington

Organized on April 24, 2024

Pastor: Rodrigo Luviano



U.S. – KENTUCKY

Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía Jehová Nissi (Louisville)
Kentucky

Organized on November 8, 2025

Pastor: Dilcia Madrid



U.S. – NORTH CAROLINA

Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía Kannapolis
North Carolina

Organized on March 14, 2026

Pastor: Manuel Martinez



U.S. – TENNESSEE

Iglesia de Dios de la Profecía Nashville, TN
Tennessee

Organized on June 28, 2025

Pastor: Yolanda Castillo



U.S. – PENNSYLVANIA

Spanish Church of God of Prophecy PA #6
Pennsylvania

Organized on May 17, 2026

Pastor: Maria A. Garcia



U.S. – WEST VIRGINIA

Valley Chapel Church of God of Prophecy
West Virginia

Organized on May 13, 2026

Pastor: William A. Botkin



IN HIS PRESENCE

DECEASED MINISTERS | REPORTED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

OSCAR R. AYERS

Virginia
June 17, 2026
Licensed minister for 60 years

C. J. CROYLE

Pennsylvania
July 26, 2026
Licensed minister for 46 years

GUILLERMO P. ESPINOZA

Texas
July 18, 2026
Licensed minister for 41 years

SHEILA PRICE

North Carolina
August 2, 2026
Licensed minister for 19 years

ADRIAN L. VARLACK, SR.

Tennessee
August 4, 2026
Licensed minister for 55 years



HERITAGE MINISTRIES



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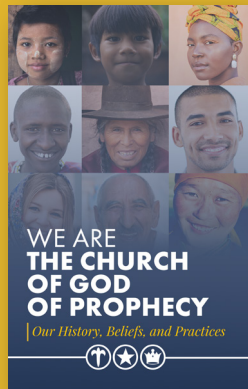
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