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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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FACING FORWARD

Going Forward in the Power of the Spirit

Throughout his life, Jesus demonstrated that his entire ministry was accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit. When he was baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, Luke notes that Jesus was filled with the Spirit and led by the Spirit. A short time later, Luke noted that Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14), and he also rejoiced in the Spirit (10:21). The Apostle John records that Jesus emphasized, “I can of Myself do nothing” (cf. John 5:19, 30 NKJV). In other words, Jesus was totally reliant upon the Holy Spirit for guidance, direction, and empowerment. Furthermore, as he was preparing to bodily leave the earth, he mandated that his disciples should take the gospel to the whole earth, but not before they had been empowered by the Holy Spirit. Thus, Luke records that the apostles, along with disciples numbering about 120, tarried until the day of Pentecost when the Spirit came and sat upon each one of them with tongues of fire and power.

From that moment on and throughout the book of Acts, the early church modeled the ministry of Jesus. In the Gospels, Jesus prayed, and in the Book of Acts, the church prayed many mighty prayers through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospels, Jesus raised the dead, and in Acts, the disciples did the same. The church went where the Spirit led them, and when the Spirit forbade them to go in a certain direction, they refrained. Even though these Jewish converts thought initially the gospel was only for other Israelites, the Holy Spirit convicted them of their narrow thinking and sent them to the Gentiles. The results of ministering in the Spirit were so great that it was said of them that they had turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).



Bishop Tim McCaleb, DMin
Asia, Australia, and Oceania
General Presbyter

The task of finishing the work of taking the gospel to the whole world is enormous. Governments are becoming more resistant and hostile to Christ and to his work in many parts of the globe. Other religious movements feel threatened by Christianity and are openly persecuting believers. Those who have given themselves over to sexual immorality and deviant behavior as listed in Romans 1 have become violent over the message of holiness and have labeled the Bible as hate literature. Surely, the vision of John is coming to pass where the devil

has “opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven ... to make war with the saints” (Revelation 13:6–7).

The devil is an ancient enemy, older than the earth. He is more powerful, more cunning, and more intelligent than human beings. No person in the Bible was able to challenge and defeat him. Not one was successful in battle with him. From Adam to Abraham to Moses, he prevailed. Only Jesus Christ was victorious in battle against him, and he did so through the power of the Spirit. If we are to fight effectively and go forward, we must do so in total reliance upon the power of the Holy Spirit. This church movement was born of the Spirit and rapidly spread throughout the world through the guidance of God’s Spirit. Let us fervently seek the Holy Spirit and ask him to fill us once again so that we may go forward with this great message of the gospel that has been entrusted to us!

CONNECTIONS

Revival Stirrings on the Border of Nepal

National Bishop Gopal Lama recently reported to us that twelve new souls were saved and also received water baptism. These are people who live around the Nepal and India border who do not speak or understand Nepali; they only speak Hindi and the Bhojpuri language. Bishop Gopal writes that after the water baptismal service, these new believers were provided chicken meat curry, dry-beaten rice, cold drinks, and even local transportation fare. While there is high risk (from other religious factions and police) to go into their village and conduct such a program, these traveled a few miles inside Nepal for the celebration.



Please continue to pray for our family in this region.



RECONCILIATION

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Over the summer, I was privileged to attend and be involved in ministry in several state, regional, national, and international conventions and conferences. I have had the opportunity to be a part of these meetings over the years as I have served in some capacity at the International Offices. The experience has consistently blessed my life and spiritual journey as a part of the Church of God of Prophecy family as we are informed of and celebrate in God's work among us. However, this summer provided an exceptional reconsecration for me in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

One of the key elements of every one of these meetings was the witness of those who were reconciled to Christ empowered by the work of the Holy Spirit among us. In each session as ministry went forward and invitations were extended for prayer, those who were in attendance for fellowship and possibly observation were touched in ways that led them into a season of seeking for renewal, refreshing, and spiritually revitalizing experiences. We rejoiced in the works of salvation, sanctification, Holy Spirit fillings, miraculous healings, and the touch of the supernatural in the call to ministry.

While we prepare for and expect these kinds of conversion experiences in conferences,

camps, retreats, revivals, and outreach ministries that are designed for evangelistic responses, I cannot remember a "conventions season" where we have seen the extreme spiritual explosions that led to people running to the altar for reconciliation to Christ.

Many of those who came to Christ responded as a result of the invitation into the presence of the Holy Spirit through worship. While most worship sessions contained many varieties and styles of music—often songs that are well known and used in local church ministries—the intensity of the heart of worship became an open conduit for the empowering work of the Holy Spirit drawing souls to Christ. In one convention, almost every invitation included a salvific response. We witnessed the power of God inhabiting the praise of his people (Psalm 22:3).

Another powerful tool that was used in these meetings was testimony. In every session of the conventions, Spirit-filled and Spirit-led testimonies empowered those in need of salvation and works of the miraculous to come and commit themselves to God and his purpose and plan. I have been repeatedly reminded of the encouragement that we are made overcomers by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (Revelations 12:11).

Conventions have perhaps become known for the anointed preaching of God's Word. This season seems to have provided an explosion of the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit at work in making known the power and purpose of God through the preaching of his Word. We are reminded that the Word of God is alive and active according to Hebrews 4:12, sharper than any double-edged sword ... penetrating even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow



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... judging the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. I watched when one annual address from the state bishop brought more than half of the attendees to the altar at the beginning of the message which was more than an hour long. They remained and even moved as the state bishop moved under the anointing. I saw visitors who had wandered in coming to an altar of prayer seeking help to accept Christ as Savior. In another meeting, I saw backsliders making their way to prayer during the delivery of the Word.

I do not believe that any of the miraculous works I saw and in which I became an active participant and recipient of such outpourings occurred by happenstance. I believe in many of these meetings over the summer, there was a calculated dynamic of prayer that bathed every expression of opportunity for us all to be reconciled to Christ and become the agents of reconciliation empowered by the Holy Spirit. For many years I have understood that the true work of ministry is prayer. Every action of ministry in expressing the call of the gospel must be preceded, enabled, and facilitated by prayer.

In Ephesians 3:14-21 (KJV), we find a prayer for spiritual empowerment to live out and fulfill the call to this work of the Holy Spirit in and through us:

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of



Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

This prayer expresses the very heart of God for us. It is a prayer that encourages us to know him better. In this prayer, God allows us his own resources, which we learn are without limit—that *he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory....* It is a prayer that leads us into further knowledge and understanding of God's love for the world and to be filled with his fullness. It is prayer that seeks his exceeding abundant empowering to be fully at work in and through us in our everyday relationships and ministry.

In this season of ministry in which we are being called to join the groundswell of reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, allow me the opportunity of worship, testimony, the Word, and the experience of prayer of which I am an active witness—this is the work of his Spirit. Our prayer is that you will be blessed and challenged as you move through the following pages of updates and testimonies of the encouraging forward movement of the gospel of Christ throughout the world.



ASIA, AUSTRALIA, AND OCEANIA

When COVID travel restrictions were lifted, the Asia region of the Church of God of Prophecy renewed its efforts to present the gospel to the world. We are actively promoting ministerial training with the courses produced by our Leadership Development and Discipleship (LDD) department. In the last few months, classes have been taught in Indonesia, Nepal, Malaysia, Philippines, India, and Samoa with others planned. This past spring, Bishop Justiano of the Philippines offered these classes two days before the national convention, and all was a great success.



Bishop McCaleb with some of the Samoan pastoral families



A full classroom in the Philippines



Group picture of those participating in the classes in the Philippines



BISHOP TIM MCCALED, DMIN
ASIA, AUSTRALIA, AND OCEANIA
GENERAL PRESBYTER



Classes in India



A new COGOP church in India



Bishop David Bryan using his dynamic teaching skills



Classes in Malaysia



The Philippine convention has grown so large that it had to be moved outdoors.



Samoa had its first convention in four years. Here Bishop Noni Que addresses the delegates.



Pastor Fatu prays for the convention.



Some of the beautiful Samoan saints



NORTH AMERICA

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (Matthew 9:35–38 NIV)

The call of Jesus to pray for laborers is prompted by his compassion for the crowds who were harassed and helpless. The prayer of North America for laborers into the ripe harvest before us is driven by the same heart of compassion and in obedience to our Savior's command. Together, pastors, bishops, leaders, and Christians are seeking God for his power to reach the unreached and his anointing to participate fully in his ministry of reconciliation.

We are experiencing the overwhelming move of God's power throughout North America. In January of 2023, during the Church of God of Prophecy corporate time of prayer and seeking, North America focused on praying for five specific areas of need and ministry:

- 1) Anointing to reach the unreached in our communities with the message of Jesus
- 2) Ministry to the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of our communities
- 3) Divine healing for the sick in our congregations and communities
- 4) Church planting and church planters in North America
- 5) New ministers accepting their call to ministry



Today, we are rejoicing that God is moving in these five areas (and more). We give God the glory and ask for continued prayers that pastors, bishops, ministers, and leaders in North America may respond to God's call to join him in mission. We rejoice in every answered prayer, especially the outbreak of divine healing that occurred in North America state/regional conventions and is occurring in local congregations. Wow! We thank God for many testimonies of his healing power at work!

Included in the prayer approach above is the opportunity to plant and renew churches in North America. Through the Multiply 2030 initiative, existing churches are given the opportunity to "take their church's pulse" and discern how their congregation may more fully participate in the mission of God in the areas of evangelism, service, discipleship, fellowship, and worship. Additionally, through a free evaluative process, pastors and leaders may discern how to receive and share clear vision, mobilize laity, steward resources, provide spiritual leadership, and evaluate ministry context. This process is currently available free to all congregations at www.Multiply2030.org.

Church-planting prayer and efforts are continuing to grow throughout North America! We praise the Lord for many new congregations planted and more missions being established each month. Rejoice with these new congregations and join North America in prayer for each



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Lion of Judah – LaPlace, LA



Campamento de Adoración Bet-El – Eagle, ID



Iglesia Cristo Te Ama – Irving, TX



Dinuba CGP – Dinuba, CA



United COGOP – Brooklyn, NY



Camino de Verdad – Aurora, CO



Iglesia Un Nuevo Remanente – Elgin, IL



IDP – Lincoln Park, MI



Tehillah Ministries – Massapequa, NY



The Power of Jesus Christ – Portland, ME

new congregation's fruitfulness in ministry in their communities. Please continue to pray the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into his harvest in North America. We are calling for more and more churches to mother new congregations and church planters to answer the call to plant. Potential church planters may visit www.Multiply2030.org to view current opportunities.

A Local Perspective of Missions

Mission Team Endeavors from Peerless Road Church (PRC)

Our church's motto is "Loving God; Loving Others." Not only do we put it on shirts and preach about it in sermons, but we put it into action by offering several ways people can get involved in ministry. Our church strongly adheres to the principle of reaching beyond our four walls to the local community, state, nation, and other parts of the world. One way we do that is by sending out a mission team every summer to be the hands and feet of Jesus as it partners with a smaller church in need.

Being part of the mission team for the past several years has been a great experience. It has given me the opportunity to unite with a wonderful group of people working toward a common objective of sharing the love of Jesus. The team makes this a reality in two ways. First, we help the church immediately by doing needed construction projects and renovating the children's area. Second, we plan a community outreach event or training programs for local church workers.

Even though the mission trip lasts only a week, the preparation is much longer. It usually begins in early fall with the formation of the team. From there, we spend the next nine to ten months praying, planning, and fundraising together.

Casper, Wyoming, Mission Team Led by Lee and Cathy Baggerly (Report by Lee Baggerly)

On June 18, 2023, Peerless Road Church prayed for and sent out the 2023 Mission Team, a group of 17 individuals who headed west to Casper, Wyoming. After traveling all day, we landed in Billings, Montana, where we were welcomed by Bishop Scott Lee. From there we loaded into three vehicles and drove three more hours to finally reach our destination—Casper, Wyoming—at 4:00 a.m. in the morning.

After sleeping a few hours, we loaded the vehicles and headed to Redemption Point Church,

this time being greeted by Pastor David Lee. After a devotion and time of prayer, the team jumped straight into the work. The team members, who ranged in ages from 16 to 70 plus, worked very hard, usually completing the day's tasks around 7:30 p.m. each day. Numerous projects were completed during the week. We replaced window trim and painted more than twenty windows; scraped and painted much of the outside of the church; landscaped around the church and rebuilt the church sign; flipped the children's area and provided materials and resources for them to use in the future; painted, redecorated, and upgraded several rooms including the fellowship

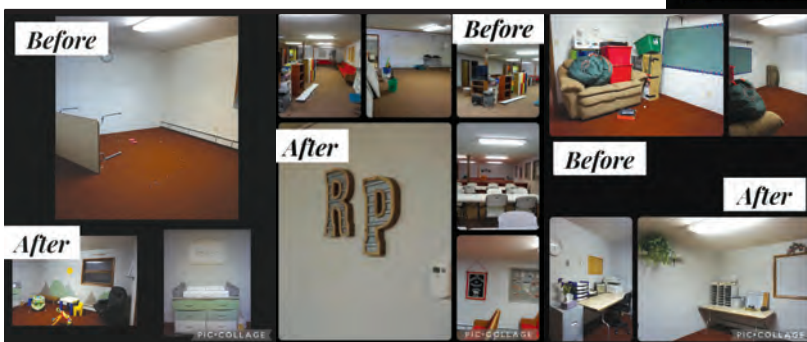




hall, kitchen, secretary's office, and youth game room; and remodeled two bathrooms. We finished the week by canvassing the neighborhood with information about the church and service times. Then we took part in a community outreach that included grilling hamburgers and hotdogs and eating some of the best ice cream in Wyoming.

None of this could have taken place had it not been for our local church supporting us and Pastor Lee partnering with us. Romans 12:5 (NIV) says, "So in Christ we, though many, form one body." We are so blessed to be a part of a loving, caring body of believers and look forward to many more opportunities to minister through missions in the future.

Team members: Arietta Grimmitt, Bea Martinez, Emma Baggerly, Stephanie McKinley, Shane and Tabitha Bryant, Jaime Sanders, Jordan Taylor, Hunter Taylor, Jeff and Ana Walters, Jill and Brooke Jones, Luchen Strickland, Abriana Estrada, Hope Padilla, and Lee and Cathy Baggerly



A Local Perspective of Missions

Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Mission Team Led by Vernon Van Deventer (Report by Lisa Padgett Calfee)

In remote southern South Dakota lies the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. With over 3,480 square miles of area, it is one of the largest reservations in the United States. It is filled with rolling hills and prairies but only populated by approximately 28,000 people. The reservation is one of the poorest regions of the country. It is hard to imagine that right within our borders lies an area of such poverty and need. This area has a rich history in the Church of God of Prophecy. Vernon Van Deventer knows it well. He grew up nearby while his father, before his untimely death, was a pastor and overseer of the area back in the 1930s to 1950s. Vernon spent many years on the reservation teaching and ministering to the children and families. It has been a calling on his heart to take a mission team to the area, and on July 29, it became a reality as a team of 11 departed on a mission trip like none other. This team was joined by six other individuals representing other denominations from across the state of Tennessee.

Pastor Gus Craven of Eagle Nest Ministries has been ministering to the area of Wanblee, South Dakota, on the reservation for years. He provided the team with a place to sleep, eat, and work for the week. This trip was focused on spreading love to the children of the Lakota tribe. Armed with approximately 400 back packs filled with school supplies, basketballs, hand crocheted toboggans (hats), gift baskets for mothers and grandmothers, candy, and water, the team set out to distribute the supplies to the surrounding communities of Manderson, Wounded Knee, Porcupine, Allen, Red Shirt, Norris, and Wanblee.

In an effort to support the pastors and spread the love of God, the tiny local churches served as the give-away locations. At Manderson, the team was excited to meet Pastor Jeremy, who hails from Chattanooga, and see his little church house of about 25 people. One by one families came with their children to pick out their backpacks and, of course, to grab some candy and a basketball. Onward to the community of Wounded Knee and then to Porcupine where the little metal building was clearly a house of God. The Native American pastor shared how his commitment to serve God is frowned upon by the Tribe. In a community deeply rooted in native



customs, these local pastors have made a commitment to serve God and have stepped out in faith.

The team visited areas where churches are slowly being planted. It is common to have a "house church" as the first step to establishing a place of worship in the community.

The most remote community, Red Shirt, was particularly notable. As the team rolled into town towing a trailer, the local children came to the school to see what was going on. In just a few minutes, the school gym was buzzing with the sounds of happy children wearing their backpacks and taking shots with their new basketballs. This area has no church. They are in the process of hosting a Soup Kettle Ministry to draw in the community. The school principal, who simply goes by Dave, has been instrumental in providing a place to host events to spread the love of Christ.



The finale for the mission team was the hosting of a Back-to-School Block Party complete with food, games, and a puppet show. With over 85 families participating, this was a resounding success. It was here that the team had moments of one-on-one conversations with children and parents.

Our journey on the reservation ended with a special moment. Unbeknownst to Brother Vernon, Pastor Gus had knowledge of the accident where his father and 5 others (including two ministers) lost their lives in 1955 in a tragic car accident as they were returning home from a church service held in Allen, South Dakota. The story of the preachers has been passed down for generations on the reservation. It was clear that the preachers were well respected, so much so that the site of the accident has been called "Preachers Corner." Vernon, along with his nephew (Roger Wessel), wife (Jane), and the team visited the site. As they turned to leave, the most brilliant rainbow appeared in the sky and lingered as if a sign of peace from above. In this moment, Vernon Van Deventer, the team leader, experienced closure regarding the death of his father, and the team was able to share this experience with him.

The work is not finished! In these remote areas where alcoholism, drugs, sexual abuse, and suicide occur at high rates, small churches are rising one by one and gaining the trust of natives and, more importantly, gaining souls for Christ. In spite of obstacles, the power of the Holy



Spirit will prevail. As we sit in our comfortable churches with padded seats, air conditioning, and sound systems, it's easy to take for granted how blessed we are. It was an amazing experience to see the Lakota people stepping out of the norm to serve God. The numbers may be small for now, but if more teams commit to work on the Pine Ridge Reservation, the kingdom will grow. Building on the 2023 Focus Forward Ministries Mission Team led by Vernon, a PRC Mission Team is already planning for the next trip. Please pray specifically for the safety of the pastors on the reservation, for the mission they are fulfilling, and for hearts to be open to the gospel.

Team members: Vernon Van Deventer, Jane Van Deventer, Lisa Padgett Calfee, Nancy Glover, Arietta Grimmert, Janet Hutson, Alan Ogle, Terri Ogle, Laurie Pavlou, Linda Rodante, Phillip Maddux, Roger Wessel, Dennis Parker, Janis Parker, Terry Kesley, Penny Kesley, and Tommy Kesley.





CARIBBEAN AND ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS

Disciples Making More Disciples: Ministry Update from Saint Lucia

Bernie Pierre, St. Lucia

The Word of God has given us keys that can enhance the process of disciples making more disciples.

In St. Lucia, we are working to be impartial in our approach to the discipline of discipleship. We seek to discern the difference between the ambitious and the called, the talented or gifted and the God-ordained. We are learning that we have been chosen and ordained to bring forth fruit that should remain (John 15:16).

Jesus had great multitudes following him, but from these he hand-picked 12 individuals and called them disciples or apostles. He chose them to be with him: they moved together, ate together, socialized. He poured himself into them. They learned from him, they grew, and they changed; they became like him. They all enjoyed the same benefits.

Jesus chose his disciples purposefully; he chose them that they should not only be with him, but also "that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils" (Mark 3:14-15). Again, we see the element of disciples making more disciples.

We are committed to this ministry.

DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION

From the beginning of this ministry, the mandate from the Lord has been "teach, train, and equip"—three fundamental aspects of discipleship.

Making Community Disciples

Members of the community have been coming to



receive training and instruction in the Word. These individuals now serve as the newly appointed team, Coolie-Town Community Development Committee.

Appointment of Ten New Ministers

Through effective discipleship, the ministry proudly set forth ten new licensed ministers. These ministers will continue to support the ministry as they embark on discipleship within their various areas of ministry.



Celebrating the Work of the Lord

Each member has in their own way taken the lessons received and has made it their personal goal to pay forward to their families and co-workers.





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Utilizing the Skills Sets of our Members through Discipleship

Praise & Worship:

Discipleship takes place in Praise and Music Ministry.



Media and Tech Ministry: Through the Media Ministry, we can present services online to overseas members, people who are unable to attend due to health, and to the overflow downstairs. Through outreach, God has blessed us with persons who are skilled in media technology who not only offer their skills to the service of the Lord but are also training other young people in the field.



Discipling the Next Generation of Kingdom Leaders

Youth Ministry: The youth engaged in a discussion on spiritual development and social awareness. One of our members, Inspector Errol Henry, spoke to the group on conflict resolution and ways to curb acts of violence.



Children's Ministry: Effort is made to reach out to the community's children with the understanding that they are powerful ministry vessels that God can use. As they come, they also bring others.



The Tangible Fruits of Discipleship

"Disciples Making More Disciples"—The Making of Our New Church!

One member (pictured in pink), having completed the training, has gone back to her business in the community of Soufriere and has become an evangelist, leading many to the Lord and organizing a bus to bring people to church on Sunday mornings.

These have not only been coming but have been bringing their children as well.



Guyana and Suriname Update: Biennial National Convention

Report by National Bishop Earl Higgins

On April 29–May 1, 2023, we were blessed to celebrate our Biennial National Convention at the Ann's Grove Church of God of Prophecy. We took as our theme, "A Reconciling Church Empowered by the Holy Spirit."

We are grateful to the Holy Trinity, our overseas guests, all leaders, members, followers, visitors, and friends who were in attendance. The fellowship was exceptional. We give recognition to the National Convention Committee for their diligence. Our young leaders, amidst the challenges and frustrations, must be saluted for presenting the convention live, laboring in the Praise and Worship, and organizing the sound system and photography. It is a new day!

Much was achieved in this convention. Guyana and Suriname continue to move forward in the power of the

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WIDER EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST

LET IT RAIN!

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

**When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. (Isaiah 64:1–3 ESV)**

August 2–6, 2023, we had our fifth GET PLUGGED IN Youth and Leaders Conference for Wider Europe and Middle East, part of the YM GO! Youth Conferences which Youth Ministries Director Bishop Kirk Rising has helped us envision and put together since 2015. Our conference topic was TOUCHED. Throughout the conference we felt the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT rain down on our services and young people. Our Get Plugged In Conference Team (Johannes and Tessa Dietze from Germany, Jan and Teresa Szlaur from Czech Republic, and YM Director Bishop Kirk Rising) could not have dreamed of how good the Lord was going to be to us during these services. The past months we faced numerous difficulties due to the war in Europe, visa difficulties, the troubling economy, and in three nations visas were declined. We anticipated a smaller attendance than before the pandemic but trusted the Lord would touch those that were able to travel. Our heavenly Father had much greater



plans and supplied us with miracles and awesome things that we could not imagine! A week before the conference, we struggled to find more hotel rooms to accommodate last minute sign ups, but due to gracious fundings from Canada, Finland, Jamaica, the United Kingdom, and the United States, these loving donations from our COGOP churches helped numerous nations attend the conference: 24 from Hungary, 37 from Bulgaria, and 34 from the war-torn Ukraine. Attendees from some nations traveled 24 to 48 hours in buses, cars, and trains to attend the event. Every travel minute, every pre-conference organization struggle, every visa application fight was worth it because the Holy Spirit came down and the nations and hearts quaked in his presence. We experienced the TOUCH of the Holy Spirit. Many lives were marked and changed, callings were confirmed, healings experienced, and gifts were graciously given. Oh, how good it was to be in the presence of the Lord! In total, 380 people from 27 nations across the world, speaking 13 different languages, came together in Prague, Czech Republic, where the Lord opened the heavens and came down and met with us.

The conference halls were filled with laughter, friendships, amazing worship from our multinational band, Spirit-led speakers from across Europe and the US, and prayers as the next generation fell



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to their knees listening to God's voice and being TOUCHED by his presence. Several years ago, the Lord gave me a vision of rain of blessings falling on this next generation in Europe. We believe we witnessed the outpouring of that rain at this conference. We trust the Lord will continue to shape them to become true followers of Christ and to lead lives that are pleasing to the Lord, where every move is made with the Spirit of God. Our hope is for you to be encouraged to be a part of a new church generation where both old and young join together to live Spirit-led lives that transform our families, churches, and communities.

We are thankful for all the efforts that made this conference possible: our planning team, finance teams and donations, travel coordinators, speakers, seminar leaders, praise teams, translators, and tech teams.

Prior to the conference, the national bishops of Wider Europe and Middle East came together for meetings, training, fellowship, and prayer. They filled the rooms with prayer before the younger generation came to join them. What a joy to walk into rooms that the older generation had blessed with prayer. We had many guests attend who inspired our next generation: YM Director Bishop Kirk Rising and his team, General Presbyter Tim McCaleb, Bishop Jeff Davis, and Dr. Cathy Payne. Evening services were filled with powerful preaching, worship, and prayer, and every day multiple seminars were offered to prepare our youth for ministry—workshops for children's ministry, mental health, God's calling, the reliability of Scripture, Christian apologetics, and youth training, to mention a few. Despite the many languages, a multinational choir and drama team performed. Sunday morning, General Presbyter Bishop Clayton Endecott encouraged the youth to become the



church for this generation, where Christ will reign and his Spirit will empower. The bishop of Czech Republic, Petr Szlaur, and his church team hosted the conference with excellence. They are an incredible team of servants.

One young person at the conference joked that they had never been to an event with so many bishops in the room. His funny observation touched my heart. My observation was a room filled with the next generation, and the older generation was serving them! National bishops, leaders, and pastors were investing through workshops, electives, prayer, encouragement, and

Report from Tessa and Johannes Dietze

Youth Ministries Directors for Wider Europe and Middle East
Tessa and Jo live in Germany where they serve locally and in Europe. They are married and have three miracle children.



hours of translation, but what was most touching was the interaction between the leaders and the younger generation over meals and special moments filled with laughter, conversations, and tears. We pray for more of these encounters to fill our churches—encounters where generations come together mentoring and investing into one another. What a glimpse of heaven those conference days truly were! We give God all honor and glory for the outpouring of his Spirit.

Right after the GPI Conference ended, we sent out our first GPI mission team from COGOP Oklahoma to minister in a Kids Camp in Frydek-Mistek, Czech Republic. The Czech Republic is grateful for their help and ministry. Thank you for your support.

"Shower, O heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and
righteousness may bear fruit;
let the earth cause them both to sprout;
I the Lord have created it. (Isaiah 45:8)

As we look forward to our next GPI Conference in 2025, we pray the Lord continues to shower down on Wider Europe and the Middle East, for younger generations to be TOUCHED and marked by the Lord, and for new fruit to sprout up across the nations—fruit that is pleasing to the Lord.

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CARIBBEAN

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Holy Spirit! Our guests included Bishop Dr. Clayton Martin, Caribbean Area general presbyter; his precious wife, Dr. Sonia Martin; and Bishop Dr. Winston Leith, national bishop of Jamaica.

Bishop Dr. Clayton Martin, National Bishop Earl Higgins, Bishop Dr. Winston Leith, Dr. Sonia Martin, and Minister Roxanne Hanover inspired and challenged us on the convention theme through the ministry of the Word.

Leadership: All district superintendents, leaders of clusters, senior pastors, associate pastors, national ministries directors and committee members were in attendance.

Suriname Delegates: Delegates from Suriname traveled one whole day on water and land to Guyana. They were led by Associate Pastor Ann Cantebury. The Victory Church of God of Prophecy, with headquarters at Commewijne Jagtlust, was well represented.

Leaders of districts, pastors, and national ministries presented reports of blessings, increases, and successes. To God be all the glory!

Excellent Spirit of Giving: Many pledges were made by delegates to offset youth and junior camp expenses.

Ordination of Two Bishops: District Superintendents and Senior Pastors Phillip James and Wilbert Simon were ordained as bishops. We continue to move forward in leadership development both in Guyana and Suriname.

Holy Spirit Visitation and Outpouring: A whole morning session was devoted to seeking a visitation and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Winston Leith ministered the Word and, with the leadership of Guyana and Suriname, prayed for all delegates in the prayer line.

Convention Site: The Ann's Grove local church rose to the challenge and labored sacrificially to host the convention. Blessings and commendation. It is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes!



Amerindian Delegates: Our three Amerindian churches (Mora, Five Miles, and Moraikobai), all hinterland areas, added spice to the convention with their indigenous dance.

Delegates from Suriname, Mora, and Five Miles were accommodated at our Mission House, located in Georgetown, our capital city. Meals and traveling to Ann's Grove were financed by our National Treasury.

Public Witness: Children, youth, and adults—with banners, placards, and flags—were led by our Canter Truck and Praise Team as they paraded on the streets of Ann's Grove, glorifying our Lord Jesus. Ministry in the Word was done at the Car Park by our national directors of evangelism.





MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE SPANISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN

International Leadership Summit August 4–6, 2023

San Salvador, El Salvador

Mexico, Central America, and the Spanish-Speaking Caribbean

On August 4–6, 2023, 822 leaders gathered in San Salvador to reaffirm our commitment to God’s mission, or *Missio Dei*. We listened to lectures, sermons, and panel discussions highlighting different aspects of the mission. We heard from Dr. Elías Rodríguez about the biblical-theological foundation of our mission, and from Bishop Flavio Rosario on the topic of moving from activism to carrying out God’s mission. Dr. John Wagenveld expanded on the subject of God’s mission. Pastor Joel Rosales and Pastor Eduardo Cáceres taught us that God’s mission is all-encompassing. The panel discussion—led by Dr. Maribel Zacapa, Dr. Alfonso de la Rosa, Pastor María Ruano, and Pastor Maritza Mejía— emphasized that God’s mission does not end when people’s spiritual needs are met; people’s physical and material needs also need to be met. In other words, God’s mission is to care for a person’s entire well-being.



But God’s mission is inclusive. Young people have a role in God’s mission. For that reason, Pastor Enrique Baldeón spoke on God’s mission for our youth. Furthermore, the mission can also be fulfilled through small groups, as affirmed by Pastor Alfredo Vallelanes.

Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter encouraged us to leave the comfort of our lifeboats and return to those people who are perishing—to become the hands and feet of Jesus Christ—since we have been given the ministry of reconciliation.

Every session and every sermon helped strengthen our resolve to become more determined in fulfilling the commission given to us by our Lord before he ascended into heaven.

At the conclusion of this conference, we celebrated the Lord’s Supper. As we ate the bread and drank from the cup, we reaffirmed our communion with God and with one another. We participated in feet washing, where the elderly washed the feet of our youth, and ministers of our congregation washed the feet of ministers of





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the Church of God and ministers of the para-ecclesial ministry, the Multiplication Network. This celebration emphasized, first, the hope that we have in the new generations; secondly, our commitment to unity among denominations and other para-ecclesial ministries with whom we share the same mission of reaching the lost and establishing the kingdom of God on this earth; and thirdly, it emphasized our spirit of service, unity, interdependence, and submission to one another.

The conference concluded with Dr. Rahadames Matos reaffirming the Great Commission from our Lord Jesus Christ: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19–20 NIV).

We left San Salvador praying for the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses in our homes, to our extended families, in our communities, in our countries, and to the entire world (Acts 1:8).



AFRICA

MISSION IN AFRICA

The mission activity in Africa has increasingly felt God's divine move over the years. On the continent of Africa, the movement towards reconciling the world to Christ is in full swing. The harvest is astronomically abundant, and we are getting closer to achieving this objective.

Christians in Africa have experienced many forms of persecution, including the loss of lives and property along with various forms of stigmatization, just like other regions of the world. While many of our brethren find it challenging to deal with the steadily declining standard of living due to the economy, we continue to work towards fulfilling Christ's purpose for the world.

THE AFRICA WOMEN'S MINISTRY ARE READY FOR CHRIST

In Zambia and Nigeria, the Women's Ministry Biblical (WMB) conference was organized. The coordinators, Sister Lydia Kanjuye and Reverend (Mrs.) Felicia A. Okosun, exhorted participants to hold fast to their trust in God and to their dedication to the plans and purposes he has in store for them.

While addressing the conference in Nigeria, Reverend Felicia Okosun said, "I encourage you to go all out and do everything possible to reconcile the women in your communities to Christ." She added that this must be done intentionally through dedication to the global mission goal of reconciling the world to Christ by the help of the Holy Spirit.

The women from both countries, dressed in vibrant apparel, were pleased to attend the conference this year, which was hosted in their respective countries.



Women's Ministry Biblical (WMB) – Zambia



Women's Ministry Biblical (WMB) – Nigeria

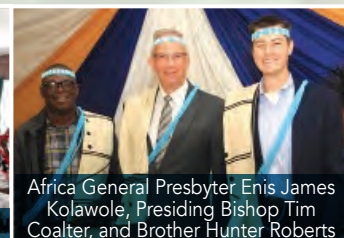
SOUTH AFRICA CONVENTION

In reconciling the world to Christ, Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter, Brother Hunter Roberts, and the general presbyter for Africa, Bishop Enis James Kolawole, were in South Africa to attend the South Africa East and West Conventions.

The presiding bishop powerfully exhorted the brethren to pursue the reconciliation of South Africa to Christ intentionally and methodically. He stated, "The time is now when we must make a bold move to accomplish this goal before us."



South Africa West Convention



Africa General Presbyter Enis James Kolawole, Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter, and Brother Hunter Roberts



South Africa East Convention



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TANZANIA CONVENTION

Bishop Enis James Kolawole, along with Reverend Patrick Villanueva, an evangelist from North Carolina who has been a great support for the mission work in Africa and Pakistan, took the message of reconciliation to Tanzania. Reverend Villanueva preached and invited men and women to the altar who were willing to take the message of reconciliation to the villages around them. He promised to continue to assist them as the Lord blesses him.



Reverend Patrick Villanueva praying for the people

RWANDA CONVENTION

On August 4–6, the general presbyter with the company of the assistant area presbyter for East Africa, Bishop James Ntezimana, gathered in Rwanda for their 30th National Convention. This convention was equally graced by Reverend Bosco Subire, the national administrative assistant for Burundi; Bishop John Ober; Pastor Joseph Nyamoki; and Pastor Brooks, Pastor Matthew Scott, Pastor Howard, and Nina Davis, all from North Carolina. The conference was Spirit-filled and the messages were challenging and inspiring. About eighty-seven people came out and gave their lives to Christ.



Rwanda Convention



Rwanda's Women's Ministry at the Rwanda Convention

The leadership of our church in Rwanda appreciates all the donors and the Global Missions department for their support towards the orphanage home.

NAMIBIA MISSION

Bishop Cerome Alwyn, the national field secretary, in his determination to reconcile Namibia to Christ, has taken the church to Rehoboth in the Khomas Region of Namibia. With this effort, a parcel of land has been allocated to the church, and a temporary structure is being erected on it. This local church shows promise having covenanted 30 members. Due to the socioeconomic challenge caused by COVID-19, a soup kitchen has been introduced as a strategy for soul winning. Hunger is widespread; therefore, the soup kitchen has been very helpful. Help and support will be greatly appreciated to move the work forward.



Namibia mission church building under construction



Namibia mission tent meeting

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SOUTH AMERICA

2023 PRE-CONVENTION RETREAT AND NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ECUADOR

On May 26–28, 2023, the Church of God of Prophecy in Ecuador held a wonderful Pre-Convention Ministry Retreat. We received a powerful word from God through the general presbyter for South America, Bishop Gabriel E. Vidal, who touched on the challenges leaders face today (Ezekiel 33:11). In the midst of a changing society that has been driven away from God's principles, this teaching served as a warning and challenge for our leadership to face our current reality. We were reminded that we are *hupéretés*—servants. “To be great you must serve others and even suffer if needed.” Our greatest example is Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:7). He who wants to become great must be a servant of Christ (Matthew 20:26–27).

Our national bishop, Benjamin Aldana Pérez, presented Project Expansion 20/30 to the leaders present. Bishop Aldana, who is also the director of this project, and his team of collaborators presented this great challenge. This project's objective is to establish 30 new churches and 20 missions during the 2023–2027 period. The project made a great impact and was a great challenge for both the national and local ministries because every congregation was represented by some of their leaders. We had an attendance of 148 people. News was shared regarding the work carried out in the area for the past two years.

The leadership was equipped with a new tool called “Love Thy Neighbor” to aid in evangelism and the expansion of God's kingdom.

The Pre-Convention Retreat provided a time for fellowship and moments of *koinonia* among the entire ministry since it took place at a very comfortable hotel in the city of Salinas, known for its beautiful beaches and landscapes. We thank the Lord for this great blessing.

But the blessings did not end there. The following week, June 2–4, we held our much-anticipated National Convention in the city of Guayaquil. Our main topic was “Reconciliation,” and we had 1,200 people in attendance. We experienced great joy and blessings, especially since we were finally able to have this big gathering after the pandemic.

At the convention, Bishop Benjamin Aldana Pérez again presented Project Expansion 20/30 to all the attendees. He also presented a report of his performance and the church's progress during the past two years.

Bishop David Orozco, national bishop of Bolivia, served as the representative for the International Offices and shared a powerful message titled “The Glory of the Cross” (John 17:1–4), where it was noted, “We are a Christ-centered church. Christ owns the church; the church is not the message, but a messenger.... Jesus is the message that transforms.” This powerful word ministered to everyone.

Our Convention concluded with General Presbyter Gabriel Vidal speaking on the topic of “Reconciliation.” He said, “To reconcile the world to Christ, we need to be like Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:17). He emphasized, “We need to change attitudes; we need to prepare ourselves to know how to live in the Christian world.... The church is full of ex-sinners—we no longer sin; we choose to live



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a different life for the sake of Christ.... The kingdom of heaven is not reserved for heaven; it started when we accepted Jesus as our Savior." This was a powerful and anointed message from God.

We had a wonderful convention in Ecuador. The supernatural presence of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the entire event. We thank God for his glorious support.



AFRICA

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Cotonu church building in the Republic of Benin

COGOP NIGERIA

Freedom Gate Tabernacle's Members Conclude Isaiah 58's Mandate

Members of this assembly embarked on a journey with the Lord in fasting to reach out to the needy and poor within and outside the congregation.

The 31-day journey ended with a visit to the Finger of God Orphanage Home in Lagos to provide supplies such as clothing, food, toiletries, and footwear, among other things, and to fellowship with the people. The meeting was emotional, as the children and staff were filled with great excitement.

The orphans and staff offered inspiring prayers for everyone and the church as a whole in appreciation of the compassion shown to them.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS

On behalf of the entire leadership of Africa, I want to express appreciation to all our donors for their many years of support towards the work in Africa. Your support towards mission work has sustained us and has given us a solid foundation for the work. One thing is sure, the seed will not forever remain a seed; one day it will grow into a tree. So also the calf will mature into a cow, and the crawling baby will grow into a running adult. By his grace, God will establish the work in Africa. As you continue to support us, God will continue to grow his work and bless the individual.

Your help and support are greatly appreciated in moving these projects forward.



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Repair of a village church needed after a strong rainstorm in Uromi, Edo State, Nigeria

HARVEST PARTNERS UPDATE



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Recently we were privileged to have Bishop Gopal Lama, our National Bishop for Nepal, in our offices and as a guest speaker in our Upper Room service as he was scheduled to speak at the Virginia and Tennessee State Conventions. Bishop Gopal shared a powerful testimony of how God worked in miraculous ways to bring people to a saving knowledge of his grace and mercy. He said, "Some may think they need to climb up Mount Everest at the top of the world to reach God. No. Wherever you are right now, God is with you. God is not far away from you."

Nepal is an ancient and primitive land that lies in the Himalayan Mountain region which includes the world's tallest mountain, Mount Everest. Most of the people in the nation are Hindu or Buddhist. In 1982, Bishop Gopal's mother became very sick. His parents, who were Buddhists, traveled to many witch doctors throughout the area bringing the required eggs, chickens, rice, and money as they sought her healing. After one year, there was no more money and her health continued to decline. By chance, his dad heard about a Christian pastor who lived 12 miles away. His dad could not sleep all night, so early the next morning, they walked to the pastor's house. After sharing the reason for their visit, the pastor and his wife prayed for Gopal's mom. His parents stayed the night there before traveling back home. The next morning, his mom woke up completely healed! That very day, they accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

I was particularly touched by the testimony of a lady that attends the church where Gopal's dad currently ministers. This woman's husband had been away working

in Malaysia for 12 years. In all that time, he never sent any money home. She borrowed money from a wealthy man in the village, with promises to pay him back so that she could buy food for her children. After a while, that man began coming to her home every day aggressively demanding repayment. He would chase her in the village and threaten her life. She began to wonder how she could keep on living with this constant torment. In her desperation, she decided to go to the market and buy rat poison to feed her young daughter, son, and herself. That same day, the Spirit of God was speaking to Gopal's mom telling her to go to this particular woman's house. As the urging of the Spirit grew telling her to get there fast, his mom obeyed and went, not knowing what to expect when she got there. Gopal's mom gave her the one small gospel tract she had brought with her and asked to pray with the woman. Afterward, the woman shared what she had been going through and what her plans were for later that night. They prayed together and Gopal's mom shared the gospel. That night, the woman accepted Jesus as her Savior. From that woman's testimony and witness, 20 full families have come to know and accept Jesus into their hearts.

There was so much more to Bishop Gopal's testimony, and I wish everyone could have heard it. His testimony and the testimony of so many of our leaders around the world have similar messages of God's grace, provision, protection, and faithfulness. I ask that you remember our international church family in your times of prayer. If your church would like to connect and support a nation, please contact my office (harvestpartners@cogop.org) and I would love to assist you.

ONE CHILD FUND

MISSION UPDATE

REPORT FROM
BRITTANY HOWARD

Most mornings I wake up to the sound of high-pitched voices, usually followed by laughter. Most nights I fall asleep just after hearing the sound of praying and singing children.

It's been almost three years since I moved to Kigali, Rwanda, and began a life here with the students of our children's home. We have laughed; we have cried; we have all gotten the sniffles at the same time ... and it has been a ride. A ride wouldn't be a ride without the highs and lows, and it certainly isn't glamorous. It never has been, and it never will be, but those with whom God calls us to do life are our family. I do not share the same skin color as these beauties, but we love the same Jesus. I didn't always speak their language (though I do now), but we teach one another. We haven't always understood one another's ways, but we have learned to embrace and enjoy our differences. Every night, we pray to the same God, we read the same Bible, we worship in song, and we say, "I love you." They knock on my door when they need a band-aid, or a Tylenol, or advice. We have banded together and prayed for one another in times of sorrow and sickness. We love one another deeply, and the blood of Jesus flows through our veins. If I were to sum up life together with our Church of God of Prophecy students in Rwanda, it could all be described in one simple word—family.

By far my greatest joy and undeserved privilege is helping to raise our children in the

fear and admonition of the Lord. Many times, they come to us as sheep having no shepherd. They know little about Jesus or his love for them upon their arrival. Generally, unfavorable circumstances bring them to our door. That's when it happens. They learn what it feels like to not be hungry, physically or spiritually. Slowly and wonderfully, the Lord begins to reveal to them that what the enemy would have used to take their life, God intended to use for their salvation. I go in the girls' room every evening and sit in on the student-led devotion, which includes singing, Bible reading, and a time of prayer. Every so often I will prompt conversation, but what has been so awesome is seeing the ones who came to us in years prior begin to teach the new students. As I sit back and listen to their conversation and their genuine hearts for the Lord, I remember where God brought them from, and my heart fills to the brim.

Such is life at our Church of God of Prophecy children's home in Rwanda, Africa. I have come to understand that we, as members of this beautiful body of Christ, have family all over the world. His people are scattered throughout the earth for the purpose of unveiling the gospel to everyone who will listen!



Brittany Howard, from North Carolina, is currently working as a missionary in Rwanda. She felt the calling to be a missionary to Africa at five years of age. Her first trip was to Rwanda in 2014. She returned in December 2020 and began teaching English at our school in Kigali, Rwanda, where the students in our children's home attend.



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