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We greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Church of God of Prophecy family in Uganda and Sudan, and on my own behalf, please accept our sincere thanks from the depths of our hearts for your faithful support through prayers and finances. We are especially grateful for your Christmas offerings, which enabled us to provide gifts and meals for our children and brought them great joy.

This Christmas, the children asked for uniforms for their upcoming convention celebration. These uniforms will allow them to participate with dignity and confidence.

We thank God for the great work of One Child Fund and for all our well-wishers who continue to support the care, upkeep, and education of the children at the House of Mercy. Your generosity is truly changing lives.

May the Lord richly bless you for your love and kindness.

Yours in Christ,
James Ntezimana
Uganda National Bishop

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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 10,000 ministers, worshipping in more than 10,000 churches or missions in 135 nations of the world.

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Vision Statement

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

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GOD ON MISSION

If you are a reader of inspirational biographies, then perhaps you are familiar with the name William Carey. His notable quote, “**Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God,**” has an interesting story behind it.

William Carey was not famous, wealthy, or highly educated. He was a shoemaker—a simple cobbler in an English village. As he repaired shoes during the day, he kept books beside him and taught himself geography, languages, and theology.

Carey became fascinated with the nations of the world. As he read accounts of distant lands and the millions of people who had never heard the name of Jesus, he began asking a troubling question: “If Jesus commanded us to go into all the world, why are we staying at home?”

As a reminder to pray for the nations, Carey made a large map of the world and displayed it where he worked. Some early accounts describe it as a map drawn on leather or paper. As he made and repaired shoes, he would look at the map and pray for people in distant lands.

When Carey began urging fellow ministers to send missionaries, many resisted. Some believed that if God intended to save the nations, He would do so without human effort.

In 1792, Carey preached a sermon to a small gathering of pastors in Nottingham, England. His sermon had two simple challenges: **Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.**

The following year, this cobbler who prayed over a map of the world sailed to India. Despite severe hardship—including poverty, illness, the death of a child, and a fire in 1812 that destroyed years of Bible translation work—Carey persevered. Over four decades in India, he and his colleagues translated Scripture into more than 30 languages and dialects, established schools, promoted literacy, and advocated social reforms. Historians widely regard Carey’s work as the beginning of the modern Protestant missionary movement.

From the opening pages of Scripture to the closing chapters of Revelation, one truth shines clearly: **God is a missionary God.**

After Adam and Eve sinned, we read of God walking through the garden in the cool of the day calling out, “Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9). That question was not asked because He did not know where they were or what they had done. It was asked because God was on mission—pursuing the lost.

Hagar was an Egyptian servant, mistreated and driven into the wilderness. Yet Scripture says, “The Angel of the Lord found her” (Genesis 16:7 HCSB). In response, she gave Him a remarkable name: “You are the God who sees me” (v. 13 NIV).

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Even in the Old Testament, God was pursuing the marginalized, the forgotten, and the foreigner.

When God called Moses, Israel was suffering in Egyptian bondage. God declared, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people . . . , and [I] have heard their cry . . . ; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them . . .” (Exodus 3:7–8 KJV). Then He said to Moses, “Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh” (v. 10). God was inviting him to participate in His mission.

With almost every turn of the page in the Old Testament, the mission of God continued to unfold before crescendoing in the New Testament, reaching its fullest expression in Jesus Christ, who came to seek and save that which was lost.

Jesus later commissioned His disciples, saying to them, “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you” (John 20:21 NLT). Even now, we are on mission, reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit . . . or are we?

The Center for the Study of Global Christianity, Lifeway Research, and Barna Group suggest that fewer than one in ten believers regularly shares their faith, and only about one in ten has ever participated in a short-term mission trip. In other words, more than 90 percent of Christians are not actively engaged in measurable missionary or evangelistic activity.

As you turn the pages of this mission edition, may you be challenged and inspired by the words of William Carey: **“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.”**



News from **TURKS AND CAICOS**

Celebrating the First Service at Millennium Heights Church of God of Prophecy in Turks and Caicos

For the past year and a half, we have been dedicated to constructing a new church facility known as Millennium Heights. The primary goal is to relocate the Millennium Heights church from rented spaces into this newly built facility.

I am pleased to inform you that the Millennium Heights Church of God of Prophecy successfully held its first service in the new facilities on January 4, the very first Sunday of 2026. This building represents the first phase of a larger development initiative on the 4.2 acres of land granted to the church by the TCI [Turks and Caicos Islands] government. To God be the glory for this significant milestone.

Currently, the project is approximately 90 percent complete and is entirely debt free, with

all expenses covered by faith and personal contributions. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the International Offices for their contribution toward the remaining 10 percent completion of the first phase of this church building project. This support was instrumental in making the opening of our new church facilities possible.

I have attached a few photos from that inaugural service and other parts of the building so you can join with us in giving thanks to God for His blessings and faithfulness.

With thanksgiving,

Andrew Stone, National Bishop
Turks and Caicos







HIS MISSION Our Testimony

In Scripture, we discover that the essential mission of Christ during His time on earth was to fulfill God's plan of providing a means of salvation for the lost. Jesus declared, "I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 6:38 NASB). He further clarified that He was not sent to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him (John 3:17).

The New Testament is filled with narratives that record both the words and ministry of Jesus as He repeatedly enlightened His disciples—and us—concerning the mission given to Him by the Father: "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10 NIV).

We witness this mission clearly in Jesus's journey to the region of the Gadarenes, where He encountered the man possessed by demons who lived among the tombs (Mark 5:1–20; Luke 8:26–39). Scripture reveals that this man was bound not merely by chains and fetters, but by the unclean spirit that dominated his existence. At the command of Jesus, the man is completely delivered—he is set free! When the people of the city come to investigate, they find the man sitting, clothed, and in his right mind. This encounter is unique in that it is the only recorded miracle that

Jesus did there—He arrived, delivered the man, and left—as if that man were His sole mission in that moment.

In the Gospel of John, we see a similar pattern. As Jesus and His disciples depart Judea amid growing religious tension and travel toward Galilee, His mission includes a "divine necessity" to pass through Samaria (John 4:4). There, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at a well, where he not only offers her a powerful moment of self-revelation, but He reveals Himself to her as Christ, the Messiah. Before the end of the chapter, the woman perceives the truth and believes.

In this encounter, Jesus crosses multiple barriers—barriers of culture, ethnicity, gender, religiosity, shame, and sin—to reach one broken and sinful woman. Through His mission to seek and save the lost, those barriers are dismantled. By offering the gift of salvation to the Samaritan woman and entrusting her with a new testimony empowered by the Holy Spirit, Jesus reveals the heart of the Father and affirms that there is hope, purpose, and a place of ministry for all.

When Jesus reveals His identity as the Messiah—"I who speak to you am He" (John 4:26 NASB)—it is the first time He makes such a declaration in John's Gospel. It is striking to note that this is not

spoken to the disciples nor the multitudes, but to a Samaritan woman in desperate need of a Savior. His mission is clear: He came to seek and to save.

In both narratives, testimony becomes a powerful extension of mission.

The delivered man from the Gadarenes longs to accompany Jesus as He prepares to depart, but Jesus instructs him instead to remain and to testify to his friends about the great things the Lord has done for him, and the compassion Jesus has shown to him. As he shares his testimony, the people marvel. The lasting impact of his witness is revealed in the response of those around him.

Luke records a significant event upon Jesus's return to the region of Galilee: He was welcomed by those who were waiting for Him (Luke 8:40). News of His miracles and His teachings had spread. This postscript demonstrates the profound impact Jesus had on people and the enduring power of testimony. The fact that *they were all* waiting suggests more than a few individuals—it points to a community. This speaks to how we approach our faith. Testimony not only affirms what God has done; it reminds us that others are watching, longing to see Jesus lived out through our lives, our families, and our communities. Testimony prepares us for the miraculous as we are encouraged to anticipate what He will yet do.

The Samaritan woman responds in a similar way. Having encountered Christ, she leaves her water jar and returns to her village, testifying, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did” (John 4:29 NIV). Through Christ, her shame has been removed, and she becomes an evangelistic witness to her entire community. Compelled by love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, she proclaims what she knows—a man, possibly the Messiah, is here and He cares for me!

Although the woman does not seem to comprehend fully the identity of Jesus as Messiah, she proclaims what she does know. Because of her testimony, the whole city comes to see Jesus for themselves. What begins as one woman's testimony grows into a two-day spiritual awakening, where many believe—not only because of her words, but because they hear for themselves, and they experience Christ personally. Their declaration is firm and profound: “This is truly the Savior of the world” (John 4:42 NRSV; see also 1 John 4:14).

Within the Church of God of Prophecy, our global mandate to make disciples has become a charge to *reconcile the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit*. This directive has become the heartbeat of our movement.

Throughout Scripture, God reveals His love and His relentless commitment to reconcile humanity to Himself. This is evident even at the cross. In His final moments, Jesus remains faithful to His mission to seek and save the lost. Turning to a thief who responds in faith, He offers this testimony of grace: “Today you will be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43 NASB).

The challenge for those of us blessed with sufficient resources is to recognize our responsibility to support God's mission beyond our immediate context. March Mission Drive serves as a vital tool within our movement to raise support for missions; it helps provide the resources necessary to sustain ministry, equip leaders, and proclaim Christ throughout the nations.

As we reflect on **His Mission, Our Testimony**, we invite you to join us through prayer, faithful giving, and active partnership. Together, we can continue to proclaim Christ, share our testimonies, strengthen the Church, and bear witness to God's transforming work across the nations.



REVEREND CATHY PAYNE, DMIN
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Africa

BISHOP JAMES KOLAWOLE
GENERAL PRESBYTER



▲ National bishops and facilitators at the African Leadership Conference



▲ New covenanted members (all from Freedom Gate Tabernacle)

His Mission, Our Testimony: Advancing God's Redemptive Work Across Africa

The theme “His Mission, Our Testimony” reflects the heartbeat of the Church of God of Prophecy’s global mandate and our collective obedience to Christ’s commission. Jesus declared, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21 NASB), establishing mission as both divine initiative and sacred responsibility. Across Africa, our ministries continue to bear witness to this calling as the gospel is proclaimed, disciples are formed, and communities encounter the transforming power of Christ. Our testimony is not self-derived; it is the evidence of God at work through faithful obedience to His mission.

In West Africa, the Church continues to advance the mission amid economic pressures, security concerns, and complex social realities. Despite these challenges, the gospel is bearing fruit through church planting, leadership development, children’s ministry, and intentional discipleship. We request continued prayer for peace and stability in the nations, wisdom and resilience for national and local leaders, provision for ministry resources, and boldness for believers to remain faithful witnesses in every context.

Across East and Central Africa, ministry efforts remain focused on both proclamation and compassionate engagement. Many communities face displacement, poverty, and ongoing instability, yet the Church continues to respond with the love of Christ, reflecting His heart for the vulnerable

(Matthew 9:36). Prayer is needed for national reconciliation, protection for pastors and frontline workers, unity within the body of Christ, and sustained access to underserved communities. We also pray for the raising of committed laborers who will faithfully serve in these harvest fields.

In Southern Africa, the mission field presents opportunities and challenges shaped by social transition, youth vulnerability, and moral pressures confronting families. The Church remains committed to biblical teaching, discipleship, and Spirit-empowered witness, calling people to new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). We ask for prayer for revival among young people, wisdom for church leadership, effective discipleship models, and renewed passion for evangelism so that believers may shine as the light of Christ in their communities (Matthew 5:14–16).

In North Africa and other restricted or sensitive contexts, the mission of God continues with faith, discretion, and perseverance. Though limitations and opposition exist, we are encouraged by the truth that “the word of God is not bound” (2 Timothy 2:9). We request urgent prayer for protection, spiritual strength, discernment, and open doors for the gospel (Colossians 4:3). May the Holy Spirit continue to draw hearts to Christ and sustain believers who serve faithfully in challenging environments.

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Below are the testimonies of God's faithfulness from our mission in Africa. Each report reflects lives transformed, churches strengthened, and hope restored through the power of the gospel. We also take this opportunity to sincerely acknowledge and appreciate our global partners for their faithful prayers, generosity, and strategic support. Your partnership continues to advance the shared mission of reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Together, we give glory to God for what He is doing across Africa and remain committed to stewarding His mission with integrity, unity, and faith.

On Mission

Nigeria

The mission work in Nigeria continues to witness God's grace and growth. Sunday, January 25, a joint worship service was held to commemorate the conclusion of the global 21 Days of Prayer program. The service, which took place in Region 1, Lagos, was a powerful time of thanksgiving marked by Holy Communion and the intake of new members into the church family.

During this special service, 22 new covenanted members were joyfully received and absorbed into the COGOP family. This reflects the impact of sustained prayer, discipleship, and outreach efforts, as well as God's faithfulness in drawing souls to Himself through the ministry in Nigeria.

In addition, significant progress is being made on the National Administrative Headquarters building in Africa. With the support of the Global Missions office, the project is now at its final stage, as we are completing the cementing of the remaining parts of the building. We sincerely appreciate all partners and donors whose generosity has made this milestone possible.

We humbly solicit continued prayers and financial support to strengthen and expand the mission work. We trust God for greater harvest, stability, and resources to advance His work. May the Lord richly bless every partner and supporter as together we build His kingdom.

Democratic Republic of Congo

(Submitted by Denis Mubenga Tshikomo, Provincial Coordinator)

▼ National Administrative Headquarters, Lagos, Nigeria



▼ Christmas service in Democratic Republic of Congo



▼ Democratic Republic of Congo





A special Christmas worship service was held at Vie Nouvelle Church in Tshikapa City, Democratic Republic of Congo, under the leadership of Reverend Pastor Grégoire Mpanya. The gathering brought together believers for a meaningful celebration that combined worship, teaching, and fellowship. Activities included a Christmas party, the presentation of the Nativity, and the washing of the saints' feet, emphasizing humility, service, and reflection on the incarnation of Christ.

The teaching emphasized Christian freedom in matters of observance, drawing from Colossians 2:16, which instructs believers not to judge one another regarding festivals or sacred days. Celebrating Christmas is not a sin, and neither is choosing not to celebrate it. What matters is the meaning behind the celebration. At Christmas, Christians honor Jesus Christ, not a pagan deity, just as Sunday worship today is devoted to Christ despite its historical associations.

More importantly, the message called believers to see Christmas as an opportunity for renewed consecration and for faith in action. The Nativity

reminds the believer that God became flesh to bring salvation to humanity. Christmas was presented as a call to welcome Christ afresh, live out the gospel daily, and allow the incarnate Word to transform lives, families, and communities.

Gambia

Thanksgiving Service at COGOP Gambia, Sunday, December 14, 2025

As 2025 ended, our hearts were filled with joy and gratitude to God. So many testified of God's healing, deliverance, salvation, and provision, along with many testimonies of souls being converted to Christianity through the power of God. Some said that a year ago, they were not Christians, but thank God, the Lord has touch them. We praised, we danced, and we testified. Bishop Chris Uti challenged the congregation with the special theme "Gratitude: A Heart of Thankfulness." Glory to God!

We want to use this opportunity to thank our harvest partners and the International Offices for your prayers and support.

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▼ Democratic Republic of Congo



▼ December Thanksgiving service in Gambia



▼ South Africa Leadership Conference



Africa

South Africa (East/West)

The African Leadership Conference, held in Mthatha, South Africa (East), in October 2025, was a significant moment of alignment, renewal, and capacity building for leaders across the continent. The conference provided a strategic platform for strengthening vision, sharpening leadership competencies, and reinforcing the Church's collective commitment to effective ministry in a rapidly changing context. Through sound teaching, practical engagement, and Spirit-led interactions, participants were equipped with fresh insights and renewed passion to advance the mission of the Church with clarity and purpose.

We offer special and heartfelt gratitude to our presiding bishop for the exemplary fatherly leadership demonstrated throughout the entire process, from the preparatory stages to his personal, in-person engagement at the conference. His guidance, encouragement, and pastoral oversight provided both spiritual covering and strategic direction, setting a tone of unity and excellence.

We equally appreciate the invaluable contributions of our International Offices representatives, our esteemed general presbyters, and our partners from the United Kingdom, whose depth

of experience and global perspective greatly enriched the conference. Their willingness to share tested principles, contextual strategies, and best practices fostered meaningful dialogue and learning that will have a lasting impact on leadership development and ministry effectiveness across Africa. Their presence underscored the strength of our global partnership and our shared commitment to collaborative ministry.

The conference recorded over 5,000 delegates in attendance.

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Women in Ministry (WIM)

As a call to mission in Africa, the Women in Ministry (WIM) across Africa continue to demonstrate the gospel through tangible expressions of love, compassion, and service. From empowerment initiatives to care for widows and the elderly, these activities reflect a consistent commitment to ministering holistically, addressing both spiritual growth and practical needs. The following report highlights recent WIM engagements across selected nations, celebrating faith in action and the impact of intentional ministry. We are thankful

▼ South Africa (East/West)



▼ Women in Ministry, Zimbabwe



▼ Women in Ministry, Zimbabwe





for the prayers and the initiative for self-support from within Africa towards this mission.

Zimbabwe

The Women in Ministry, Harare West Branch, began the year with purpose and clarity by hosting a special WIM service on January 25, 2026, under the theme “Charity Begins at Home.” This event was marked with a deliberate call for acts of care within the church family.

During the service, two faithful women who are currently unemployed received groceries and essential toiletries, easing the strain of daily household needs. In addition, a young woman who sustains her family through a Samosa business was empowered with practical support. She received enough flour and cooking oil to run her business for a week, alongside an additional \$20 USD to secure supplies for two more weeks. This intervention strengthened her capacity to generate income and sustain her livelihood. This testimony might sound little, but it is a great start for her, which contributes to the effectiveness of mission support.

This initiative captures the heart of Christian stewardship and community care, affirming that ministry begins with responsibility to one another within the household of faith. The Zimbabwe WIM has set a commendable tone for the year through compassion anchored in action.

Malawi

In October 2025, the Women in Ministry in Malawi carried out a Compassionate Ministry Outreach focused on widows within the church community. Through this activity, toiletry hampers were distributed to support and encourage these women, reaffirming their value and dignity.

We are also encouraged by ongoing efforts, as another outreach is scheduled to support the elderly widows in the community. These consistent acts of kindness reflect a clear vision and obedience to God’s leading. We give thanks to God for the heart, wisdom, and direction guiding the Malawi WIM.

Rwanda

The Women in Ministry Conference in Rwanda was successfully held, and we joyfully acknowledge the positive report received through First Lady

▼ Women in Ministry, Zimbabwe



▼ Women in Ministry, Malawi (top)
Nigeria (bottom)



▼ Nigeria



Africa

Therese Nkundabera. We bless God for the outcomes of the gathering and the spiritual emphasis placed on prayer and unity.

Special appreciation goes to all WIM members who, despite demanding schedules, committed themselves to the discipline of prayer and participation. Their dedication continues to strengthen the ministry and advance its mandate. We are grateful for the collective support that made the conference impactful, and we trust God for lasting fruit from this gathering.

Nigeria

From Region 1, Lagos, we share an encouraging update reflecting WIM's commitment to compassionate service. On December 14, the Women in Ministry intentionally turned their focus inward, reaching out to elderly members across the region as an expression of their God-given vision.

The outreach involved personal visits to elderly beneficiaries in their homes, where words of encouragement and support were shared. The regional leader, Minister Funmi Oshadare, addressed and encouraged the beneficiaries, and

Pastor Charles Ugorji, one of the elders, offered a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing deep appreciation for the care shown.

We remain grateful to God for His enabling grace that made this outreach possible. The experience reaffirmed the importance of honoring and caring for those who have labored faithfully before us.

Republic of Benin

At the close of December 2025, the Republic of Benin's Women in Ministry extended compassion and practical support to orphans and widows in one of our regions. This outreach formed part of our year-end commitment to care for the vulnerable and to demonstrate the love of Christ in tangible ways within our communities.

Bishop Kadato Richard and his wife, Romaine Kadato, reported that during this initiative, widows were provided with financial assistance to help ease the pressures of the festive season. Beyond meeting immediate needs, this act of support affirmed their dignity and reminded them that they are seen, valued, and not forgotten. The distribution was carried out with sensitivity and

▼ Nigeria



▼ Nigeria





prayer, ensuring that both physical and emotional needs were addressed.

This impactful outreach reflects the growing strength and clarity of the WIM vision in Republic of Benin. Special appreciation goes to the national coordinator for her leadership, initiative, and unwavering commitment to advancing the ministry's mission. Her dedication continues to inspire consistent growth and meaningful engagement across the nation.

The Gambia

From Health to Holiness: This program was organized and anchored by Women in Ministry (WIM) of COGOP Gambia. We had an incredible session with Dr. Precious Paul, who taught us how to care for our bodies. Special focus was on menopause, encouraging men to support their wives through this transition. Dr. Paul conducted free health check-ups and consultations. The participants anticipate having similar initiatives in the future.

Reverend Bridget Uti blessed us with the Word, teaching us that "giving must be practical." The Women In Ministry distributed foodstuffs to

widows, widowers, and single parents. We give glory to God.

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Children's Ministry

The children's ministry across our nations continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to nurturing children spiritually while responding compassionately to their practical needs. Through intentional outreach, discipleship initiatives, and strategic gatherings, the ministry remains focused on raising godly children and adolescents who are grounded in Scripture and active in service. The following report highlights key activities carried out in Nigeria and Uganda.

Nigeria

During KidServe Week, the National Children's Ministry in Nigeria carried out a benevolent outreach to Compassionate Orphanage Home in Lagos. The team visited the facility with essential supplies, including groceries, a 50-kilogram (110-pound) bag of rice, and toiletries. Beyond material support, ministry volunteers also assisted with cleaning and general upkeep of the orphanage, creating a healthier and more

▼ A cross section of orphans who benefited from the Benin's Women In Ministry project



▼ Some of the widows who were blessed by the Benin's Women in Ministry outreach



Africa

welcoming environment for the children. This visit reflected the ministry's belief that Christian service must be expressed both in word and in action.

In addition, the ministry successfully convened the 2025 Teenagers Conference (TEENSCON), bringing together teenagers alongside their teachers and pastors from the Church of God of Prophecy and other Christian denominations. A major highlight of the conference was an interdenominational Bible quiz competition, which encouraged biblical literacy, teamwork, and healthy interaction among participants. Outstanding teams and individuals were recognized with awards and financial rewards, further motivating young people to engage deeply with God's Word.

The National Children's Ministry in Nigeria is also making an appeal for support on behalf of children in the eastern region of the country, where some congregations are currently worshiping without proper roofing. There is a pressing need for assistance to provide safe and dignified worship spaces that protect children from harsh weather

conditions and enable consistent ministry activities.

Uganda

In Uganda, the National Children's Ministry actively participated in the recently concluded National Convention. The ministry facilitated a dedicated session focused on children, reaffirming their role within the wider church and emphasizing the importance of intentional ministry to the next generation. This engagement at the national level strengthened visibility, coordination, and shared vision for children's work across the nation.

Across Nigeria and Uganda, the children's ministries continue to impact lives through compassion, discipleship, and collaboration. These efforts stress the ongoing need for prayer, partnership, and practical support to ensure that every child is nurtured in faith and cared for holistically.

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Youth Ministry

The South Africa (East) 2025 Youth Camp was held at the COGOP Hall in Mthatha, serving as a strategic

▼ Health seminar in The Gambia



▼ The Gambia



▼ The Gambia





gathering for youth empowerment and ministry alignment. During the session, Pastor Anathi S. Qokonyeka delivered a vision-focused address emphasizing intentional church engagement with students in colleges and universities. He officially launched the COGOP Intervarsity Movement to

provide a structured platform for COGOP students in tertiary institutions. Pastor Qokonyeka also called for unity between full-time ministers and marketplace believers, affirming the initiative as a move of God and urging active participation.

▼ Children's Ministry, Nigeria



▼ Children's Ministry, Nigeria



▼ South Africa Youth Camp



▼ Children's Ministry, Nigeria



▼ South Africa Youth Camp



▼ 2025 TEENSCON, Nigeria



▼ 2025 TEENSCON, Nigeria



▼ 2025 TEENSCON, Nigeria



North America

BISHOP BRIAN T. SUTTON, DMIN
GENERAL PRESBYTER



▲ New Church in Gastonia, North Carolina (IDP Adulan)



▲ New Mission in Madison, Tennessee

Across North America, God is at work in and through healthy local churches—quietly, faithfully, and powerfully advancing His mission. In cities and small towns, in established congregations and new works just taking root, we are witnessing communities of believers who are living out the gospel with intentionality, resilience, and hope. These churches are not merely surviving a changing cultural landscape; they are flourishing by anchoring themselves in Christ, nurturing disciples, and multiplying their witness for the sake of the kingdom.

Healthy churches matter because they reflect the heart of God for His people and His world. They are Spirit-empowered communities where worship is sincere, discipleship is intentional, leadership is shared, and mission is central. From these places of health, multiplication becomes a natural outflow. Churches that are grounded in prayer, shaped by Scripture, and formed through loving relationships are uniquely positioned to reproduce—to send, to plant, and to mother new congregations that carry the light of Christ into places still marked by spiritual darkness.

These stories of faithfulness and fruitfulness are woven directly into the vision of Multiply 2030. This initiative is not about numbers for numbers’



▲ New Mission in Oak Ridge, Tennessee

sake; it is about seeing 2,000 healthy churches across North America by the year 2030—churches that embody the mission of God and actively participate in it. Each healthy church highlighted in these pages represents a tangible expression of that vision and a reminder that multiplication begins with faithfulness where we are.

Alongside these thriving congregations, we celebrate the planting of new churches—fresh gospel outposts answering the Lord’s call to go, to serve, and to proclaim Jesus Christ as the hope of the world. These new works stand as beacons of light in dark places, bearing witness to the transforming power of the gospel and to the courage of those who have said yes to God’s sending.

As you view these pictures of beautiful, healthy churches and newly planted congregations, we invite you to join us in prayer. Pray earnestly for workers in the harvest—pastors, planters, leaders, and laypeople—who will foster healthy, multiplying churches that give birth to new expressions of gospel life. Together, by the grace of God, may we continue to participate in His redemptive work until Christ is known in every community.

North America

▼ New Mission in Johns Island, South Carolina



▼ New Mission in Meridianville, Alabama



▼ Community Resource Event in Midwest Rocky Mountain Region



▼ New Mission in Ladson, South Carolina



▼ Community Resource Event in Midwest Rocky Mountain Region



▼ New Church in Louisville, Kentucky (IDP Jehova Nisi)





▼ New Church in Louisville, Kentucky (IDP Jehova Nisi)



▼ Community Resource Event in Midwest Rocky Mountain Region



▼ New Mission in Versailles, Kentucky



▼ Coastal Recovery (Real Life Ministries) in Virginia does mission work after Hurricane Helene.



▼ At the Glade Springs Church in Virginia, the children take up offering every first Sunday for missions.



▼ Coastal Recovery (Real Life Ministries) in Virginia does mission work after Hurricane Helene.



▼ Christmas Giving Event in Midwest Rocky Mountain Region



▼ Coastal Recovery (Real Life Ministries) in Virginia does mission work after Hurricane Helene.



▼ Christmas Giving Event in Midwest Rocky Mountain Region





Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands

BISHOP CLAYTON MARTIN, DMIN
GENERAL PRESBYTER



▲ Parade of Nations, Paragon Region Centennial Celebration



▲ Guyana

▲ Suriname

An Urgent Appeal from Guyana and Suriname

Beloved Brethren and Mission Partners,

By faith and with the steadfast support of the body of Christ, we are actively advancing the kingdom's work in both Guyana and Suriname. These efforts focus on strengthening the foundation of ministry, expanding the reach of the gospel, and creating sustainable spaces where worship, fellowship, and transformation can thrive.

1. Structural Concerns – Suriname Church Foundation

Currently, the church's physical foundation in Suriname faces serious danger due to overgrown trees and bushes surrounding the site. This vegetation directly threatens the stability of the structure. Preparations are underway to clear the land after the rainy season. However, the next phase involves internal and external sand filling and the installation of drainage systems as required by local authorities. For this urgent work, the church needs between \$3,000 and \$5,000 (USD).

2. Boat Transportation Ministry

In Guyana's riverine communities, accessibility remains one of our biggest challenges. Many of our brothers and sisters live in isolated areas, cut off from fellowship because of unreliable transportation. To revive this vital link, we are aiming to purchase a new boat engine that will restart our river transportation ministry. This will allow us to share the gospel with those who would otherwise be unable to access it, while also reconnecting believers who have been separated from the broader body of Christ.

3. Sanctuary Completion

Building multipurpose sanctuaries in Suriname and Guyana remains a critical priority. These sanctuaries will serve not only as places of worship but also as community centers, spaces where believers gather for discipleship, outreach, and transformation. With your partnership, these houses of God can be completed and fully equipped to address both spiritual and community needs.

We prayerfully appeal to you, our faithful brethren, churches, and partners, to join us in sowing into these efforts. Your giving will directly

- strengthen the foundation of the church in Suriname
- restore vital transportation to bring the gospel to riverine communities
- support the completion of sanctuaries in Guyana and Suriname

Every seed you plant will bear eternal fruit, strengthening God's work in these nations and ensuring that His church continues to stand as a beacon of faith, hope, and transformation.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Psalm 127:1).

With gratitude for your prayers and generosity, we remain your partners in the harvest.

Bishop Phillip James
Guyana and Suriname National Bishop

Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands

Paragon Region COGOP Centennial Celebration

Theme: A Rich History and a Bright Future

The Paragon Region (formerly known as the Northeast Caribbean Region) celebrated 100 years of ministry in the territory on Thursday, January 1, through Sunday, January 4, 2026, on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Bishop Dr. Carswell Leonard serves as the regional bishop of the Paragon Region.

Bishop A. J. Tomlinson established the church at 2 a.m. on Friday, January 1, 1926. Bishop Tomlinson wrote in his diary, "This is my first experience in setting a church in order so early in the morning, but they wanted to take the action the first thing in the new year."

The church grew exponentially and eventually spread to the British Virgin Islands.

In 1978, under the leadership of Bishop Rufus Rogers, the region grew to include the Leeward Islands, the ABC Islands, and Suriname. During Bishop Aludus Todman's administration in 2006, the region was reorganized once again. It consisted only of the ABC Islands, the British Virgin Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands. The area is multiethnic and multilingual. The languages spoken include English, Spanish, French Creole, and Papiamentu.

The region continues to blaze new paths as we move into the future with the confidence that the same God who faithfully brought us through these 100 years will continue to open doors for ministry that will contribute to the growth and impact of the Church of God of Prophecy.

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▼ Oasis Praise Dancers (OPD) from Oasis COGOP ministering to "Infinite King" by Cultivated Collective



▼ Bishop Coalter, presiding bishop, presenting Bishop Dr. Carswell A. Leonard, regional presbyter, with a centennial plaque



▼ Honoring Bishop Adrian L. Varlack, Sr., church historian





▼ Centennial Children's Choir



▼ Dr. Warren Petty reading the Paragon Region history



▼ Adult choir from Faith COGOP (Haitian Creole)



▼ Centennial Mass Choir



▼ Honoring past and current regional presbyters: Bishop Dr. Carswell A. and Lady Alfreda Leonard (2020–present)



▼ March/Motorcade from Tutu Park Mal to Oasis COGOP



▼ Communion during Sunday morning worship



▼ Bishop Dr. Clayton Martin, Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands general presbyter



▼ Youth choir from Faith COGOP (Haitian Creole)



Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands



Celebration in Grand Abaco Bahamas: A Testimony of Faith, Resilience, and Restoration

CATHY PAYNE, DMIN | GLOBAL MISSIONS MINISTRIES

Shortly before nightfall on September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian made landfall on Grand Abaco Island as a Category 5 storm. Now recognized as the strongest hurricane ever to strike the island, Dorian stalled for nearly two days, battering the area with relentless wind, rain, and storm surge. The impact was catastrophic—floodwaters swallowed communities, ships were displaced, buildings destroyed, and even asphalt was stripped from roadways. Much of the island remained underwater for days, leaving behind evidence of immeasurable devastation. Trees were splintered and stripped bare, debris littered the land, and homes were destroyed, leaving thousands of people homeless. Many of us were glued to our newscasts as rescue workers continued the heartbreaking task of recovering the bodies of neighbors and loved ones from beneath the wreckage. Today, Dorian stands on record as the costliest hurricane in the history of the Bahamas.

In response to the plight of our church family in the Bahamas, the Church of God of Prophecy mobilized quickly, offering urgent prayer support, providing

funding for immediate needs such as clean water and emergency supplies, and organizing temporary shelter for many who had been displaced.

Some six and a half years later, we rejoice in the ongoing recovery efforts of our Bahamian family as they continue working to rebuild and restore this beloved island. Recent reports indicate that approximately 75 percent of the homes destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Dorian have now been rebuilt or repaired, offering a powerful testimony of perseverance. (See the official news report here: [A story of resilience | News | thenassaeguardian.com.](#))

It is with great joy that we share the news that the church in Abaco—once overtaken by the sea—has now been reclaimed. February 1, 2026, marked a day of celebration and renewal as our Bahamian family gathered to dedicate the completed building, which will once again serve as a meeting place for the local congregation and a visible testimony of faith, resilience, and restoration. We invite you to rejoice with us as you watch the accompanying video presentation.

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Asia, Australia, and Oceania

BISHOP TIM MCCALED, DMIN
GENERAL PRESBYTER

Asia, Australia, and Oceania

This past September, the national leaders of Asia, Australia, and Oceania (AAO) gathered in Singapore for a time of training, prayer, and fellowship. Some of these leaders face intense persecution, and all of them labor under adverse and challenging conditions. In fact, Bishop Khan of Pakistan was unable to attend due to a warrant out for his arrest simply because he is a Christian leader, but thankfully, his wife and daughter were able to come and represent him. Nonetheless, even under times of great persecution, these leaders have continued to labor for the Lord faithfully and have produced amazing results.

Classes at the leadership conference were taught by Duke Stone, Daniel Felipe, Tim Coalter, Shaun McKinley, Cathy Payne, Hunter Roberts, Sheena McCaleb, and Tim McCaleb.

On the way to Singapore, Bishop Tim and Sheena McCaleb and Bishop Dennis Casey traveled to Sri Lanka and conducted training for the local leaders there.

Although the Church of God of Prophecy has no church in Vietnam, Bishop Gary Langley had met a couple (pictured on p. 31) who lead several congregations there. They were invited to the conference and were greatly moved by the love and welcoming spirit of the COGOP leaders.

A highlight of the conference was the outpouring of love bestowed on Cathy Payne by the leaders in celebration of her years of faithful service to missions. They all brought gifts, words of appreciation, tears, and hugs for her as she prepares to step out of her current role. It was reminiscent of Paul praying with and saying goodbye to the Ephesian church leaders as they knelt, prayed, and wept on the seashore at Paul's departure (Acts 20:36–37).

Another activity in the AAO region took place in December. Bishop McCaleb visited Malaysia to participate in a Christmas event where one of our lead churches has been asked by a large public mall to do a Christmas program there for the past two years. This opportunity is truly amazing because this is a Muslim nation, but they have found that the sights and sounds of Christmas open doors.

Pastor Esther (pictured on p. 33) lives in Malaysia. Even though she does not have much of this world's goods, she has a heart to help others. She ministers to refugees like those from Myanmar who have fled the war there. Above is a picture of one of the refugees who is translating for her. She feeds, clothes, houses, and cares for the elderly, children, and the poor.

This past January, approximately one hundred pastors received training in Katmandu, Nepal. In this photo, the pastors are happily displaying their certificates. Teachers included Simon Rock from Germany, Jonathan Olavarria from New Jersey, and Dale Buckingham from Wyoming.

After the conference, the team headed high up into the mountains to share a one-day conference and to visit more churches. The journey to one of our remote churches is a very strenuous six-hour hike. The climb was worth it, though, being greeted with a delicious lunch at the end.

The Church of God of Prophecy is a wonderful fellowship of Christians that are bound together in Christ for the common purpose of reconciling the world to Him. Thank you all for your prayers, encouraging words, and financial support for these ministries and many more throughout the region of Asia, Australia, and Oceania.



▼ Bishop McCaleb visits with Pastor Praveen Josua in his living area in the back of the church.



▼ Sharing a local meal together



▼ Patrick Villanueva with Pastor Praveen



▼ Bishop Casey teaches while Pastor Praveen translates.



▼ Bishop Gary Langley with church leaders from Vietnam



▼ Baptismal service in Sri Lanka



▼ Bishop Coalter challenges the leaders of the AAO region.



▼ Sheena McCaleb visits with the oldest and charter members in Sri Lanka.



▼ Bishop McCaleb prays for a newborn baby.



Asia, Australia, and Oceania

▼ Sheena McCaleb teaches on the importance of biblical hospitality.



▼ Christmas event in Malaysia



▼ Leaders from the AAO region giving gifts to Cathy Payne



▼ Leaders from the AAO region giving gifts to Cathy Payne



▼ Pastors training in Katmandu, Nepal





▼ Pastor Esther in Malaysia



▼ Katmandu, Nepal



▼ Six hour hike to a remote church in Nepal



▼ Lunch after a six hour hike to a remote church in Nepal



▼ Lunch break in Nepal



▼ Lunch break in Nepal



▼ This is a very simple church made of local materials, but the love of God is being shared in this place.



▼ Lunch after a six hour hike to a remote church in Nepal



▼ Six hour hike to a remote church in Nepal





Bishop Joshua Zeliang

INDIA NATIONAL BISHOP

Background and Early Life

Bishop Joshua Zeliang (formerly Wijonamai) was born in Nagaland, Northeast India, to a Hindu mother from Nepal and a backslidden Christian father. His birth was marked by crisis. Complications during delivery forced his father to face an unthinkable decision: save his wife or save his unborn son. He chose to save his wife.

In desperation, Joshua's mother begged the doctor to save the baby instead. The village doctor, who was a Christian, suggested they pause and pray for a miracle. The doctor and nurses prayed fervently to Jesus, while Joshua's mother cried out to her Hindu gods. As prayers rose from both sides, Joshua's father watched in awe.

God answered miraculously, saving both mother and child. That moment became a divine turning point. His father repented and returned to the Lord, and in time, both parents faithfully served as pastors and missionaries until their final days.

Growing up, Joshua witnessed their selfless devotion to God and to the people around them. They lived generously, giving all they had to the

poor and needy, modeling true philanthropy. Even more impactful, they instilled unwavering confidence in their son, often telling him, "You can do anything." Their faith in him propelled Joshua to step out boldly in the earliest days of his ministry.

Ministry Journey

Joshua began his ministry as a Sunday school teacher in his teenage years, which soon ignited a passion for youth ministry. His faith became deeply personal during a defining youth ministry night when he was wrestling with God's calling on his life.

One evening, his Sunday school children committed to an all-night prayer and fasting session. He recalls,

The room erupted in holy chaos as the Holy Spirit moved powerfully and children were filled with His presence, shouting praises and weeping in surrender. Some of the kids ran to me in a panic, pleading for help. I stormed into the room, intending to scold them and force everyone to sleep. But the moment I crossed the threshold, the atmosphere shifted. The



Spirit of God saturated the air like a thick, holy fire.

One little girl, drenched in tears, cried out my name. As I knelt beside her, she reached out and touched me. Instantly, the Holy Spirit flooded my soul. I collapsed under conviction, sobbing through the night as I fully surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, committing to serve Him without reservation. I was just 17 years old.

The very next day, Joshua began preaching the gospel in the crowded marketplaces of his town. From that moment on, God's call became unmistakably clear. That same fire continues to fuel every sermon, youth camp, and outreach today.

Expanding Leadership and Ministry

Joshua went on to serve as a worship leader, preacher, and traveling missionary. He pursued theological training, graduating from Bible college and seminary. He later served as a missionary and associate pastor in northern India for several years before God promoted him to pastor and director of a Discipleship Bible School, where he spent years preaching and teaching across India.

In 2008, Joshua clearly heard God's voice instructing him to plant a church in Delhi. This resulted in the first Church of God of Prophecy congregation in India's largest city. He pastored there faithfully until 2010, when Bishop David Browder invited him to serve as regional overseer

of North India, a role he filled until 2016. It was then he was appointed national overseer (national bishop) of India, which is a position he continues to hold today.

Alongside church leadership, Bishop Joshua has always carried a deep burden for children. In 2007, he founded Grace Mission Orphanage. Today, the ministry cares for 38 children as a family unit in North India. In 2009, Joshua married Mhonbeni, his partner in ministry, and together they have parented these children while serving faithfully.

In 2018, the family moved from Delhi back to Nagaland, where they planted a COGOP church and established a vibrant ministry center in Virazouma Village called Reunion Church. Through every season, whether in classrooms and marketplaces, or missions and oversight, God has woven together discipleship, evangelism, and family care in Bishop Joshua's life.

Ministry Challenges and Rewards

Bishop Joshua describes his ministry journey as a thrilling adventure with God that has been marked by gut-wrenching challenges and soul-stirring rewards. Early challenges included financial instability and the absence of strong mentors.

Launching into ministry at just 17 years old, he preached on the streets and served voluntarily in churches. As the only son, he also bore responsibility for supporting his parents while securing his own future. He worked part-time jobs



while feeling that some church leaders exploited his gifting without providing financial support.

After leaving the traditional church structure, he felt lost and without spiritual covering or family support. In desperation, he cried out to God to reveal the right people and the right organizations to walk alongside him.

Divine Breakthroughs and Mentors

God answered that prayer powerfully. Bishop Joshua shares,

Bishop David Browder connected me to the Church of God of Prophecy, filling in the missing pieces. They loved me, mentored me, and released me into leadership. Then came Bishop Tim McCaleb, who gave me wings to fly, pushing me beyond my limits. Walt and Verna Seager came in like ministering angels, always loving India, my family, and standing with us through every trial like true parents. Today, I am proudly part of the COGOP global family.

Greatest Rewards

Belonging to the COGOP family and witnessing God's kingdom advance across India has been Bishop Joshua's greatest reward. At Grace Mission Orphanage, he has seen children once marked by pain who are now thriving, with many of them serving the Lord in meaningful ways.

Through it all, he has learned that while challenges forge character, mentors and spiritual family fuel destiny.

The Future of India: A Harvest Ready

Bishop Joshua believes India stands at a divine threshold. With a population of 1.4 billion souls, the harvest is ripe. Today, the Church of God of Prophecy has 283 churches across India. This is a strong foundation, but it is only the beginning.

The vision is clear: Plant churches in unreached areas and train a new generation of leaders. Bishop Joshua explains,

Imagine thousands of fellowships, disciples multiplying, and revival sweeping from villages to cities. This isn't just growth—it's a kingdom explosion. With prayer-fueled momentum,

India will shine as a beacon, drawing millions to Jesus.

When asked what advice he would give the next generation of leaders, he responded,

Root your ministry in daily prayer and Scripture. Love the broken fiercely, remain humbly teachable, steward wisely, and fix your eyes on eternity. Jesus equips the called! Follow Him fully and know that He is faithful and able. Greater harvests await.

Prayer for Ministry in India

When asked how we can pray, Bishop Joshua shared these specific requests, urging believers to intercede boldly:

1. **Wisdom and Leadership** – Pray for divine strategy, bold oversight, and open hearts across India's diverse regions, especially unreached areas (James 1:5; Acts 4:29; 2 Chronicles 7:14).
2. **Health and Strength** – Pray for physical and spiritual endurance, protection from burnout, and continued mentorship (Isaiah 40:31; Proverbs 27:17; Psalm 91).
3. **Orphanage Ministries** – Pray for both orphanage works. We have 42 children in South India and 38 in North India. Pray for unity, provision, education, and fulfillment of God's call on each child's life (Psalm 127:3–5; Philippians 4:19; 3 John 1:4).
4. **Revival and Growth** – Pray for Holy Spirit outpourings, new church plants, Bible schools, and Harvest Partners to pioneer the work (Habakkuk 2:14; Matthew 9:37–38).
5. **Provision and Resources** – Pray for financial support for orphanages, pastors, and church construction (Philippians 4:19).
6. **Protection from Persecution** – Pray for supernatural protection over pastors and churches, granting courage and boldness (Psalm 91:11–12; Acts 12:5–7).



Mexico, Central America, and Spanish-Speaking Caribbean

BISHOP BENJAMÍN FELIZ, DMIN
GENERAL PRESBYTER



Mexico, Central America, and Spanish-Speaking Caribbean

2026 Costa Rica National Convention: Integral Mission

“Integral Mission” was the theme of the 84th National Convention held recently in Costa Rica. As a family of faith, we honor God for His goodness and constant care for the church in Costa Rica. During his opening address, National Bishop José Romero affirmed, “What is healthy must grow naturally.” With this statement, he reinforced the call to serve with devotion and to nurture the church’s growth through committed leadership, with Christ at the center.

Likewise, General Presbyter Bishop Ben Feliz noted in his first message that the church must be inclusive in carrying out its mission. This reality becomes clearer in the Pentecost story; people from all nations gathered, witnessing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This shows that speaking of integral mission in our times is not a response to a recent interpretation of the Word, but rather a return to the values of the kingdom that have been present since the beginning of the church’s work.

Along these lines, during the afternoon session of the first day of the convention, Pastor Harold Segura, a guest panelist, clearly explained how integral mission was embodied in the ministry

of Jesus. First, he pointed out that the church should not prioritize strategy over compassion. Jesus focused on people: helping, teaching, and relieving their suffering. He did not come with complex plans to gain the political power of His time, but to bring salvation to the world. Likewise, He was not interested in condemning sinners; on the contrary, He shifted the emphasis from a morality of punishment to a morality of care, giving greater relevance to human suffering than to the condemnation of sinners.

During the evening session, Bishop Daniel Felipe, executive director of Finance and Administration, ministered the Word from John 5:1–18, which narrates the miracle at the Pool of Bethesda. In this text, he shared three fundamental truths about God’s mission, inviting the church to examine its understanding and practice of it.

First, he emphasized that God’s mission does not fit within our religious molds. Bethesda was considered an impure place; however, Jesus chose to go there on the Sabbath, breaking established rules.





He also pointed out that sometimes the church gives greater importance to protocol than to the mission. God's love, he recalled, breaks protocol when it becomes an obstacle to grace and restoration.

Finally, Bishop Felipe emphasized that God's mission challenges us to acknowledge our own mission. The pace of ministry, he said, should not be driven solely by human need, but by the mission that God has determined for each believer. It is not possible to fulfill that mission if we are not connected to the Owner of the mission.

On the second day of the convention, we celebrated the Entrepreneurs Fair, an event designed to promote businesses originating from the talent and work of brothers and sisters of the Church. This initiative reflected the focus of integral mission in concrete terms, recognizing that the care of human beings encompasses all areas of life, including the financial dimension.

During the evening session, Bishop Ben Feliz shared the Word through an inspiring sermon, reminding those in attendance that even when various political figures seek to get closer to the church, the church is not indebted to politicians or parties, nor does it exist to achieve fame or

greatness. The purpose of the church is to be faithful to the mission that God has entrusted to it.

He also emphasized that, in the current context, the church should not be known only for what it condemns, but for what it does: for its testimony, its service, and its commitment to the needs of the people.

The last day of the convention began with a group baptism, in which some 85 people descended into the waters to be baptized. This moment marked a significant step in advancing God's work, as new members were integrated into the Church of God of Prophecy.

Finally, Bishop José Romero moderated the closing session, expressing that holiness is not a unilateral effort but comes from God. He also pointed out that the mission demands obedience and commitment; individually, it is not always possible to burn with sufficient strength, but united, we are strong. In a context marked by weariness in the face of empty, orthodox speeches, he recalled that what moves people's hearts is not only words but also actions. He concluded by affirming, "The most powerful fire does not make noise; it burns in silence, and it illuminates everything."



Mexico, Central America, and Spanish-Speaking Caribbean

Veron Christian Educational Center (CECRIVE): A Church Responds to the Needs of the Community

A relevant church responds to real needs to impact its community.

When the church lives faithfully to its mission, it transcends the walls of the church building and becomes a concrete response to its community's needs. It not only proclaims hope, but it builds it through actions that transform realities.

At the beginning of the year 2000, the community of Veron, in the province of La Altagracia, Dominican Republic, lacked sufficient educational spaces for its children. As a result, many children were left out of the school system. Faced with this reality, the Church came to the conviction that it was both possible and necessary to respond. That vision, shared with pastoral leadership and assumed with faith, gave way in 2003 to the creation of the Veron Christian Educational Center (CECRIVE).

The school was founded as a nonprofit social welfare project, starting with a classroom for kindergarten level students, welcoming children aged four to five. It did not arise from an abundance of resources, but from a firm conviction: to offer holistic formation in which academic learning would go hand in hand with human values and a biblical foundation.

Since then, CECRIVE has become much more than an educational institution. It has been a support for families and a tangible expression of a church committed to its environment. More than two decades after its founding, although the project is not an economically profitable initiative, its social and human impact continues to be evident in the generations it has formed.

This testimony reminds us that a relevant church is one that listens, acts, and serves. Where there is a need, there is also an opportunity for faith to come alive and transform the community.





At present, the education center has an enrollment of 505 students, which is evidence of its sustained development and of the community's trust in its educational project. This educational work transcends the classroom, as the center directly serves and supports more than 450 families, contributing not only to students' academic education but also to their comprehensive formation in values, thereby strengthening the social fabric and community commitment.

This sustained growth over the years reaffirms the organization's vision and commitment to the comprehensive education of the community. From having started with only one kindergarten classroom, the center now has a complete kindergarten and primary level, as well as the first cycle of the secondary level and one grade of the second cycle, showing significant and orderly progress. In coherence with this trajectory, the institutional projection is aimed at completing the secondary education offering, so that adolescents can remain in the

center and finish their education there, without the need to move to other institutions, thus strengthening educational continuity and a sense of community belonging. Furthermore, we intend to become a semi-private center, a strategy that will allow us to continue strengthening the quality of education while expanding the services we offer, without losing sight of our social mission. This step responds to our commitment to sustain an inclusive educational model that guarantees access and permanence for the children of low-income working families, ensuring that institutional growth always goes hand in hand with equity, solidarity, and service to the community.

In short, the center continues to move forward with a clear Christ-centered vision of responsible growth, committed to educational excellence and inclusion, seeking to expand its offerings and improve its services without ceasing to serve the working families that have been and will continue to be the heart of its mission.



Wider Europe and Middle East

BISHOP CLAYTON ENDECOTT
GENERAL PRESBYTER





Testimony from the Czech Republic

VERONICA SZLAUROVÁ

When God first spoke to me about Bible school, my response was not a clear yes. I felt hesitant and unsure, knowing it was not something I had planned for my life. Still, God was gently inviting me to trust Him and to place my plans into His hands. Looking back now, I can see that He truly knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows what we need, which areas we must surrender, and how to lead us exactly where He wants to take us.

The first semester is behind me, and it has been a great blessing. So many things have changed in my life during this time. God has been healing me—working deeply within me and building me step by step. The beginning was not easy, but one thing remained the same from the start: God. His presence, faithfulness, and guidance never changed. I came to a place where my prayers became very simple: “God, I give You everything. Lead me. It is all in Your hands.” In the crushing and in the pressing, He is making something new

in me. I learned that when I truly trust Him, I do not always need to understand everything right away. His plans are better. They may stretch me, but they always lead to deeper growth.

Throughout this semester, I have seen how God is teaching me what it truly means to depend on Him. As I step back and give Him more space in my life, I can see what He is able to do through me—not by my own strength, but by His power alone. This season allowed me to know myself better, and at the same time to know God more deeply. It has also been a great blessing—learning to be grounded in His Word, growing in knowledge, and being equipped for future ministry. I believe we have the responsibility to cooperate with God’s transforming work in our lives. When Jesus says, “Come and follow Me,” there are things we all must leave behind. In the process, I hold on to this promise: “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6 NIV).

Wider Europe and Middle East

Testimony from Wider Europe and the Middle East

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Sometimes God puts people in our lives who we think are just passing through, or who are only there to add something specific, to bring about a specific change, or even to challenge us. Few of us understand in the moment why these people are placed in our lives and for what reason.

However, when we belong to the family of the Lord Jesus, we have people who work with effort, faith, service, and true joy to help us. Sometimes, they even seek to help us achieve our goals, no matter how important or unimportant they may seem.

John 15:5 (NASB) states, “I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit.”

This is what happened to me in my journey of theological education. My beautiful family—the followers of Christ in the Church of God of Prophecy—are the branches that abide in Christ, wanting to bear fruit as Christ said. The ambition of my beloved brother Bishop Clayton Endecott and his family was greater than my own personal ambition. I noticed opportunities like this [getting a theological education], but they were almost impossible for someone like me who was new to

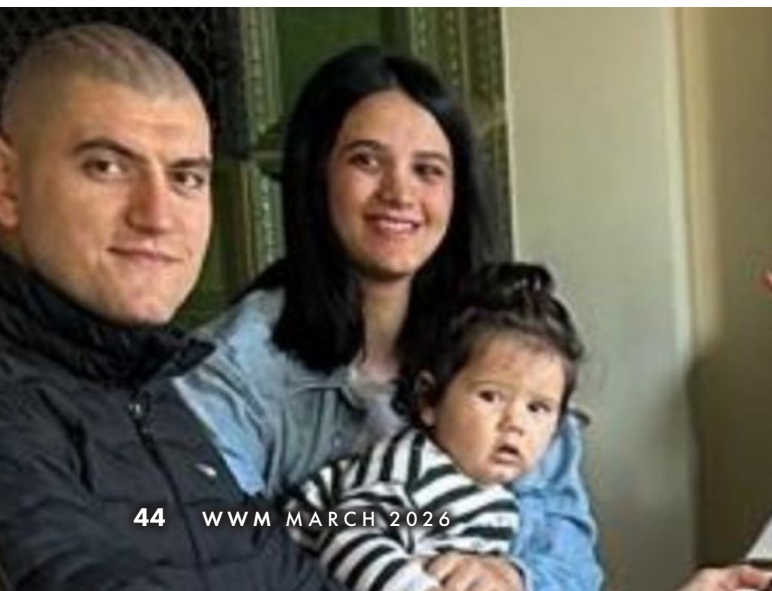
the church and evangelical teachings. I was in the early stages of life—married, having a newborn child, and running a sports project in my town so that I could provide suitable living conditions for my family.

But they saw in me what I could not see in myself. This, of course, was an act of God, for He also knows His sheep and His sheep know His voice. That is why He placed this family in my path—to achieve the goal that I saw as almost impossible at the time.

In Philippians 4:13 (NKJV), Paul says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”.

This verse accompanied me and my family throughout the war [in Israel] and through the period of confusion and uncertainty about our family’s future.

Brother Clayton, whose heart was with the church in Israel (especially its people), provided encouragement and was determined to help us because we are a minority in our village and in our country. Our church is very small compared to other traditional churches. One night, as I was talking to my wife, she hesitantly said to me, “We follow the true God, the living God. Let His will be





done, and let us listen to Him, whatever He says to you. Leave everything and follow Him. Follow Him truly, and do not hesitate.” And indeed, we began to do so. We left our projects, our homes, our families, and our village to come to Germany to start a new life, a new future, and most importantly, to build a foundation for our lives based on the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. But when we came here, we thought we were alone with no one to stand with us and support us. We had no house, no car, not even a pram [stroller] for our child.

But much sooner than I expected, God revealed Himself through His followers. In less than 72 hours, our house was filled with furniture and gifts, even school notebooks and pens, from all parts of the church family. From the smallest to the largest details, everything was provided in less than three days.

“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name’s sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.” (Matthew 19:29 NRSVUE).

My wife and I had left our families, our sisters, and many people around us. But soon, the hundredfold came. The church and the family of Christ appeared with generosity I had never seen before in my life and had only witnessed in

stories and novels. My wife said to me then, her eyes filled with tears, “Shall I tell you that our God is great and lives among us? He is the one who gives and who arranges things at the right time?”

Before I conclude this testimony, I would first like to thank my Savior and my great God, Jesus, who was with us every time we needed Him and every time we turned to Him, whether in prayer or in worship. Secondly, I would like to thank His humble followers and true servants who serve in His name with love and sincerity. I thank each one of you who helped us in our beloved church and elsewhere. I thank everyone who opened their homes to us during these circumstances and invited us to be part of the Church of God of Prophecy and our humble church in Israel. I also extend peace to my brothers and sisters and thank everyone who has given us the wonderful opportunity to begin our journey of service with the Lord and my theological journey.

From the depths of our hearts, we love each and every one of you.

Jesus says in John 13:34–35 (KJV), “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” Amen.



South America

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International Leaders Conference (CIL) 2025 Buenos Aires, Argentina

The International Leaders Conference (CIL 2025) was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from November 20–23, 2025. It was organized by COGOP South America under the theme “Encounters.” The conference sought to create a meaningful space for training, worship, and international fellowship. Serving as the host country, the Argentinian delegates expressed great joy and honor in welcoming this significant event, which stands out in South America for its impact, strong attendance, and contribution to strengthening Christian leadership.

Delegations from various countries across the Americas and other regions participated, fostering a multicultural environment of learning, fellowship, and a worldwide vision for the church. Attendees included pastors, youth leaders, ministry leaders, communication teams, and national delegates, each contributing their unique perspective and experience to enrich the conference.

The primary purpose of this gathering was to train, equip, and strengthen leaders in diverse ministry

areas, encouraging unity within the body of Christ while advancing the global mission of the church.

Teaching sessions were led by both national and international speakers who addressed topics such as leadership, evangelism, discipleship, communication, youth ministry, and missionary expansion. These sessions offered practical tools applicable to various ministry contexts. Early in the conference, Bishop Gabriel Vidal shared a phrase that deeply resonated with participants: “A single encounter with Jesus is enough to transform people’s lives.” He reminded us that this remains the essence and strength of all ministerial work.

As a member of the Church of God of Prophecy, I deeply value these training opportunities. They strengthen our ministry, broaden our vision, and foster relationships that contribute to the holistic growth of the church.

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South America





ONE CHILD FUND UPDATE

You know, I usually try to tell you what is happening in the 11 nations served through the One Child Fund. But today, I want to take you down a different road—and it may be a hard one to travel.

Over the past year, several of our monthly donors have passed away. One in particular stands out to me. She would call us every month. And as she was hanging up, she would always say, “I love you.”

I am not going to lie—the first time she said it, I thought, “*Wait. . . . What?*” Then I wondered if it was habit, like when you finish a call with a family member and say “I love you,” and then you accidentally say it to the next person you call.

But then I went back to that first thought . . . a family member. That’s who we were. From then on, when she said it, I said it back.

I miss that call.

I never met her in person, but that monthly conversation mattered to me. It was not about updates or long discussions, just her calling to give her donation. And when those calls stopped, I mourned—not because of the money, but because she had become part of my life.

Toward the end of the year, as I realized how many of our donors had passed away, I started asking myself a hard question: Will the One Child Fund still exist five years from now?

The reason for that question is simple. Most of our faithful donors are older. When we ran the numbers, less than 12 percent of our donors are under the age of 50. If more Gen X, Millennials, and Gen Z don’t step in, the One Child Fund, which currently touches the lives of over 400 children, could cease to exist.

So, I want to start here. I am asking you, no matter your age, to pray for the One Child Fund. Pray for the students, teachers, leaders, host homes, governments, and for God to raise up more donors. If you want specific prayer requests or even the names of children to pray for, please contact me. I would truly love to share them with you.

And now, I am going to ask you to give.

You don’t have to give a lot. I know some of you are just getting started in life. Others are paying off student loans, raising families, or living paycheck to paycheck just trying to keep your head above water. I also know there are many good causes asking for your support.

So even if you can’t give \$50 a month (even split between paychecks), start with \$10 a month. Faithful, consistent giving, no matter the amount, changes lives.

There are several ways to give, but the easiest (and my personal favorite) is automatic withdrawal, so you don’t even have to think about it. You can get started at globalcogop.org/donate.

And if you have questions, “*Call me, beep me, if ya wanna reach me*” because I know the “sitch” [situation].

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HARVEST PARTNERS

We are deeply blessed as a church to walk alongside the men and women God has called to lead His work around the world. Through Mission Giving, we are able to provide consistent financial support to our appointed national leaders, support that sustains both their ministry efforts and their daily lives. This provision includes a ministry allotment to help advance the gospel within their nations, as well as a personal allotment that allows them to care for themselves and their families as they faithfully serve.

Mission Giving is made possible through Harvest Partners, a ministry arm of Global Missions Ministries. While this structure provides an organized and dependable way for churches to give, its purpose reaches far beyond the logistics of financial support. At its heart, Harvest Partners exists to nurture connection between our local churches and our international church family.

Our desire is that Harvest Partners would never be viewed simply as a financial commitment. Rather, it is an invitation into a shared relationship between the local church and our global family. Our international leaders deeply desire this same connection—one marked by mutual prayer, encouragement, and genuine concern for one another. We want it to be a reminder that we belong to one another—that the victories and burdens of our global brothers and sisters are also our own. Through prayer, communication, and faithful giving, we are drawn into a deeper awareness of how God is at work far beyond our own localities.

Scripture beautifully affirms this truth in 1 Corinthians 12:12–27, where Paul reminds us that

the body of Christ, though made up of many parts, is one unified whole. Each part is distinct, yet all are necessary. “But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13 NLT). This shared Spirit binds us together across cultures, languages, and borders.

The passage goes on to reassure us that none of this is accidental. “God has put each part just where he wants it” (v. 18). Our national leaders are not serving by chance; they are divinely placed. God has entrusted them with the responsibility of shepherding communities, preaching the gospel, and bringing hope to people many of us will never personally meet. Their faithfulness and testimonies represent the hands and feet of Christ in places where we may never go.

Through Mission Giving, we have the privilege of coming alongside our national bishops to support them in their continuing mission of reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our prayers strengthen their spirits. Our generosity eases practical burdens. Together, we share in the sacred work God is accomplishing across the nations, confident that as one body, every act of faithfulness, no matter how big or small, matters.

If you would like more information on our Harvest Partners Ministry, please reach out to me at sroberts@cogop.org or 423-559-5207, and I would be happy to connect your church to our international church family.



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