

MISSION IN ACTION

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40 Years of Mission in Africa – A Grateful Reflection, and the Journey Continues!

On May 11, 2025, we celebrated a very special milestone: **40 years of mission in Africa!** It all began on May 11, 1985, when I (Jürgen), a certified electrical engineer with a clear calling to serve God and the people of Africa, left a small village in southern Germany and flew to Johannesburg, South Africa. There, I joined the team of *Christ for All Nations*, led by Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke, preaching the Gospel through large-scale Gospel campaigns.

A year later we – **Jürgen and Ulrike** – met in Harare, Zimbabwe. That encounter led to a shared life and mission. We have now been married for nearly 38 years and are blessed with five children and four grandchildren.

We are deeply grateful to all who have journeyed with us through prayer, financial support, and friendship. God's faithfulness, along with your support, has made this journey possible. As we look ahead, we ask: ***What does God have in store next?*** We are excited and committed to continuing the mission!

Celebrating 40 years of mission in Africa; over the past four decades, our ministry has taken us to 35 African nations. This journey can be broadly divided into two key phases:

- **Support Ministries (1985–1994):** Serving with *Christ for All Nations* and *New Life Outreach* (through Church of God Germany).
- **Administrative & Teaching Ministries (2000 to present):** Appointed by *Church of God World Missions*, we have served in various ministry roles across Africa.

Between these two seasons of service, we pursued theological training at the *European*



Jürgen & Ulrike (1987 & 2025)



Ministerial Training in Lomé, Togo

Theological Seminary (Germany) and the *Church of God Pentecostal Theological Seminary* (Cleveland, TN) from 1995–2000.

Discipleship & Multiplication: Through teaching, ministerial formation, and discipleship, thousands of church workers have been trained – many of whom now serve in leadership roles and are discipling others (c.f. **2 Timothy 2:2**)

Currently, 1,994 students are enrolled in our Bible schools and modular training programs, all focused on making and multiplying disciples. We are deeply grateful for the dedicated team that carries out this ministry.

Highlights

Doctoral Program: The *Africa Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)* cohort met in Lusaka, Zambia, in March for its final in-person class. Dr. Randall Parris taught an outstanding course on *Multi-Generational Discipleship*. The remaining coursework will be completed online as students focus on their dissertation projects. We are in the final year of the program, and eagerly anticipate successfully crossing the finish line.



Africa D.Min. cohort

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Africa Master Program cohort

Master's program: From January 28 to February 7, twelve students from eleven nations gathered in Lusaka. Dr. Jose Abraham taught *Systematic Theology* and Dr. Peter Thomas taught *Spiritual Leadership*. Only one more module, finishing the field ministry, and completing the thesis remain before graduation.

Teaching-of-Teachers (ToT) Modules: This diploma-level theology program currently has two cohorts, one in Lomé, Togo, and a brand-new cohort in Dakar, Senegal.

Lomé, Togo (November 2024 and April 2025):

In November, our daughter Kristin taught a course on the *Book of Psalms* with applications for worship. Paul Stockard taught *Counseling and Chaplaincy*.

In April, along with Timothy Gbo (West Africa Francophone Superintendent), Aftikous Mamathe (Africa UPG Coordinator), and I taught the CIMS courses *Knowing Your Church*, *Planting and Growing Churches*, and *Learning the Practices of Ministry*. Small group sessions and focused prayer enriched the experience.

This ToT group includes 45 students and leaders from seven Francophone West African nations, meeting at the *Send-the-Light Ministry Center* in Lomé. Future modules are scheduled for July and October 2025.

Senegal – May 2025: Peter Thomas (Africa Field Director) and Manning Thornton (Missionary-at-large) taught *Spiritual Leadership* and *Spiritual Formation*. The event was organized and hosted with great care by Louis and Mary Luwaya. Louis Luwaya, Regional



Mary & Louis Luwaya, Manning Thornton & Jürgen

Superintendent, pioneered the Church of God's ministry in Senegal.

The testimonies of students – many of whom serve faithfully despite persecution – deeply moved us. They received this opportunity for theological training and spiritual formation with deep gratitude.

This new ToT group includes 25 students and leaders from seven Sahel nations, meeting at the *International Training Center in Senegal*, a beautiful facility developed and built through the support of Latin American churches and missionaries. The next module is scheduled for November 2025.

Berea Theological University College (BTUC) located in Lusaka, Zambia, is our leading Church of God Bible college in Africa. It currently enrolls 261 students from 18 nations in both residential and extension programs. BTUC offers accredited bachelor's degrees and provides the academic cover for many of our training programs in Africa. The college is led with excellence by Scott Rains.

Gratitude – We thank God for:

- 40 years of His faithfulness in mission
- The growth of the church in Africa
- Faithful co-workers
- Bible schools and training programs
- Our family

Prayer Requests – Please join us in prayer for:

- Our family
- God's continued guidance
- Our co-workers
- Anointing, strength, and health in ministry
- Provision and finances
- Progress in Jürgen's doctoral dissertation and Ulrike's book project

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, prayers, and support.

With gratitude, your missionaries,

Jürgen & Ulrike RUDOLPH

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Ministerial Training in Dakar, Senegal