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Dear Friends and Partners in Missions

It is hard to believe that another year has almost passed. However, time does not stand still.

We are grateful to the Lord that this last year we moved forward more freely and go about the work the Lord has called us to do, as Corona rules and regulations were lifted. One of the most encouraging effect we witnessed in Africa is the fact that in the midst of the Pandemic, with all its restrictions, many new churches were started and expansion of the Kingdom took place even into areas that are commonly considered as "closed" for the Gospel; countries that are known as strongholds of Islam. We give God praise that we can see with our own eyes how the gates of Islam are starting to crumble.

In addition to the continuous growth of God's Kingdom, there were several highlights in the last 12 months. One was the dedication of the *Send the Light* Project in Lusaka, Zambia, together with the YWEA project. Brother David Griffis, in his capacity as our Director of Church of World Missions came for the dedication and a pastor's seminar in conjunction with this special event. At the same time Brother Rob Bailey, our International Director of the Youth Department came with State Youth Director Rob Taylor for the dedication of the YWEA project in Lusaka. It was a special time in the presence of the Lord.





Prior to that a Missionary training Centre was dedicated in Dakar, Senegal. This Centre was built by our church in Latin America, and is a blessing to the continent. To round up the special dedications was the inauguration of our HQ building in Banjul, Gambia a project by World Missions under the leadership of Brother Alex Abiola.

March 2022 saw the start of the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program in Africa under the auspice and cooperation of the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, TN. We deeply appreciate all those who made this happen – Dr Daniel Alvarez, Dr Han, Dr Mike Baker and from Africa, before all, Jürgen Rudolph. To say the least we are excited about the encouraging development that will provide the needed training for current and future leaders for the continent.

Another great breakthrough in the area of training is the full accreditation of our Berea Theological University College (BTUC) in Lusaka, Zambia. By the diligent and relentless effort of the BTUC President Scott Rains and his team, this long pursued vision became reality. BTUC is now our first and only B.A. granting College in Africa. In January they will start with 28 students, from 9 different nations, enrolled in the first BA program.







In October, we had another special highlight with the visit of Dr Tim Hill, our General Overseer with his dear wife Paula, together with Dr Stephen Darnell and his wife Janice who had come to Zambia. Both ministered under great anointing to close to 500

pastors and leaders who had come from all over Zambia for a pastors seminar and the commissioning of the new National

Overseer of Zambia, Webby Siwale and the new Regional Superintendent of Central Region, Joseph Ndashe. There was a deep move of the Holy Spirit during the times at the altar and a strong presence of the Lord during the preaching and teaching of the Word.





On a sad note, we experienced the loss of one of the spiritual giants within our church in Africa, when the Lord decided to take our close friend and dear Brother, Joseph Kagarama to heaven. He is greatly missed as his vision for the lost, his hard work for Kingdom expansion and his deep commitment to prayer was unique. He served as National Overseer of Uganda for many years and as Regional Superintendent for Eastern Africa for the last 14 years. Brother Charles Karangwa has now taken over as Superintendent of this region.

Next year, several conferences and conventions in different countries are in planning. Our focus on church planting and outreach to the Sahel Zone will

continue. In addition, from 23 to 28 August we will have another *All Africa Leadership Conference* in Lusaka Zambia, once again at our Leopards Hill Retreat and Conference Centre. Dr Douglas Small and his team will be with us for a Prayer Congress.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and support being part of what the Lord is doing in Africa. It is by your help and partnership that we are able to reach out to the last, the least and the lost – to use the words of the WM 365 challenge – to gather the ripe harvest! Help us to pray for more labourers in His harvest field.

We wish all our dear friends and their families a wonderful and meaningful Christmas Season. Because He was born, we rejoice and continue do what we do! May the New Year be filled with God's presence and His favour.





Church of God in Africa



<u>Central Africa:</u>

Angola Botswana Malawi Mozambique Rwanda Zambia

<u>Central Africa</u> - <u>Francophone</u>:

Central- African Republic Congo- Brazz. Congo D.R. Guinea Bissau Senegal

East Africa:

Burundí Ethíopía Kenya Sudan South-Sudan Somalía Tanzanía Sanzíbar uganda

West Africa Francophone: Equatorial-Guinea

Benín Burkína Faso Chad, Ivory Coast Lybía Malí, Níger Sao Tome/ Prícípe

West Africa -Anglophone Cameroon

Togo

Gambía Ghana Nígería Líbería

Síerra Leone

Southern Africa:

Lesotho, Mozambíque Eswatíní Namibía Zímbabwe Maurítíus

Réunion Angola Madagascar