



DECEMBER 2024

Dear Friends and Partners in Missions

• Grateful

One year ago today, Debbie and I were sitting in the surgeon's office discussing the upcoming surgery on my liver. Three weeks earlier, I had been diagnosed with liver cancer. At the beginning of January this year, they removed two segments of my liver. The operation went well. However, I was only able to come out of the anaesthetics after 7 days. We are deeply grateful to the Lord that the cancer was completely removed and that neither chemotherapy nor radiotherapy were necessary afterward. For us as a family, this was a time when we felt the closeness and intervention of Jesus strongly. In addition, we experienced a strong prayer support from many friends and colleagues. The end of February, I was able to be on my first trip in 2024. I am now fully active again. In addition to the bi-annual weeklong Africa Council meetings and other board meetings, we can look back on the following 2024 highlights:



• Clinic - Dedication

At the end of April we welcomed our Mission Director, Thomas Propes, his wife and John Morgan to Zambia for the dedication of the new clinic and a pastors' seminar. The services at the main church in Lusaka were packed. The opening of the clinic was a highlight for our church in Zambia. The women's movement had purchased the land for this purpose years ago. Now, by the World Missions 365 Challenge, the vision has become reality.

• Deepening contacts

As Africa Council, we met with the leaders of the Full Gospel Church of God (FGCoG) in South Africa. Since the moderator of the FGCoG is now also "Regional Superintendent of the Southern Region, we wanted to deepen the connection with our sister church in the South.



• Pastors Seminar, Central Region

In September, a seminar with over 450 participants took place in Lusaka. Leaders from seven countries and of course from Zambia came to attend. The group of pastors from the USA, under the leadership of Mark Swank, ministered under the anointing of the Holy Spirit being very sensitive to His move and presence. Many pastors came for spiritual refreshing and revival, and experienced just that. Picture= the delegation from Namibia.

• Old and new friends

In August, we had the privilege of welcoming Paul Schmidgall to Lusaka. He taught the MA students and they were excited how Paul brought the Old Testament to life. Since Peter taught simultaneously at the Bible school in Lusaka (BTUC), he was not able to interact with Paul as he had liked to. But it was surely great that Paul had come.

A few days earlier, brothers from a "closed country" in Northern Africa were with us Lusaka. The fellowship with them was precious. Together we affirmed working closely with each other to reach the North. Although the church there only exists "underground", their faith and determination in ministry is infectious.



WINDOW INTO THE AFRICAN HARVEST



Central Africa:

Botswana
Malawi
Namibia
Rwanda
Zambia

Central Africa -

Francophone:

C. A.R.
Congo- Brazz.
Congo D.R.
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon
Senegal

East Africa:

Burundi
Ethiopia
Kenya
South-Sudan
Somalia
Tanzania
Uganda
Zanzibar

West Africa

Francophone:

Benin
Burkina Faso
Chad,
Ivory Coast
Lybia
Mali,
Niger
Togo

West Africa -

Anglophone

Cameroon
Gambia
Ghana
Nigeria
Liberia
Sierra Leone

Southern Africa:

Lesotho,
Mozambique
Eswatini
Zimbabwe
Mauritius
Réunion
Angola
Madagascar

Lusophone Africa:

Angola
Cap Verde
Guinea Bissau
Sao Tome/ Principe
Mozambique

Northern Africa:

• **UPG - Consultation**

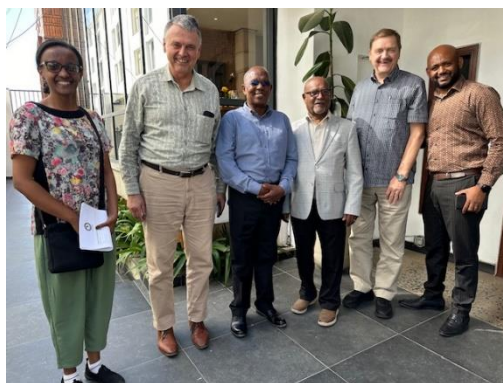


For many years we have been committed to reach the unreached people groups (UPGS) on the African continent. In October this year, Peter was invited to an UPG consultation in Nepal. This meeting was an "eye opener." More than 50 participants attended whereby most were from Southeast Asia, especially from India. Southeast Asia is home to about two-thirds of all unreached people groups. Missionaries from Manchuria, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and, of course, India reported on what God is doing in their countries. The straight forwardness in how these brothers go about their ministry, sometimes under severe persecution, is amazing. The personal conversations and reports were extremely encouraging and inspiring. We also see the same dedication from our brothers working in the Sahel and in North Africa among the UPGS. The Lord keeps adding precious souls who are converted and baptized "underground."

• **Zanzibar, Ethiopia, Kenya**

In November, Peter travelled with Charles Karangwa, Superintendent Eastern Region, and Jürgen Rudolph to the three countries. Zanzibar is of course part of Tanzania, but is still a semi-autonomous island state. We specifically want to support the work in Zanzibar. On one hand, the island is known as a tourist paradise, yet on the other hand, with a population of 95% Muslims, it is strongly influenced by Islam. In some cases, there are repeated attacks on Christians by Islamic extremists. We want to use the so-called existing religious freedom to proclaim the Gospel. Despite pressure from outside, the church of Jesus is growing.

Another highlight was our visit to Ethiopia with Hiruy, Mekbib and Hiab, after I had not been there for a long time. It was encouraging to see how the church has grown in the meantime and how the multi-faceted Ministry Centre in Addis, the capital is utilized. Since my last visit, the city has developed enormously and transformed into a modern metropolis. Seminars and ministries are planned next year.



• **Chad**

After a long time, Peter was able to be in Chad at the end of November for a leadership seminar. The burning enthusiasm for God among our brothers and sisters was refreshing. Here, too, he was able to recognize that the Lord has richly blessed our church in this country over the past few years. Above all, the work among the Kendeje, a people group (UPG) in the East



of the country, has grown. There are now four churches and a work across the border in Sudan. Our CoG churches in Chad are the oldest French-speaking congregations in Africa with over 22,000 members despite its strong Muslim presence. In the meantime, the Church of God is represented in 16 French-speaking countries.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and support and being part of what the Lord is doing in Africa! May the Lord reward you richly for all you do.

We sincerely wish you a merry and peaceful Christmas as well as a blessed 2025 full of the Lord's favor and grace.

Peter & Deborah

