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Annual Report 2023

We are very grateful to God and look back to an exciting year. As our partners, we thank you from the depths of our hearts. We want to share this report with you.

Zambia: At the beginning of this year we spent one month at the Leopards Hill Retreat & Conference Center to represent the managers Jonas & Sarah Schmid as they went on furlough.



Berea Theological University College (BTUC): Scott Rains serves as president. In November 2022, BTUC located in Lusaka, Zambia, received government recognition to offer three bachelor degree programs in Theology, Leadership & Ministry, and Chaplaincy respectively. This accreditation was retrospective, hence 19 graduates received their degrees on January 28, 2023 already. BTUC now serves as the flagship college for the Church of God in Africa.



August 27, leaders and educators from 13 national Bible Schools and nations gathered at BTUC for a continental educators conference.



Second Master Program graduation: August 27 marked this great occasion held at the 'Send-the-Light-Church' Berea Worship Center in Lusaka, Zambia. Ten graduates deriving from eight nations successfully completed their *MA in Christian Leadership*. This important leadership development program is offered in partnership with the *Asian Seminary of Christian Ministries* (Manila, Philippines). Dr. Ayuk Ayuk was the keynote speaker during this joyful event.

The **Doctor of Ministry** program offered in Africa by the *Pentecostal Theological Seminary*, is now in its second year and is going strong.

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Rhino refugee camp in Uganda: This is one of the world's largest refugee camps! People from neighboring South Sudan fled here to escape the civil war. John Noah Komi (national overseer) and his wife Edna planted 59 churches in the camps. He and national education director Nicolas Lolik Lemi trained pastors and leaders. April 17-20, Charles Karangwa (Superintendent East Africa) and I traveled to their national convention. The graduation was a joyful part of their national gathering.



August 11, we received the sad news that John Noah Komi was promoted to glory.

Third Master program cohort students: This cohort met for two-week modules in January and September respectively. In January, Dr. Peter Thomas and Kim Franks taught a leadership and hermeneutics class, while in September Dr. Greg Sloop and Dr. Steve Mills taught New Testament and Church History. This program convenes at the beautiful Leopards Hill Conference Center in Zambia.



French-speaking West Africa: "ToT" stands for Teaching of Teachers, and is a Diploma program offered in partnership with the *European Theological Seminary*. This year's first module met June 6-16, and the upcoming module will convene November 7-17 in the newly opened Send-the-Light ministry center in Lomé. Timothy Gbo (Superintendent for Francophone West Africa) is an awesome host. Three national overseers from his region are part of the student body.



Portuguese-speaking Bible School in Angola: Joseph Ndashe (Superintendent Central Africa) and I witnessed the first graduation. The diploma was offered in partnership with *Evangélico da Igreja de Deus* (Brazil). Kilanny Queiroz, a missionary from Brazil, Arlindo Chandama and others taught the first cohort. This joyful celebration took place during the national convention of the CoG Angola.



Prayer & Harvest Summit 2023: August 20-25, the Church of God Africa convened for the *Harvest & Prayer Strategic Planning Summit* in Lusaka, Zambia. Leaders from 40 nations gathered for a time of prayer, consultation and planning.

We wish you a joyful Christmas Season and blessed new year 2024 - Maranatha!

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