

WEST AFRICA AREA

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Africa Centre for Theological Studies (ACTS):

- Thank God for **sustaining** the entire ACTS family and different departments. Pray for love, unity and true fellowship among the staff. Pray also for consistently renewed zeal and passion for the work.
- Post graduate **Diploma in Christian Leadership** starts in April. Pray for a successful take-off of this program. Pray for increase in enrolment in ACTS programs in general and enthusiastic response of the students to the program starting in April in particular.
- ACTS **Vice Principal for Development** returns to Nigeria with his family - pray for provision for him and his family. Pray that ACTS fund raising efforts will yield good results – for a vehicle and our own property here in Lagos. May our adjunct faculty always be able to come to Nigeria to serve as planned.

GCM West Africa:

- The Global Church Movement is having a **leadership transition**. Pray for a smooth transition and that the new leader will easily fit into the role and take the ministry to new heights.

LDHR West Africa:

- Pray for the meeting of all **National Leadership Teams, 2-9 May**. Pray that we will experience God together, have strategic clarity for our spheres of leadership and wisdom to lead a community of faith that is growing in the love of Christ toward the mission. Pray for a revival, powered by the Spirit, returning everyone who is part of the movement to their first love in Christ and for a radical, compelling conviction and vision that would draw many into the harvest.
- Pray for **transitions taking place** in Area and National leadership roles over the next few months. Thank God for the service of those who are transiting out of roles. Pray for them as they take on new challenges in the harvest, that they would be even more faithful and fruitful. Pray for those transitioning into new roles, that they would be able to settle in quickly and lead the movement into greater impact in their area of responsibility. Pray that the Lord will bless us across the area this year with qualified new staff members equal to 10% of the current staff population.
- Pray for wisdom and strategic disciples to develop a **structure and culture of local financial resource generation** in every sphere.

Operations West Africa:

- Praise God for the successful installation of DONORWISE/TNTMPD software in Ghana. Thank God for the availability of all those He used in the process and for the lives of the staff who continue to work to provide staff with **timely information** through the software.
- Praise God for **the improved staff support situation**. Thank God for the faithful ministry partners who continue to give, despite the worsening economic conditions in some of the countries in our Area.
- Pray for **renewed minds** for the operational staff, so they can recognize the importance of their call and be committed to their role. Please pray for the Area Operations Coordinator. Ask for clarity of vision for the role, discipline to follow through, steadfastness, grace and strength to make progress as we seek to build sustainable and increasingly effective operational capacity.

Prayer West Africa:

- Praise God for the **building of prayer** movements, which is rising up in some of our countries.

- A prayer training is planned for our **country prayer coordinators, 26-30 April**. Pray it will be a huge success. Pray that they will return home having a full knowledge of what is expected of them.

Student Life Movement West Africa:

- Praise God for the about **20 new catalytic campuses** that have opened as a result of Pamoja IV. Pray that they will be sustained and more campuses will be opened as we reduce our missional gap. Praise God for the Campus Directors and Catalytic trainings done in the Area; pray that the results will be seen in the growth of strong movements.
- Praise God for the more than **50 “staff interests” since Pamoja**. Since most are students, pray that their interest will be sustained and our processes will help them end up on staff. We are trusting God to have **organizational** fund development for our CDs before the end of 2014; pray that it will materialize and our CDs will be well equipped to raise funds to run their movements. We are trusting God to enable us to do another round of Campus assessment (m360) before the end of 2014; pray for the right timing and a good assessment that will help us further understand our current realities and effect the needed changes.

CAPE VERDE

- Praise God for the impact the use of the **JESUS film** has been having in Cape Verde.
- We have been working on doing a **church planting training** in Cape Verde through an international partner; things have not yet worked out. Please pray that the Lord will give us a breakthrough.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

- Our ministry in Equatorial Guinea in the past has been mostly the showing of the *JESUS* film. We are now **changing emphasis** to the planting of churches. Praise God that we are able to find partners both on the island and on the mainland and connecting with pastors with a lot of interest in church planting. Praise God that the transition to church planting has worked out well and has been smooth with our *JESUS* film workers.
- Equatorial Guinea is a Spanish speaking country. God has always provided us with ways to communicate and do ministry in spite of the **language barrier** here. Pray that grace will continue.
- We have a **church planting training** planned for July this year, both on the island and on the mainland. Pray that God will help us to work out all the logistics successfully. We want to have many pastors in each training; we need to have translators in both locations; and we need funds to produce materials and provide refreshments for the pastors.

THE GAMBIA

- Our 2020 Goal is titled, "Let's Go 360." We are seeking to develop **360 CMDs** throughout the Gambia by 2020. Pray for resources and wisdom to make it possible.
- Pray for a breakthrough in the **clinic project** located in the upcountry in Manka. Plans have been stalled for more than two years.
- May our converts remain steadfast, despite persecution. For females marriage is a real challenge to their faith, as Christian men are VERY few. Linked to this, we realize the need to build our own office complex which would include two dormitories for new, **persecuted converts** - one for females and one for males. We need to purchase land for this and raise resources for the construction.

GHANA

- Thank God with us for **providing support** for our staff. Currently 90% of our staff receive full salaries every month and are able to access their personal account and donor information

regularly online through DonorWise and TNT. Please join us in prayer as we now focus on raising up 50 key local donors who will directly support the general ministry with a total monthly support of US\$4,000 by 30 June 2015. Pray for us to be able to put in place a full fund development infrastructure involving equipment, tools, human and materials resources, processes for raising blitz and maintaining.

- With our vision to see **prayer-inspired movements**, we have national strategic plans to develop prayer movement models in all the 10 Regions of Ghana. Pray that we will be able to follow through on our plans to raise up Spirit-filled intercessory leaders who will launch prayer movements all over the country.
- We plan to launch a Local Internship Program to recruit 15 key graduating disciples and train them to serve as one-year Short-Term Interns (STINTERS) for our **Go-North Missionary Focus**. Pray for God's direction and wisdom to recruit the right people, to put together the logistics, structures, and processes and for His provision of all resources to implement the program fruitfully.

GUINEA BISSAU

- Like Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau is a Portuguese speaking country, and we are working with the **same partner for a church planting training**. Pray that we will soon be able to do this training.
- SIL has been working in Guinea Bissau for many years. We are now discussing a **partnership** with them in the use of the *JESUS* film and in cooperating to work with the local churches. Pray that the partnership will work well.
- The **Global Church Movement** in West Africa is having a leadership transition. Pray for a smooth transition and that the new leader will easily fit into the role and take the ministry into even greater fruitfulness.

NIGERIA

- Pray that the upcoming **City-Wide Prayer Coalition** in Jos, May 24, will be well attended.
- Pray about **protection** for boarding secondary schools in Northern Nigeria, as they have become targets of the insurgency. Pray that this evil trend will stop.
- Pray that Nigeria will remain a **united, secular state** with a mature electoral process in 2015.

SIERRA LEONE

- Please pray that as *JESUS* film teams are recruited to build **movements around the country**, God will help us recruit people who are FAT, God fearing and selfless. Pray for traveling mercies as staff travel around the country to do ministry and for protection for their families.
- The Eastern prayer team is ready to plant **another prayer cell** in Waterloo Village (planned for 12 April) in the Western Area Peninsula; pray that the attempt will be successful, churches will cooperate, and leaders will emerge to lead the team.
- Pray that the **economy** will improve, as raising support in Sierra Leone is becoming almost impossible because of the high cost of living. April 27 is the Independence Anniversary of Sierra Leone; please pray that God's will shall be done in our country.