

Lord's Move to AFRICA



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WEST AFRICA comprises 15 countries. Lampstands have been established in 7 of them (Ghana, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Togo, Benin and Liberia) with 54 lampstands and approximately 2700 saints. There are also saints in Burkina Faso pursuing the ministry.

In this issue we will cover Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and Benin. In the next issue (May) we will cover Ghana and Nigeria.



CÔTE D'IVOIRE

No. of localities: 4

No. of saints in church life: 165

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 72

As reported in the July 2022 Newsletter, the 5-day conference held in June 2022 was a blessing and has helped the saints to see the fundamental truths in the Lord's recovery. However, the enemy is also active trying to hinder the spread of His recovery in this country. A few brothers who refused to accept the truth left the church life after this conference; some negative rumours were also spread to the saints in one district of Abidjan (Port Bouët) as well as in the cities where we had some contacts.

But our God is a God of resurrection. The enemy's attack only resulted in a recovery that is stronger. Today in the city of Abidjan, fifteen brothers are meeting steadfastly in two districts. Among these fifteen, four have been newly added - two of them joined us after the conference, and one of them came back from overseas and entered into the church life during his studies. We meet every Lord's Day and we pray to be able to meet more often, as the distance between our homes is far.

The Lord has also enabled us to establish His table in two cities in January this year: Korhogo (12 saints) and Bouaké (10 saints).

Korhogo: The first Lord's Table meeting in Korhogo took place on 1 January 2023. One brother from Abidjan visited there from 27 December 2022 to 1 January 2023 to strengthen the saints. Three were baptized on the morning of 1 January 2023 before the Lord's Table.



Bouaké: A brother from Abidjan and another from Tengrela visited the locality from 7 to 8 January 2023 to encourage and strengthen the saints. The first Lord's Table took place on 8 January 2023.

In 2023, we pray for the Lord's move in the western part of the country where there are already some contacts: Lakota, Gagnoa and Soubré. We also pray for the Lord to gain more ground in the city of Abidjan.

LIBERIA

No. of localities: 1

No. of saints in church life: 90

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 30

“Liberia also sent us a cable telling us that they had knocked on 218 doors, and as a result 146 people were baptized.”

“Being Up-to-Date for the Rebuilding of the Temple”, chapter 7

The Lord has been moving in Liberia since the 1980s. However, the testimony was lost during the civil wars between 1989 and 1997. Praise the Lord that His recovery continues in Liberia unhindered! There was a brief recovery in 2004. In September 2018, the Lord sovereignly arranged a brother from Liberia to be gained in the Philippines. He joined the Full-Time Training in 2019 and picked up the burden to share the riches of Christ to his friends and members of his former denomination. Through this the Lord gained six young people. They started to join the Distance Perfecting Training every Thursday in coordination with saints from overseas. After a few months, those participating increased to ten and they began to meet every Thursday to pursue the truth together.

In April 2021, two brothers from Ghana and Nigeria paid a visit to Liberia to strengthen the saints. This visit was timely, and the saints received some Recovery Version Bibles and some ministry books for the very first time. In August 2021, two brothers and one sister attended the Pursuit and Perfecting Training in Kenya for four months. During this time, they were perfected in the practice of the God-ordained way. They also enjoyed the church life and blending with other saints. Upon their return to Liberia, they were burdened to propagate together with the other saints. Fifty doors were knocked on, about twenty-five homes were opened for shepherding and some new ones were gained. The church life in Paynesville began to take shape. The first Lord’s Table there began in April 2022.



Mini-conference



December 2022



In 2022, a Liberian brother who had gone to pursue further education overseas was gained by the Lord. After his studies, in his fellowship with the overseas saints he was moved by the Lord to return to Liberia and coordinate with the saints locally. In December 2022, two brothers from the UK and Ghana visited Liberia. A mini-conference was held where 45 saints attended, some of whom were new ones.



BENIN

No. of localities: 1

No. of saints in church life: 190

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 55

There is a growing burden for the young people and children's work in Benin. Following the encouragement of the brothers, young people’s meetings have started in two places. We are fellowshipping and praying for suitable homes in order to start children’s meetings in the homes of the saints.

Pray for the cities of Calavi-Somè and Tori; may the Lord gain His lampstands here. There are also contacts in Cotonou and Djougou. We are also praying for the beginning of the campus work.



Blending meeting in Tori-Zounme, Benin, September 2022