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The Adventist Youth Hailed As A Model

The Minister of Youth Affairs and Civic Education of Cameroon congratulates the Young Adventists (AY) for their noble discipline. It was during the annual festivities marking the National Youth Day on February 8, 2017 in Yaounde, capital city of Cameroon.

That day was dense in the city of Yaounde. The Indomitable Lions recently returned from their victorious African Cup of Nations football trip from Libreville (Gabon). The President of the Republic, Paul Biya and the populations welcomed and celebrated those heroes with pomp. It was in this festive atmosphere that the village of youth installed at the Multipurpose Sports Center of Yaoundé (PAPOSY) flowed its activities. The young Adventists were solicited there. In their outfits, adventurers, explorers and Master guides ensured security, welcome and even orientation to the thousands that come to visit.



Fervor was visible. At least five members of the government witnessed the panel discussion on "Religion and civic education of young people". All the religious leaders of Cameroon were invited. The prominent Cardinal Christian Tumi represented the Catholic Church.



Pastor Assembe Valère Guillaume represented the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cameroon and a large audience of other religious leaders listened to these exchanges, attended by nearly 5,000 people. From the start, the AYs executed the national anthem with such brilliance that the hall was raised with admiration. The score was well assimilated. They came back with this impressive parade that forced the admiration and standing ovation of the government authorities and the general public.

Minister Mounouna Foutsou in charge of Youth Affairs and Civic Education has not failed to express his admiration to the young Adventists: "I found you well disciplined and different from the other children. You are models on which Cameroon counts to shape a dependable youth." One of the speakers, Professor Jean Emmanuel Pondi, praised these young people: "I have noticed you. You were calm and you took notes of everything that was said. You were not like the others." Shaking hands with the Director of the Youth Ministries for the Cameroon Union Mission, Dr. Assam Assam Jean Paul, he renewed his appreciation. The hundred young people present were satisfied and pleased to have distributed Adventist literature to all the participants. That was real Total Member Involvement.

The National Youth Day and the May 20th National Unity Day are the two biggest national mobilization opportunities. The Youth Day holds on February 11 and is preceded by a whole week of activities in schools and universities. Conferences, competitions, career counseling, sports competitions, and many other activities mark these very popular festivities across the country.

The fifty-first edition of this year 2017 is to be feted in a precarious socio-political context, exacerbated by many problems such as the desecration of emblems, violence, illegal immigration, delinquency, immorality, idleness, pauperism ...



The President of the Republic, Paul Biya, during his traditional address to the youth on February 10, 2013, urged the religious groups. He said "our churches, temples and mosques have to become true schools of civility, rigor and morality". With all this in mind, the Ministry of Youth and Civic Education organizes a series of activities throughout the national territory mobilizing religious leaders in order to involve them in promoting the values of citizenship, Ethics and morality, the culture of peace and harmonious living together.

According to the 2010 statistics, more than half of Cameroon's population is under 17 years of age. The age pyramid reflects the extreme youth of the Cameroonian population. This reality is also that of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cameroon, which has more than 70% of its membership very young. The nation counts on this youth to impact the national project of civic rearmament.

*Abraham Bakari
CMUM Communication Director*

Communication Secretaries Training

The West Central Africa Division of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in February 2017 trained a select group of Communication Secretaries from the Northern Nigeria Union of the Church in Bukuru, Jos, Plateau State, headquarters of the North East Nigeria Conference.

Communications Director of WAD, Pastor Irineo Koch who was the key resource person at the one day training session on 9th February, 2017 commended the 14 laymen for volunteering to serve the church using their time and resources.

Participants were given a run-down of Adventist print and broadcast media organs and encouraged to be sending stories so that other members of the church in different parts of the world can know of what is happening in Northern Nigeria.

With the inauguration of a dedicated Television Channel, HOPE TV AFRICA, Pastor Koch urged the participants to produce good and quality programmes that can be transmitted in the Channel.



LEFT TO RIGHT: NCNC and NWNC Communications Directors, Friday Kalu, and Matthew Rikichi, Pastor Irineo Koch, Amanzi Tambaya Marcus Northern Nigeria Union Communications Director, and David Kawusu NENC Communications Director,

The Communication practitioners were challenged to be producing religious content beyond usage in HOPE TV AFRICA.

The one day advisory equally touched on the blessings of Radio using the Adventist World Radio as an example emphasising on its low cost, mobility, fastness and easier interaction with listeners.

Participants, which included the Northern Nigeria Union Communications Director and the three Communications Directors for the North East, North West and North Central Nigeria Conferences, were taken through practical of news writing taking into cognisance the goals of Adventist Communication and the need to support evangelism and soul winning.

The 14 participants were taught how to handle information, write press statements on church activities and even work as protocol staff to achieve desired goals. The art of photography was also a topic in the one day advisory with emphasis on action shots with legends accompanying each picture.

Websites to get materials to enhance worship services were shared to members together with instructions of how not to infringe on copyright.

One of the participants at the advisory, Tahav Kershio, from SDA Church, Makurdi, Benue State, commended WAD for the programme which he said will go a long way in



Group photograph of participants

enhancing worship services while helping with evangelism and equally enhancing the good

image of the church before the public.

President of the North East Nigeria Conference, Pastor Emmanuel Jugbo who declared the advisory open admonished participants to be like prophet Jeremiah who worked for God with a lot of benefits for the people.



North East Nigeria President, Pastor Emmanuel Jugbo declaring the advisory open.

He said the Church relies on the participants to contribute in taking the three angels message

to all parts of the world urging them to take up the challenge despite hurdles on their ways.

Latter at a meeting with the Communications Director of the West Central Africa Division Pastor Irineo Koch, the North East Nigeria Conference agreed to commence production of programmes in 2017 in Hausa language for transmission of HOPE TV AFRICA as part of evangelism.



WAD Communications Director, Pastor Irineo Koch presenting a gift to Pastor Jugbo

Report by

Amanzi Tambaya Marcus

Communication Director, Northern Nigeria Union, Abuja, Nigeria

Eastern Cameroon Mission. Adventist Medical Missionaries training.

The Division Health Ministries Department and LIGHT (Lay Institute for Global Health Training), organized the training badge of Medical Missionaries in preparation of IMPACT WAD Evangelism Program to be held from March 12 to 25, 2017.



Group workshops

At the end of the program, the Administration and other church requested for more training for church members. The LIGHT nstructors for this program were: Manaoh, Benjamin, Daniel, and Diana.



Group Photograph

The program took place at the ENIA Church of Bertoua, from January 31 to February 10. 117 pastors, elders, Youth and Women leaders, and church members were trained in Health Evangelism. At the end of the program 96 received a Diploma from LIGHT. The LIGHT medical missionary training is a complete program that includes: the 8 Laws of Health, Hydrotherapy, Massage, the management of common diseases, Bible prophecies (Daniel), the Sanctuary, Marriage and Courtship, Christian music, etc.

By

Dr. NDAA

Health Departement, WAD

First General Assembly of the Togo Conference

After 53 years of existence, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Togo from a Mission status moved to that of a Conference.

The Assembly that sanctioned the process that led to the Conference took place from the 4th to the 7th of January 2017 in Lomé. This gathering recorded 110 delegates from both Togo Mission and the territory of the Western Sahel Union Mission. Attended this meeting also, the West -Central Africa Division represented by Pastor Elie Weick, President of this Institution, Pastor Kingsley Anonaba, Executive Secretary, Elder Emmanuel Manu, Treasurer and Pastor Same Vincent, Sabbath School/Personal Ministries/Evangelism Director, Pastor James Badu, SP/TS Dev, Director, Mrs. Omobonike Sessou, Women and Children Ministries Director and Pastor Sessou Selom from the Secretariat, Human Resources Director.



The outcome of the Assembly's work led to the election of Pastor Gameti Kwasi, Pastor Enyonam Agbedugue and Brother Joseph Agbodouamenou, respectively as President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer for this newly erected Conference. A new team of 13 departmental directors and 15 committee members was also set up to carry out the activities of the Conference.

The launching of this new Conference took place on Sabbath, 7th of January 2017, at the Palais des Congrès of Lomé where more than 3000 Church members and special guests from the whole country gathered. The message of Pastor Elie Weick titled "Do not look back" allowed Adventists and other sympathizers that gathered to make the decision to give new impetus to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Togo.



Report by
Pastor Kra Emmanuel
Communication Director, Western Sahel Union Mission

Day of prayer for Côte d'Ivoire

The Women Ministries Director of the West-Central Africa Division in collaboration with the national Women Ministries Director of Côte d'Ivoire, organized on Saturday 4 March, 2017 a day of prayer for the Ivorian Nation.



Mrs. Omobonike Sessou and Mrs. Adolphine Zian, both Women Ministries Directors of the Division and the Côte d'Ivoire Conference agreed on a day to pray in order to commit the country in the Lord's care. The theme this meeting was Day of prayer for Côte d'Ivoire and it took place at the Théâtre de la Cite in Cocody. Were present to this gathering, women from all districts of Abidjan, Aboisso and some who came from other places. The aim of this gathering was to intercede on behalf of this country where, for some months, social troubles have been experienced. For these two women leaders, time was due to call on the Lord for peace and social stability in Côte d'Voire.

After the speeches of the women ministries director of the Côte d'Ivoire Conference and the President of the Division, Pastor Elie Weick Dodo Dago, the audience had a moment of praises with the choirs from Cocody-Philadelphia, Marcory-Sion and Les Rossignols de l'Espoir. Before the intercession moment, Mrs. Sessou urged the participants to a fervent prayer life with faith and determination as did Anna, Elkana's wife in (1Sam.1:15, 16) and also by using Azat's Story. According to Madam Sessou, the solution of the problem each of us is facing lies with God and the one who is concerned must go to Him with sincere prayer to be answered.



Few people were selected to lead out the prayer session and lifted their voices to the Lord as they prayed for the authorities of the country and for all social classes and the different institutions.

This segment of the program ended by the prayers of Pastor Elie Weick, President of the Division, Pastor Paul Baka, President of the Côte d'Ivoire Conference and that of Pastor Juvenal Balisasa, the Education Director of the Division.



To put an end to the program, Mrs Adophine Zian thanked all the participants and Pastor Paul Kouassi, the National Youth Leader said the benediction.

By Nestor BOLLET
WAD Communication Department

Young girls Training Workshop at Hotel Communal of Cocody, Abidjan.

The women for Christ and their younger sisters met to discuss the things related to feminine life at Hôtel Communal of Cocody on Sunday 5th of March, 2017. This gathering initiated by the leaders of the women ministries of the division and the Côte d'Ivoire Conference witnessed the participation of more than 200 young girls between 10 to 18 years old.

The theme of this meeting was **“Young girls of value, how to manage and prevent abuses against adolescent girls.”** The main speaker was Mrs. Omobonike Sessou,

the Women Ministries Director of the Division assisted by her energetic husband Pastor Selom Sessou, Human Resources Director of the Division.



For the success of these young girls' training program, Mrs Sessou was assisted by Mrs. Adolphine Zian, Côte d'Ivoire Conference Women Ministries Director, Shepherdess Leontine Baka, Mrs. Justine Ndaa, Edith Gogbeu, Lydia Falayi, Denise Biagne, Cynthia Kadjo, Veronique Kouamé, Céline Anzi and Sister Jeannette.

For the main part of this program, the trainers stressed on some major topics regarding the state of our degrading world with no consideration of moral values. Sub-themes like i) Self-esteem and academic success, ii) Educational entertainment (film show), iii) Alone with God were discussed.

For the second part of the gathering, the main theme was presented to the young girls by Mrs. Sessou after which, came the exchanged moment participants were waiting for.



One of the highlights of this day was the prayer moment devoted to the future of these young girls as future mothers of families and their career projects. With satisfaction, these young girls and their trainers left with joy the ceremony ground. The meeting ended by 4:20 P.M. with the final prayer of Pastor Salomon Tanoh.

PICTURE LEGEND

1. Participants attending lecture
2. Ps. and Mrs. Sessou speaking to participants
3. Participants attending lecture
4. LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Anzi, WM Dabou; Ps. Salomon, District I; Ps. and Mrs. Sessou, Mrs. A. Zian WM Director Côte d'Ivoire Conference.
5. Participants in group for prayer

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE
March 30, 2017.
LATE REGISTRATION \$110 (April 28, 2017)

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WORKSHOPS
COMMUNITY MISSION DISCIPLESHIP SKILLS

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROJECTS

2017 EVENTS
GLOBAL YOUTH DAY - March 18, 2017 *
YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER, March 19-25, 2017
WORLD PATHFINDER DAY - September 16, 2017
SENIOR YOUTH BIBLE GEM CONTEST GRAND FINALE - August, 2017



1st West Central Africa Division Youth Congress on Leadership, Evangelism and Community Service

Monrovia, Liberia
July 31-August 5, 2017
Participation fees 100 \$

SPECIAL FEATURES
My Story
May I Pray with you?
Youth & Pastor' dialogue
Dialogue with Senior Comrades





Theme **SAVED 2SAVE**

GYD 2017 in West-Central Africa Division

West-Central Africa Division Youth Department onboard GYD 2017 Live Streaming With over 600 hundred projects (largely blood donation), tens of thousands of young people, parents and the Division officers, especially the president and treasurer all joined the band in loving service to humanity led by the youth department at all levels from the Local Churches to the Division.

This was a unique moment for West-Central Africa Division marking the first live streaming of GYD activities around the Division and the highest participation so far in the history of GYD.

Our goal is to advance many fold in 2018 GYD than in 2017.

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Shalom

By ELEMS, Ugochukwu
WAD Youth Director



GYD 2017 Live Streaming with Ps Elem, WAD Youth Director; Ps Paul K. Côte d'Ivoire Conference Youth Director; Mis Yemisi Ajbade and Mis Charline Yoboue.



Donation of the Seventh-Day Adventist to the UCH, Yopougon - Côte d'Ivoire



Blood donation of the Seventh-Day Adventist Niamey - Niger



Visit to Old People's Home, Kado Abuja FCT of AYM Garki Church, Abuja Central District, NCNC of NNUC



Health Screening Northern Ghana Union Mission



Blood donation Southern Ghana Union Conference