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***On 2nd July, 2017, the WAD Business Professionals Convention started in Grand-Bassam, a seaside city about 17 km from Abidjan, the Capital city of Côte d'Ivoire.***

This convention gathered about 205 participants from the Division territory and the GC personnel at AfrikLand Hotel, Room Obasanjo. The opening meditation was presented by Pastor Juvenal Bali sasa, WAD Education Department Director. In the welcome address, the president, Ps. Elie Weick who was represented by Ps. Bindas Stephen Haruna vice president in charge of Special Needs and Family Ministries enjoined the participants to take the training seriously to justify the huge amount spent on the organization of the convention.

According to him, the President warned that *"there is no place for babysitting treasurers"*. He extolled the courage of the Division Treasurer for the successful planning of the convention and wished the participants a pleasant experience in Grand-Bassam.

The main theme of this meeting: WAD Business Professionals Convention, was subject to several presentations and debates. During five days, the treasurers of our Unions, Conferences and Institution not only debated on issues related to the main theme, but also were instructed on subthemes such as: Time

Management, by Ann Gibson (Andrews University); Conflict Resolution, by Juan Prestol, General Treasurer (GC); Managing Risk, by Giles Barham ARM, (UK); Financial Policies, by Paul Douglas, GCAS Director (GC); and many more. All these presentations were followed by group discussions by all the participants.

On the closing day of the convention, the treasurer of the Division, Elder Emmanuel Manu did not hide his satisfaction. He praised the humble and courteous behavior of all participants and appreciated the good quality of the presentations. Elder Manu also encouraged his colleagues to serve with passion despite the difficulties they encountered. *"We all must serve with passion, we have many challenges because we serve the Lord and must make sure that finances are available. We also want to make sure that we have liquidity to support the work. This is one of the greatest challenges of the Division"*, he said.

In his closing meditation, Pastor David Syme, the West Africa ADRA Program Director and Chief of Mission, admonished the participants, from a text selected in 1 Corinthians 1:27-29, to live a life worthy of a true Christian Leadership by practicing the following essential five ingredients:

- i) Be watchful,
- ii) Be firm for the truth,





Elder Manu giving the closing address

- iii) Be courageous in the face of discouragement, danger and difficulty,
- iv) Be strengthened every moment by Jesus and,
- v) Do everything by love. Participated in this meeting, Elder Frederic Bogui and Brother Daniel Djizoe from Bethel Church, Abidjan-Cocody.

Other participants were Ann Gibson, Juan Prestol, Tom Evans, Paul Douglas, Giles Barham, Mack Tennyson, and Mabio Coelho, all from the GC.

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*Editors*



## 2 EVANGELISM - WAD IN ACTION:

### A CHRIST, THE HOPE OF NIANGON (Yopougon)



Pastor Moorrooven preaching in Niangon church

***From the 13th to the 28th of May 2017, Pastor Hansley Moorrooven held a campaign at the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Yopougon-Niangon. The theme of this Bible series was "Christ, the hope of Niangon".***

To meet the expectations of the Division in terms of evangelism, Pastor Moorrooven, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, held an important campaign in Yopougon-Niangon from the 13th to the 27 of May 2017. This resulted in the baptism of 53 souls.

To crown it all, the Sabbath 27th May was celebrated with these new members who decided to join the Church of God. During his last sermon, Elder Moorrooven emphasized on three main points: Spiritual growth (Rom.8:26), A devoted prayer life (Ps. 141:2) and Sharing our faith with others (Mat.5:16). Thus he invited all who gathered to a total surrender to Jesus.

The President of the Division, Pastor Elie Weick who came to support the preacher and the newly baptized members, said that such ceremonies should be repeated in the Division territory in order to hasten the second coming of Christ. Appreciating the presence of Pastor

Hansley, he said:

***"We had had the visit of Pastor, Moorrooven, Associate Secretary of the General conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in order to help us achieve our goals for these five coming years. This campaign comes at the appointed time to evangelize the city of Abidjan. My heart is full of joy to see this morning young and elderly people giving their lives to Jesus".***

Pastor Hansley challenged us to take care of these new converts to keep them in the church till Jesus comes.



Pr. Moorrooven baptizing a young member



*"I have come to encourage the Church in this part of the world and today, we had people who gave their lives to Jesus and are baptized. We must do all that it takes to keep them in the church and be active until Jesus comes again".*

This gathering ended up in joy and a meal was offered to the newly baptized, to the Pastors and the church Elders.

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## **B** EVANGELISTIC SERIES IN COTONOU, BENIN REPUBLIC



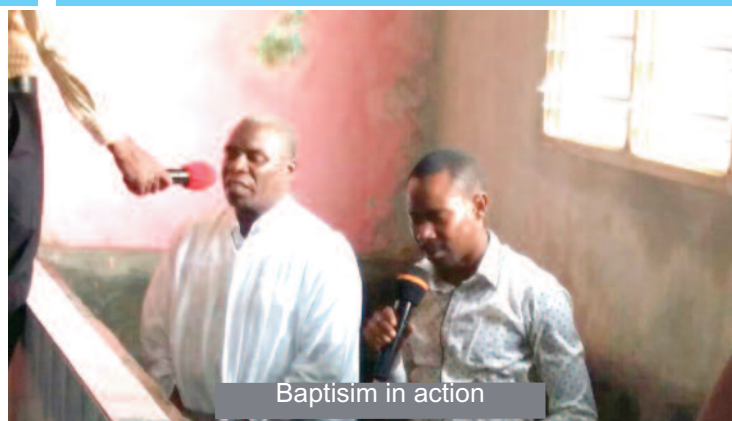
Congregation listening to Pastor Kingsley's preaching

***From Saturday, April 4th to Saturday, April 18th ,2017, a great evangelistic campaign was held in the locality of Agla (Cotonou) in Benin Republic.***

This evangelism campaign was conducted by the Executive Secretary of the West-Central Africa Division (WAD), *Pastor, Dr.Kingsley ANONABA* on the theme: **"The Hidden Assurance Finally revealed"**. This exercise which was jointly organized by Benin Mission and Agla Church involved Two (02) preachers: *Pastor Dr.Kingsley ANONABA* and *Pastor Matthieu KOULETE* (Executive Secretary of Benin Mission); the main preacher was *Pastor Kingsley ANONABA*.

Before the beginning of the campaign, the church had already gone through a similar exercise in 08 small groups. The members were actively involved by inviting their neighbors and sharing pamphlets. The Mission Treasurer, Basile Djossou, who is the first Elder of Agla's church supported the preparation and the organization of *Pastor Kingsley* site with some volunteers.

This campaign benefited from the permanent support of the Mission President, *Pastor Dotou Geoffroy* and the Union support through the presence of the Executive Secretary, *Djossou Adjeda Simon*. All who attended benefited



Baptism in action

from the messages that were delivered by the preachers. Many souls were liberated due to the prayers and other spiritual exercises.

Finally, God blessed this evangelism work with 116 baptisms. We are very grateful to God who sent His servant, *Pastor Kingsley ANONABA* to help us in achieving our mission at Agla Seventh-day Adventist Church. We also appreciate the work of the Division in making this event possible.



Prayer with candidates

*Ps. Simon Adjéoda DJOSSOU*  
Executive Secretary, ESUM



**PRISON MINISTRIES EVANGELISM -  
TOGO: BAPTISM IN LOME PRISON**



Candidates with hands up

***In-Mates say no to their dark past and give their lives to Christ.***

From April 6th to 26th, 2017, at Lomé prison, Pastor Emmanuel Dzade from the Togo Conference in collaboration with Brother Bruno Amah, led an evangelistic campaign which resulted in the baptism of 50 In-Mates. There was an average of 120 people each night attending the Bible series. At the end of the campaign, 100 Bibles were distributed to the invitees. The theme of this biblical series was "The present truth".



Ps. Emmanuel with Ps. Djossou baptizing some of the In-Mates



After the baptismal ceremony, pastor Dzade thanked the Division for their support.

Ps. Emmanuel DZADE  
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<b>STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES</b> GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS		Join The Conversation
<b>THE RULE OF CHRIST IN MY LIFE</b>	<b>THE TWO CROWNS OF CHRIST</b>	<b>ONLINE @</b>
As God's steward, I take care of His property and business on earth. God created everything; everything belongs to Him, not just His tithe (the red portion on the ruler) and my offerings (the yellow portion), but my whole life (the whole length of the ruler)!	A disciple-steward gratefully accepts Jesus' salvation (symbolized in Christ's crown of thorns), humbly submits to Him, the Creator and Owner of all (Christ's royal crown) and works in partnership with Him to manage His resources and affairs on earth.	<a href="http://www.AdventistStewardship.com">www.AdventistStewardship.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Dynamicstewards">www.Facebook.com/Dynamicstewards</a> <a href="http://www.issuu.com/Dynamicstewards">www.issuu.com/Dynamicstewards</a> <a href="mailto:gcstewardship@gc.adventist.org">gcstewardship@gc.adventist.org</a> 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD, 20904, USA Tel: +1 (301) 680-6157. Fax: +1 (301) 680-6155





Ps. Same and others distributing drugs to pupils

***The Seventh-day Adventist Church, West-Central Africa Division, located in Abidjan, Côte D'Ivoire organized a deworming ceremony on April 27, 2017 in the public primary schools in Abobo 3.***

After the very first vast deworming program that started with the Collège Adventiste of Marcory, the Division organized this second segment in the district of Abobo, especially for the public primary schools of Abobo 3. This exercise took place on the 27th of April, 2017

covering 30 primary schools.

In order to succeed in this campaign, the administrators of the Division selected l'Ecole Gendarmerie 1, 2, 3, 4 where all the personnel gathered. In fact, more than 16693 pupils were dewormed and the aim of this exercise was to help these young boys and girls to be healthy in order to do well in their studies. According to M. Séka Léon, Headmaster of the school, this operation is welcomed due to the environment where these young people are living. For him, *"This exercise is a good one because it will help these children to avoid contracting worms and get well to face their study to produce good results at the end of the year"*.

Pastor Daniel Opokou-Boateng, Vice President of the Division who represented the administration defined the mission of the ceremony in the vision of the Worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church which consists in taking care of the individual in all the aspects of his life including his health condition. To achieve this Wholistic Ministry the Division organized this deworming program.

Mrs. Zirigon Lucie, née Gouali inspector of Abobo 3 representing the DREN and the DMOSS, thanked the Seventh-day Adventist Church for choosing her area for such an activity. So she said, *"I would like to thank you and invite you to a partnership in this work of deworming. Our structures' doors are widely opened to you so that together we can stamp out the evil"*.

At the end of the ceremony, the Division offered a cocktail to all who participated in this activity, both the authorities that were present, the personnel of the Division and the brethren from Abobo District led by Pastor Bridji Jean-Louis.



Left to Right: Dr. Ndaa, Health Director; Ps Opoku-Boateng, Vice-President (WAD); Mrs Zirignon Eps Gouali, Inspector Abobo 3 and others

EDITORS

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**ADVENTIST  
WORLD RADIO**



Ps. Bindas preaching to the Special Needs people in their Camp-Meeting

***Ministry is a privilege given by God for the modern-day Christian based on Biblical Principles, the life of Christ, and the love God shows to, for, and with all people.***

***Ministering to, for, and with people with Special Needs is the extension of the love that Christ demonstrated while on earth.***

It allows Christians to replicate the Heavenly Father's Supreme Sacrifice by giving His only begotten Son to an undeserving World. With the inception of this administration in conjunction with the General Conference initiative of Total Member Involvement (TMI), Ministry to the persons with disabilities became one of their cardinal goals. The mission is to encourage Church Leaders to give special attention to individuals with Special Needs, to develop programs for witnessing to people with Special Needs and to make our facilities and the gospel accessible to all (Rev. 4:6-12).

The mission is to encourage the inclusion of all members in the Church.

#### **A. The motivation**

Special Needs Ministries promote the importance of specialized Ministries to foster the Spiritual well-being for persons with Special Needs, thus, blending the services of those with a disability with those who do not have a disability into a bond of Ministry each returning to God the talents and gifts He has bestowed. West-Central Africa Division has caught the vision motivated by this quote from Ellen G. White: ***"I saw that it is in the providence of God that Widows and orphans, the blind,***

***the deaf, the lame, and person afflicted in a variety of ways, have been placed in close Christian relationship to his Church; it is to prove His people and develop their true character. Angels of God are watching to see how we treat these persons who need our sympathy, love and disinterested benevolence. This is God's test of our character."*** (3T p. 511)

#### **B. The goals of Special Needs Ministries**

These goals are measurable and attainable as working with Special Needs people is a matter of adjustment. Four goals have been identified:

##### **Accessibility**

This is to provide a place where everyone feels welcome regardless of his or her physical or mental condition.

Every architectural and attitudinal barrier should be eliminated.

##### **Education**

This aims at training people who do not have Special Needs and those with Special Needs to collaborate in building God's Kingdom.

##### **Encouragement**

This provides and promotes participation in all aspects of Church Life, providing a safe loving environment within all levels of the Church for all people.

##### **Accommodation**

This is to help God's family be inclusive in principle and practice. These people with Special Needs should be included as members of various Committees and Forums.

#### **C. First camp-meeting (NNUC)**

A part from building our departmental database in all the ten Unions, sensitization work is also in progress so as to make people aware of the needs of those marginalized and forgotten people in our Churches.

The Northern Nigeria Union Conference took the initiative by organizing the First Camp-Meeting of people with Special Needs in Kaduna from April 27-29, 2017 with the Theme:

***"All are gifted, needed, and treasured."***

The three Northern Conferences in conjunction with the Union Administration hosted 148 (One Hundred and Forty-Eight) people with various



disabilities to a Camp-Meeting.

Not only were we shocked to discover such a great number in our Churches, but from the testimonies shared, it became an eye-opener to members present that these people were indeed gifted, needed, and treasured.

Many of us could not hold our tears when they were given opportunities to conduct the Sabbath School including teaching the Sabbath School Lesson, and rendering Special Songs.

North West Nigeria Conference (AWN) contributed the food they ate and the raw food they shared. North East Nigeria Conference (AWN) contributed new clothes, belts of wrappers, yards and toiletries while individuals in North Central Nigeria Conference contributed cash for their transportation and for other logistics.

### Gratitude

Thanks to the resourceful Director of Special Needs Ministries in Northern Nigeria Pastor I.B. Maigadi, his other conferences Counterparts, the Administration of the Union and sacrificial contribution of the Women's Ministries for the Success of the Camp-Meeting.

Thanks to WAD Administration for "taking the bull by the horns" to support the Ministry to those with Special Needs. To God be the Glory.



Participants to the Camp-Meeting

Bindas, S. H.  
Director SNM (WAD)

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## CAMEROON - TRUST SERVICES AND PLANNED GIVING ADVISORY



View of participants and Church building works in background 2

***Determined to do better than ever. That's what could be called the outcome of the advisory held in Yaoundé, Cameroon from the 05th to the 08th of April, 2017. The main facilitator was Pastor James Badu, Director of Strategic Plan / Development and Trust Services and Planned Giving from the Headquarters of the West-Central Africa Division.***

Just after the evangelism "***Horizons of Hope***", participants from all over Cameroonian territory gathered for a special program. The theme of this meeting "***Reach the world through the Trust Services and Planned Giving Ministries***", participants made known this department which is almost unknown from many of our local churches. For Barrister Magne Justine, departmental director at the Union: "***We need, during pastoral meetings, to lay emphasis on this department so that nominating committees can appoint qualified and available people who are ready to acquired information related to this department.***"

Among other challenges in this department, one could mention the lack of interest, the absence or insufficiency of budget, the absence of activity reports and the non-collaboration with the leaders at certain levels of the church organization (local church, district and region). The discussion with the participants made it possible to take resolutions in order to facilitate the work.

Having assessed the challenges, Pastor Badu decided to deal with the issue of the philosophy and the vision of the department as well as it functioning. He described the duties and showed the soundness of the planning in the management of the living while one is still alive and even beyond. ***“It’s a pity” he said “that people are subjected to the weight of superstition whenever we are asked to draft a will in a sound form. It has been proven that those who make their wills are more serene and live longer”.***



Pastor Badu closing prayer at Nkondongo Church

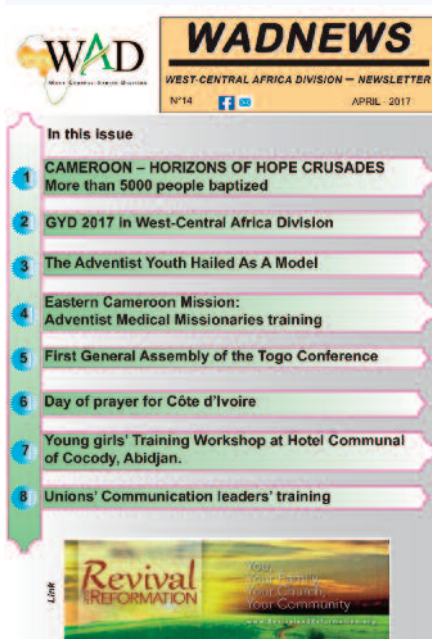
Another theme dealt with is trust services and the development of institutions. Magne Justine deplored the absence of a field and two thirds of our Adventist institutions in Cameroon that did not attend the training, though they would have benefited from the rich information. For the participants, it was a wonderful experience.

One of them, Kouere Simon, head of department at the Northern Cameroon Conference and also author of an information document on the issue of trust services under the Cameroonian law, did not hide his satisfaction at the conclusion of the advisory marked by a solemn worship service at the Adventist temple of Nkondongo, a popular district of Yaounde. ***“We are leaving equipped with new tools and a new motivation to support this department which is the lung of the development of our community”***, he said.

By Abraham BAKARI  
Communication Director, CMUM

## LINKS

### PAST WADNEWS



### ADVENTIST REVIEW





A new special and spiritual message each week.

Not more than 3 minutes. **Pastor Andrews Ewoo**, an experienced evangelist and counselor, **Pastor Elems**, the Youth Leader, **Mrs. Sessou**, Children and Women ministries Director and **Pastor Balisasa**, Education Department Director all from the Division, are presenting small doses of spiritual vitamin.

\*\*\***Pr. Ewoo** presents : **INSIGHT FOR LIVING** for all.

\*\*\***Pr. Elems** presents : **THE TRUTH HUB**, special for youth.

\*\*\***Mrs Sessou** presents 2 programs :  
- **SECRETS FOR BETTER LIVING** special for women  
- **FATHER THE RESPONSIBLE LEADER OF GOD CREATION**, special for Men

\*\*\***Pastor Balisasa** presents :  
**EDUCATING FOR ETERNITY** special for educator

Please watch and share these programs. They are good news from the Word of God.

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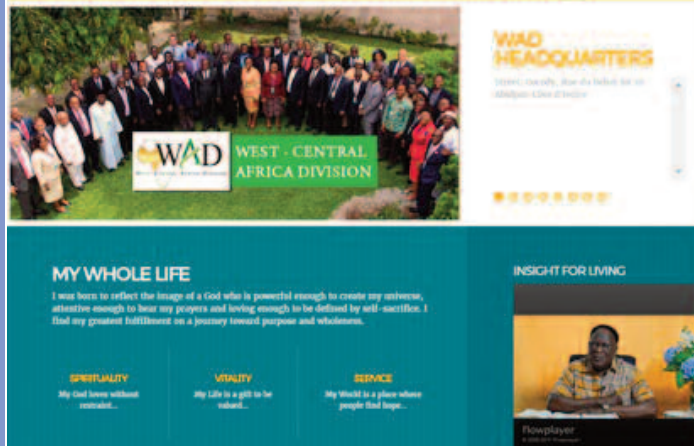
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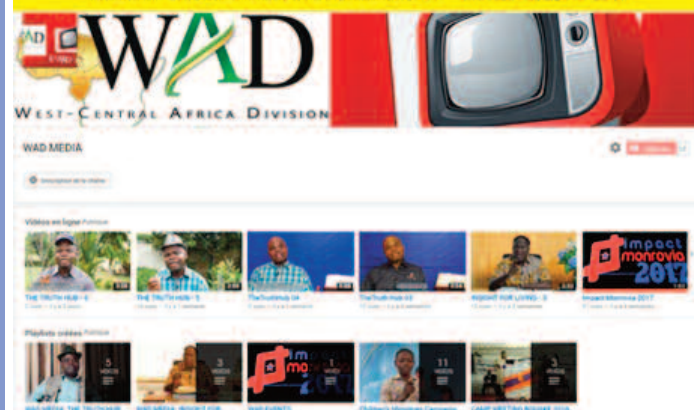
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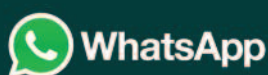


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President, North East Nigeria Conference,  
Pastor Emmanuel Gbazi Jugbo speaking.

***The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Northeastern Nigeria has added a new feather to its cap through geographical and administrative expansion, by way of an inauguration of a new District; Gumau District located in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi state.***

President North-East Nigeria Conference, Pastor Emmanuel Gbazi Jugbo, who led other Conference officers in the inaugural service, described the event as a dream come true and a fulfillment of Christ's commission to the

church which urges us to **"go make disciples of all nations"** Matthew 28:19.

In his sermon titled, **"Ye are the light of the earth,"** referenced from the book of Mathew 5:14 and 15, Pastor Jugbo reminded the people of the need to adhere to the teachings of Jesus Christ who teaches acceptance of everyone, including perceived enemies and those who hurt us, and avoiding action that will not bring glory to Christ.

He said Christians need to be deliberate in seeking to be good citizens, obeying the laws of God and those of the land (as long as they are in consonance with scriptural dictates), eschew vices such as stealing, prostitution and witchcraft. According to the cleric, avoiding these will enable them shine the light in them for people to see and praise the name of the Lord.

President Jugbo congratulated the Church leaders for their vision and commitment to evangelism in the community. He added that God has blessed the church with the technology needed to reach the un-entered areas in the North East, adding that **"there are thousands of un-entered places where the gospel cannot be preached openly in this Conference; we are therefore planning to use Radio, Television and other channels of mass communication to take this message of hope."**

In his message to the people of Gumau District, Executive Secretary, North-East Nigeria Conference, Pastor Joshua Ezra Mallum said the aim of inaugurating the new District in the Conference is to accelerate the spread of the message of hope to communities in the entire Conference which has been bedeviled with Boko Haram attacks, and not as a means for jostling for power and positions.



New district leaders

The new Pastor posted to the Gumau District, Iliya Musa, said, his doors are open to receive any suggestion that will assist in taking the message of salvation to every household and persons within the District jurisdiction; adding that Gumau is a vast virgin area which requires everyone to be on fire for Christ.

Other clergy at the new District Church inauguration included the Executive Secretary of the Conference, Pastor Joshua Ezra Mallum;



Adventist women ministry in colourful atire during the event



Pastor Joseph Adamu Nengel; Gumau pioneer, Pastor Jonathan Garba; the new District Pastor, Iliya Musa; other Pastors; and Pastors of other denominations such as Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) and Baptist Church.

The District inauguration service was held on April 15, 2017 at the Adventist Church Danka, with more than 900 people including members of other denominations, Islamic faith, supporters, and Church officials in attendance.

A member of the congregation, Mr. Yohanna Samaila expressed joy and praise to God for using mortal men to bring the message of hope to their doorstep 38 years ago, “**Today, we have our District, it’s a dream come true**”, the jubilant member gyrated.

Nearly 500 Sabbath keepers are worshiping every week in the new inaugurated District comprising of two organized Churches of Gawo and Danka.



A cross section worshipers during the event

By KAWUSU David Umaru  
Communication Director, Northeast Nigeria Conference.



## **WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION TMI Project “WAD Pentecost 2018”**

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:**

“WAD Pentecost 2018” is a Total Member Involvement project initiated the West-central Africa Division to be implemented from 4th to 17th February 2018.

The project consists of holding about 25,000 evangelistic meetings using all evangelism methods (small groups, indoors, and public campaigns) across the ten Union’s territories of WAD.

Every Union is given a quota for evangelistic centers. Preachers for this upcoming event are primarily from all the local fields, Unions within our Division.

However, an invitation is also extended to evangelists from the GC and the other world Divisions.

***The Southern Ghana Union Conference communication leaders in order to meet the goals as assigned by the Division went on a training section in July 2017.***

Led by the Communication and Parl Department Director of the Division, Pastor Irineo KOCH, the Southern Ghana Union Conference Communication and Parl Directors went on a training program from the 17th to the 19th July 2017. This training exercise took place in Valley View University where 12 participants gathered.

Looking at the total number of delegates, we could easily say that 80% of the expected people were present.

This Advisory aimed at giving the necessary tools to our Directors in the fields to be well equipped for a better performance to meet the expectations of the Division and the GC in terms of goals.

Thus, Communication and Parl goals were made known to the participants.



Participants in training

#### **DVD with materials for each participants (free)**

##### **Content:**

- Manual (PARL, Crisis, Communication, ANN, Hope Channel)
- Classes (Power Point)
- Logo (many and differents)
- other tools

##### **In Four (4) languages:**

- English, French, Portugese, Spanish



#### **Communication Goals:**

- 1- ACT: Development of leaders (GC goals)
- 2- Music for former Adventists: Reclaim 1 within 5year period
- 3- Sharing News: Making visible the church
  - WADNEWS - 1 news item per union each month
  - ANN: 2 video reports per year



Pr. Koch and Sister Sollace addressing participants

#### **PARL Goals:**

- 1- Visit 12 autorithies per year
- 2- Make a Protocol training for Administrations
- 3- An event of Religious Liberty

At the end of this gathering, sister Solace who attended this training program expressed her satisfaction. Commenting on the various areas covered, she said: *"Advisory was succesful as it gave very practical lessons and advice on how directors could carry out their departamental work. The turn out was good, lot of sharing and learning and the WAD Director offered valuable guidance to improve the work in the Southern GhanaUnion Conference. I am sure participants will be able to achieve the goals set"*.



Participants





Ps ANANI congratulating one of the graduates

***At the end of their three years' training, crowned by a bachelor degree, 128 students received from the authorities of Cosendai their certificate as nurses, managers, computer scientists, educators and pastors. This graduating ceremony took place on Sunday 2 July, 2017 at the University of Cosendai, Nanga-Eboko.***

The 128 persons who graduated were composed of 75 young men and 53 young ladies from Cameroon, Chad, Senegal, Benin Republic, Congo and Democratic Republic of Congo. Were present for the occasion, traditional, religious and administrative authorities thus attesting the importance of education for the emergence of Africa.

To this end, Professor Jean Biwolé Fouda, one of the former students of this University created in 1996, and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management of the University of Yaounde II, and guest speaker, laid emphasis on making constant effort while addressing the students. *« You need to be diligent in each of the roles that you will be in charge of. In addition to your academic training, be creative and pursue excellence. In so doing, you shall value your degree »*, said Professor Fouda addressing the graduates.

*« These young people must be the architects of a new Africa, with new ideas and love of a work well done »* according to Professor Fouda Ndjodo the representative of the Minister of Higher Education. Dr. Patric Anani, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cosendai urged the graduates that *« Projects must be accomplished in due time in regards of moral values »*.

The graduates resolved to meet the challenge in strict compliance with their motto: Integrity, perseverance and success.

Dr. Vicent Same who represented Pastor Elie Weick-Dido, President of the West-Central Africa Division urged the students, the staff and the graduates to trust in a better future.

Alain MAZDA  
Journalist



Sister Solace presenting a gift to the IGP in presence of Ps. O. Thomas

**April 18, 2017 - The Inspector General Police (IGP) of Ghana, Mr. David Asante-Apeatu has called for greater collaboration with the Adventist Church as the service embarks on a transformation agenda to improve service delivery as well as train its personnel.**

"I am sure ADRA Ghana can help drill some bore holes for some of our barracks facing water problems. The Valley View University in the past helped the Service with some ICT projects, and I hope it will continue even as we work to make ICT a driver of our transformation agenda," the IGP said.

He said this while addressing a delegation of the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Southern Ghana Union Conference who had called on him to congratulate him on his appointment and to pray for him on April 18, 2017.

Pastor Thomas Techie Ocran, the Union President, assured the IGP of the Church's support and prayers.

"We have come to congratulate you and commend you for accepting this role. As a Church, you can be sure of our support. We will pray for your administration, so your tenure will be successful, offer counsel when necessary and most importantly educate our members to be law abiding citizens; this is our biblical mandate

as Christians." Pastor Ocran said.

On his part, the IGP was happy for the visit and noted that the Police Service could collaborate with the ADRA to drill boreholes in some police barracks and with the Valley View University to design tailor-made distance education courses,

"My vision is to ensure that a greater percentage of the Police force upgrade themselves by getting first degrees, and I am hopeful Valley View can help in that regard too," Mr. Asante-Apeatu said.

The Church presented to the IGP some Adventist literature and offered prayers for him.

The delegation later met with some Adventist Police personnel working at the headquarters and assured them of efforts being made to have an Adventist Chaplaincy Unit within the Ghana Police Service.

An Adventist Pastor and an officer with the Homicide Unit, Pastor Atsah was happy about the proactive stance the church had taken and commended the leaders for visiting the IGP and voicing the Church's support for his work.

Members of the delegation included the Executive Secretary, Pastor Chris Annan Nunoo, the Treasurer, Elder Ebenezer Odonkor, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director Ms. Solace Asafo-Hlordzi and the Human Resource





Family picture with the IGP of Ghana Police

Director, Ms. Donna Agboka.

Others are President of the Accra City Conference, Pastor Solomon O.T Hammond, Pro-Vice Chancellor of VVU, Prof. Robert Osei Bonsu, Prof. Irene Akuamoah Boateng, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Director for ADRA Ghana, Dr. WYK Brown, and General Manager of the Advent Press, Pastor Kingsley Osei.

Solace Asafo.

## 11 CAMEROON

### The Dental Clinic celebrates forty years of activities.



The Health minister congratulating medals recipients

***To celebrate the 40 years of existence and service of the Adventist dental clinic, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cameroon led by her President, Pastor Valère, met with the staff of the clinic and other guests on the esplanade of the Union's building. This ceremony was presided over by the minister of Public Health, Mr. André Mama Fouda.***

Indeed, since July 17, 2017, the clinic had launched the activities of the week with free consultations and treatments at reduced costs. On Monday July 20th, properly started the celebrations, honored by the Minister of Public Health, Mr. Fouda and the President of the National Council of Dental Surgeons in Cameroon.

During this ceremony, 12 people were honored for service render. Among them, Madeleine Issou'oh, a dental assistant and Christine Bitti a dental hygienist, received their medals from the Mr. Fouda. These two recipients were among those who witnessed the inauguration of the clinic in 1977 under the administration of Dr. Prunty Robert and his collaborators Cobb Daniel Edwards and Garbutt Arthur Norman.

These ladies had never dreamed during their loyal services in this clinic receiving an honorary distinction. « *When we entered this clinic, we were recruited as missionaries. Our duty was to serve the Lord by taking care of the oral health of the patients, and now that the Church and the State recognize our effort, it is an*



Pastor Assembe's speech

But in the beginning, the Church *immense favor from God as we receive these medals from the administration. We say thank you to you all* », said Madeleine Issoo'oh the oldest of the workers.

The accumulated experience of 40 years is « *a sign of patience* », said Pastor Assembe. This celebration aim at extending the services of the clinic in other regions of the country. It is in this perspective that Dr. Felix Mahélé Antoine, Director of the clinic presented during the ceremony, the project of renovation of its technical platform, the opening of an annex clinic in Buea, and the initiative of a mobile clinic for the victims of Boko-Haram in the Northern part of Cameroon.

According to Doctor Jean Paul Assam Assam, Health and Youth department Director of the Union, we must set up health policy that can allow us to achieve the expected goals. « *In order to reach the objectives of this vision, the Church in this missionary field must encourage the youth to engage themselves in the health ministry to reinforce the professional competences of our staff* ».

These initiatives were welcomed by the Minister of Health who chaired this ceremony. « We need quality care structures », he said in his

While congratulating the organizers for a successful ceremony, Mr. Fouda urged the Church and its leaders to be more determined in their search for viable, capable means and indicators that respond more effectively to the health needs of the populations.

Florence Suzy  
Reporter CMUM

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CAY - laying of the first stone

***A delegation comprising the administrators of the Cameroon Union Mission, the Central South Cameroon Conference, and the Adventist School in Yaounde, and the Consultative Forum of the Parents and the School's Staff met in the premises of the School for a special event. The purpose of this meeting was, of course, the laying of the first stone of a new building. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Valère, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cameroon, assisted by Pastor Yenge Yenge Yenge Isaac, the Executive Secretary of the Union on July 24, 2017.***

« We are very happy today because we are concluding an idea conceived from several observations. This two-story building in our school will provide us with 12 new classrooms, 8 offices, 3 compartments of toilets, one multi-purpose room with videos and 3 specialized rooms. We had to solve the problem of specialized classrooms as well as overcrowding students », said the Principal of the school who was expressed his joy.

Engineer Edouard Jean Chrysostome, the building's supervisor observed that the most difficult part of the work was how to set up the

foundation because the building is on an unstable ground.

The General Manager of METALEX, Mr. Andzongo André, confronted with the concerns expressed by the school's officials about the expected date of the completion of the work has, with certainty reassured that the deadlines will be honored. In a particularly competitive educational environment where infrastructures are not always up to the expectations of students and even administrators, the Adventist secondary school gave the assurance, despite the galloping mediocrity that prevails in the educational system, to render a better service.

According to Pastor Valère Assembe, one must always keep hope in order to fulfill the noble ambitions of this institution. He therefore said that: « We want to move towards modernity with new laboratories, especially with the advantages that computer technology offers us, in order to help those who want to modernize ». In an admonition taken from Matthew 7: 21-25, he challenged the audience to build on Jesus Christ, the Solid Rock.

Roger Belinga Belinga  
Reporter





Bilomo - Partnership engagement

**ADRA Cameroon and the representatives of TX Foundation arrived in Bilomo, a village located at 150 kilometers from Yaounde on July 25, 2017 for a special ceremony. The populations of this locality could not hold it but expressed their happiness using their traditional instruments to welcome their special guests.**

After all the speeches, the partners to this renovation project went to visit the old site then the new one to proceed to the laying of the first stone. This project is a project of more than 40 million CFA (\$ 80,000.00) US financed by the TX Foundation.

The International Director and the Secretary who came from Taiwan and their collaborators from Australia and Nigeria were able to learn about the realities on the ground. The Adventist School in Bilomo was the Flaship School in the 1950s and trained thousands of Cameroonians.

Unfortunately, over time, this institution has experienced an unprecedented state of disrepair. This project is in the process of reconstructing not only the classrooms, but also the accommodation of the Director and public toilets within five months.

The dynamic team has promised to return for the inauguration of the buildings. According to the regional representative in Nigeria, the TX Foundation, in just 12 months has funded 76 different projects across Africa. « *Where the President passes, miracles follow* », she said.



Bilomo - Group picture after Groundbreaking

Abraham BAKARI  
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## 14 Adventist Women in Ghana Hold Biennial Congress



Mrs. Sessou Talking to the audience

**Over 2000 Adventist women in Ghana have spent six days connecting, sharing testimonies and learning new skills and methods to reach their world at a Women's Congress held in Ghana from April 11-16, 2017.**

The biennial Congress brought together delegates from the two union fields of Ghana (Southern Ghana Union Conference and the Northern Ghana Union Mission) and was held under the "Touch a Heart, Reach my World." The venue was the Valley View University campus at Techiman.

The Guest Speaker was the Women Ministries Director of the West-Central African Division, Mrs. Omobonike Adeola Sessou who challenged delegates to live at peace with each other and work as a team to reach the world of other women.

*"To touch a person's heart means you need to love and care for them, show compassion, respect others, love them unconditionally, and even those who you deem unlovable. It is the only way we can reach them for Christ," Mrs. Sessou said.*

According to the Division Director, despite the harsh realities of the life of women, they can still create and share happiness, love, and peace.

A highlight of the Congress was the graduation of four hundred (400) women who had completed the Leadership Certification Course from Andrews University. One of the graduands, Mrs. Abigail Yeboah Asuama from Accra City Conference expressed her joy for having graduated from the course; she said 'the programme is time-consuming and stressful because as mothers there are times your families need you home, but we thank God for a successful graduation'.

The Congress was also used to teach unemployed women some skills to help them earn some income. Workshops and seminars were



Congress' participants photo

"If our young women learn a skill, they will be self-dependent and able to earn something for a living' the Southern Ghana Union Women Ministries Director, Mrs. Christiana Agyenim-Boateng said as she spoke about the benefits of the workshops.

Solace Asafo.

## BRAZIL

### 15 The Butterfly Journey



WAD Administrators and Pr. Antonio Tostes, NOVO TEMPO Director - South America

***The leaders of the West-Central Africa Division (WAD) led a delegation of 45 people to the Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) conference from August 9 to 13, 2017 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.***

They underwent two intense relentless weeks of vision-building and creativity for mission workshops. At the outset of the conference, the WAD was honoured. Dr. Elie Weick-Dido gave a very profound and concise opening message to more than 800 people from 80 different countries. The conference theme "*Wired for the Mission*" was developed inside the auditorium of the Adventist University Center (UNASP) in São Paulo, Brazil. The participants could watch the WAD report that Pastor Koch Irineo presented and hear the vibrant call Pastor Same Vincent made for the Pentecost 2018 vision.

Among other presentations, Deborah Bonazzi, from Google Brazil, recommended a "*digital Sabbath*," a pause in the use of technology.

On Friday evening service, Pasteur Erton Köhler, president of the South American Division (SAD) points to the real goal: "*you are here to change the future*".

The tours in the Adventist institutions were not for touristic purpose, but rather for heuristic purpose aiming at change. The first visit was at the UNASP main campus. With more than 6,000 students, it offers three full scholarships every year to students from the 10/40 window. Among other courses offered: theology, architecture, civil engineering, the fine arts ... It produces 6,000 liters of milk per day; 1800 chicken eggs; fruits and vegetables in such large quantities that it sells them.

Second visit to NOVO TEMPO. It is the largest media center in the Adventist world. It combines music production, cinema, social networks, television and broadcasting. This complex is funded at almost 60% by the donations from the public.





One of NOVO TEMPO technical room

covered 100% of the budget.

Third visit to the CASA PUBLICADORA BRASILEIRA (CPB). It is the largest Adventist printing and publishing house in the world. With more than 100 years of history, more than 600 employees, about twenty bookstores in Brazil, it has a state-of-the-art equipment. One of the presses produces 7,000 copies of books per hour and another 12,000 copies.

Fourth visit to CEVISA. Complicated diseases are naturally treated according to the advice from the Bible and from Sister Ellen White's writings.

Fifth visit to IATEc, the Adventist Institute of Technology in Sao Paulo. It hosted the IT meetings prior to the GAIN meetings from August 7 to 8, 2017. The WAD IT team presented our report. IATEc is the largest information technology center in the Adventist world. It was officially inaugurated on August 14, 2017.

We had many other tours: the Division in Brasilia, Unions and Conferences and educational institutions. One of the schools in Brasilia was built in a month after a chain of circumstances. This promptness is one of the hallmarks of Adventist Brazil. But above all we saw a vivid generosity. One Conference reports one million dollars income per month; that is half billion CFA francs. As far as generosity is concerned,



South America Division Headquarters





WAD President presenting a gift to Ps. Erton Köhler

a name stands out: AFONSO MILTON. Owner of a paradisiacal island and many private jets and yachts, this 96-year-old and still rock-solid Adventist received WAD President in his house of Rio de Janeiro.

With two million members in nearly 11,000 churches, the SAD is brimming with creativity in

After the sermon of Pastor Elie Weick on the last Sabbath in Brazil, the whole delegation unfolded to distribute the missionary books.

Impressed by the things seen and heard, WAD leaders organized two evaluation meetings in Sao Paulo and in Brasilia. The Executive Secretary will share the resolutions that were



Group photo - WAD Delegate

terms of missionary initiatives. From the floating church in the Amazonia to the humanitarian activities involving celebrities like Pél  , nothing is neglected.

At the end, the team WAD made a significant gesture.

taken. After that trip, by the grace of God the butterfly can start the journey!

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