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WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION
THE PRESIDENT'S BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.



***Dears Leaders of the SDA Church in WAD,
Dear Brothers and Sisters.***

***Here is a New Year that God has given us by his
grace to co-operate with Him and finish the work
so that we can go home.***

As administration of the West-central Africa Division of Seventh-day Adventists, we invite you to what we have called "Pentecost 2018", where every leader and every member is to take God seriously to respond to His call in evangelizing so that the message of salvation can be spread everywhere. It is not a problem for the Lord to do the work by Himself; But He wants everyone to be blessed. It is a transforming experience in which all of us are invited.

This year, everyone should plan, pray and be involved in souls winning. We will then see heaven fully open from where we shall receive the blessings of the Lord upon His Church. We will experience miracles, revival and reformation among us. Angels are waiting for our co-operation. If we give ourselves to Christ, in a whole-hearted devotion, angels will rejoice and may even speak through our voices to reveal God's love.

As you know, every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. Let us unite our efforts as God's people for these last days to accomplish our Mission.

The success of this tremendous operation will not be the result a chance or accident or even destiny, but rather, the outworking of God's providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance. The world will not be the same anymore; things are not going to improve. Around us, people are dying every single day without Christ. There will never be peace anywhere. There is no security anywhere; the political leaders of the world do not even know what to do.

We need to introduce Jesus Christ to this dying world and allow men and women to make the appropriate choice. This work of God is to be carried on to completion by the co-operation of divine and human agencies. What a privilege it will be for the Lord to see you on the line of His people working faithfully with angels to finish this wonderful work! The Lord is about to appear in the clouds of heaven with the reward.

Let's us come together, and may "Pentecost 2018" be an experience that you don't miss out. Let us join in unity for the Lord, let us get involved, let us finish the work and let us get ready to go home.

***"Pentecost 2018" is a Total Member Involvement. Get
therefore involved***

Ps. Elie Weick-Dido

WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION
FOURTEENTH YEAR-END COUNCIL, GRAND BASSAM, COTE D'IVOIRE, 2017



Participants in training session

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the West-Central Africa Division held her Year-End meeting in Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire, from the 29th to the 31st of October 2017. Delegates who came from all over the 22 countries of the Division territory met in Afrikland Hôtel to evaluate their past activities and also plan for 2018.

Led by the Holy Spirit through the Administrators of the Division and the leaders from the GC, delegates deliberated on important issues concerning the mission of the Church and Evangelism in WAD. After the various reports, all participants agreed to move ahead with determination as they planned to hasten the grand reunion with the Lord by spreading the three Angels' Messages (Revelation 14: 6-12), making disciples of Jesus Christ and preparing the world for Christ's return. This fourteenth Year-End council recorded 92 delegates from the GC, the headquarters of the Division, the Unions, and our Institutions. The theme of the gathering was "Faithfulness to His word". The special guests who came from the GC, Elders Billy Biaggi, John Thomas, and Tim Aka gave a new insight into the activities that went on through their leadership.

Before the end of council, some changes occurred in two of the Unions. In the ESUM, the Executive Secretary, Elder Djossou Komlan was appointed as President and the Director of Communication/PARL and YM, Pastor Emmanuel Kra as Executive Secretary. In the CAUM, Pastor

Joseph Parfait is giving way to the former President of the ESUM, Pastor Assienin Salomon as President. A Press Conference was also held and three of our leaders, Pastor Elie Weick-Dido, President of the West-Central Africa Division, Pastor Biaggi, Vice President of the GC and Professor Tayo Ademola, Babcock University Vice Chancellor, meeting with the press men helped to



Kneeling, from left to right: Ps. Djossou Komlan, Ps. Assienin Salomon new Presidents of ESUM and CAUM during the ordination prayer.

clarify certain issues related to the Church and how the Church meets the expectations of all. According to Pastor Weick, "There are matters depending on circumstances and situations around us in the world. The world is in turmoil, and we need to focus more of our efforts on the underprivileged areas, strengthen our educational system

because we have to help governments. To achieve this, new schools, hospitals... are needed. And as the matter of fact, the church is planning to offer 3 containers of medical equipment to the martyred population in the western part of Côte d'Ivoire". The President also recalled the deworming exercises in Abobo and Marcory primary and secondary schools where more than 17000 pupils were dewormed.

Pastor Biaggi emphasized the importance of the message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Our message is a message of hope. We need to admit realities in the world. Some news are not good. People are running after the things of this world. Many think, that realization is when you have power, or when you have accumulated knowledge or even riches. But we are convinced that realization in life is to have hope". According to Pastor Biaggi, hope is the most important thing we all need to seek for. Many have bank accounts with huge amount of money but still, they are empty, and are not satisfied. To palliate to this emptiness, the Church through ADRA as a NGO brings not only help to people in distress, but also uses her educational institutions, hospitals and universities to impart knowledge and ethical values.

Speaking on the issue of the Adventist educational system, Professor Ademola Tayo who is the Vice Chancellor of Babcock University explained to the journalists that education matters a lot for the Adventists because "God want us to come out of our ignorance".



Ps. Biaggi instructing the delegates

We ought to inform people and not to allow them to be deformed. For him, "when you are equipped with knowledge, it gives you power to overcome diseases and ignorance".

Babcock University being the premier private university in Nigeria, the problems of culture, nationalities and even religious matters have been overcome by the university leaders. "We believe in religious liberty. We tolerate people from other religious persuasions, only that when you are within the confine of the institution, you respect the rules and regulations binding upon the students," said the Vice Chancellor. The meeting ended successfully and it was spirit-filled, and delegates were happy as well.

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GLOBAL MISSION

ADRA AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST ET DU CENTRE.
DON DE MATERIEL MEDICAL A L'ETAT DE COTE D'IVOIRE.



M. Jonathan Duffy, Director ADRA International, presenting the project

December had been for the government of Côte d'Ivoire a busiest month especially in the health area.

Following that logic, the Seventh-day Adventist Church through ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) decided to donate medical materials to the Ivorian Government. This donation estimated to One Billion CFA is meant to sustain the Government health program.

Thus, a donation ceremony was organized in Abidjan- Plateau, in the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Côte d'Ivoire on Monday, 18th December 2017, in the presence of the Church leaders and the Government Officials.

Indeed, this day had been a day of good news for the Côte d'Ivoire Nation. ADRA offered medical materials to the government in order to help improve the people's health condition because since the end of the crisis that shook the nation, some of the health centers have been facing terrible degradation and people have been suffering because of lack of materials, specially the pregnant women. The Ivorian authorities, who came to witness and honor the occasion, welcomed the aid and appreciated the kind gesture of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through ADRA in Côte d'Ivoire. These authorities were represented by Professor DAGNAN Simplicie, General Director of Health, representing the Minister of Public Health and His Excellency, Ambassador LY Djérou,

Deputy General Secretary who stood for the Minister of Foreign Affairs. After all the speeches of both parties, Church authorities, ADRA leaders and Government officials and their representatives, Pastor Elie Weick DIDO, President of the West-Central Africa Division presented symbolically the medical materials to the representatives of the Ivorian administration who came to witness the event.

Attended this ceremony, Pastor David SYME, responsible of ADRA West Africa and the wife, Mr. Jonathan DUFFY, Director ADRA International, Pastor Elie Weick DIDO and the wife, Pastor Djossou, ESUM President, Doctor Paul BAKA, the Côte d'Ivoire Conference President, head of Departments from the Division headquarters and many more other guests from the Government.



Ps. SYME D. Director ADRA West-Central Africa presenting the main objectifs of the project.



Ps. Elie Weick-Dido presents the vision of the Church

and the Church. The purpose of this donation is to help equip UCH, RHC and General Hospitals all over the nation (14 health centers).



Family picture with the Church leaders, ADRA administrators and representatives of Ivorian Government

This gathering ended by a cocktail offered by ADRA to all the guests who came to witness the donation ceremony.

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Ongoing baptismal ceremony

The newly organized National Association of Adventist Corp (NAAC) members have led 40 persons to Jesus in the Island of Egbopuloama, Southern Ijaw Local Government Area in Bayelsa State, Nigeria.

NAAC is a chaplaincy ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to reach members in the National Youth Service Corps Scheme, an initiative of the government of Nigeria to engage under-30 university graduates in national service before they proceed to work or further studies.

The one-year service scheme is preceded by a three-week orientation program during which participants are exposed to paramilitary and leadership training. Afterwards, Corps members are deployed as teachers in public schools, agricultural extension workers or medical service providers in public health facilities. They are also expected to carry out community development and service activities. In a chat with this correspondent, pioneer national coordinator of NAAC, Mrs Victoria Hope Anama, noted that during the service year, Adventist Corps members deployed to communities with no Adventist Church presence leave the church for want of spiritual nurture and care throughout the year. Often they get absorbed into other denominations. Miss Chanya Abbey who served in Akwa Ibom State almost suffered this fate, but moved by the Holy Spirit, she urged her elder sister Mrs Victoria Anama to begin a ministry for young Adventist professionals.

These sisters began contacting Seventh-day Adventist Corps members in Port Harcourt and the Eastern region, started a whatsapp group through which they reached out to Corps members across ENUC, opened their home to Corps members who were stranded and mobilised them for mission. According to Mrs Anama, "one of the corps members who contacted us on the whatsapp group was Funmilayo Ogunleye, a geology graduate from Ekiti State University. Funmilayo was posted to a remote island, Egbopuloama in Bayelsa State. She could not worship for several months because from Egbopuloama to the nearest town where she could find an Adventist Church was about one and half hours by speed boat at N2000 round trip (approx. US\$6)," a tall order for someone on a government stipend of less than N20,000 (\$55) a month.

Anama mobilized about 20 Corps members to visit Funmi. On arrival, Corps member Funmi and Pastor Japhet Ogbugo, a global mission pioneer, through their impactful community service, had mobilized the local chiefs and community leaders to give the crew a royal welcome. They had an enriching Sabbath worship. "After the first visit, we planned and executed a mission trip to Egbopuloama. A crew of four medical doctors, a medical laboratory scientist, a nurse, a pharmacist, a dentist and about 50 volunteer Corps members provided free medical care for over 150 persons from Egbopuloama and neighboring islands. We also distributed free clothes, mosquito nets and Christian literature," Anama stated.



New baptized members

The crew also ran Vacation Bible School and Literacy Classes where the teachers among the Corps members taught children aged 5 to 15 how to read and write. At the end of the one week gospel campaign and community service, 28 adults were baptised and a new church planted in Egbopuloama. Follow up activities by global mission pioneers have yielded 12 additional souls, including the deputy chief of the Island.

ENUC Evangelism and Global Mission Coordinator, Pastor Uzoma Nwosi, says there are about 500 islands like Egbopuloama that need to be penetrated with the everlasting gospel.

He urged that Egbopoluama needs a water treatment facility as the community drinks from a contaminated water source where they defecate, wash their clothes and have their bath. The community also needs a school and five mobile

boat clinics that will serve Egbopoluama and the nearly 500 neighbouring Islands.

Pastor Nwosi is grateful to the Give Them the Key Initiative of the Youth Ministries Department of West-Central Africa Division for funding the mission to Egbopuloama. The fund also supported youth evangelistic missions to Ogoja and Uyo.

Story by
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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.

EASTERN SAHEL UNION MISSION: FIRST NATIONAL WOMEN CONGRESS IN BURKINA FASO

Adventist women in Burkina Faso organized their first National Congress in Ouagadougou, capital city of Burkina Faso from 18th to 24th, December 2017. This Congress was chaired by the Minister of Women Affairs, National Solidarity and the Family. A parade ended the congress on Sabbath afternoon.

The Adventist women in Burkina Faso had a parade on Sabbath 24th in the streets of Pissy, a popular area of Ouagadougou for the ending of their congress. This is for the first time a women gathering like this is taking place in Burkina Faso. "We had retreats, rallies, but time has really come for us as Adventist women to have our congress", said Mrs. Abiba Thiombiano, Women Ministries Director, Burkina Faso Mission. The theme of this meeting was, "Woman, be involved and witness for Christ". According to Abiba Thiombiano, this theme goes in line with the actual context, which is dominated by the preparation of the soon coming evangelistic series "Pentecost 2018", coming February 2018. Mrs. Tabita Kra, Director of Women Ministries of the Eastern Sahel Union Mission and the administrators of the Burkina Mission instructed all the 57 participants on relevant issues related to the theme of the



Mrs. Tabitha Kra, ESUM Women Ministries' Director address

These women came from all over the districts of the Burkina Faso Mission. In her address during the opening ceremony, the Minister of Women Affairs, National Solidarity and the Family, Mrs. Laure ZONGO, chairperson of the Congress, expressed her admiration for Adventist

women because of their sober and caring conduct in the community.

The Adventist women in many occasions have visited social centers where rejected women suspected of witchcraft lived, excluded from their homes. Laure ZONGO also called on the Adventist women to pray for peace and security in the country because Burkina Faso is one of the Sahel countries where terrorism has increased in these last years.



Family picture after the opening ceremony



Laure Zongo/Hien, Minister of Women Affairs, National Solidarity and the Family speaking to the delegates during the opening ceremony.

Before the closing of the Congress, Tabita Kra encouraged the women to register massively for the soon coming ESUM women's event in August 2018 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. "During this congress, Directors of the General Conference and the Division will be present", she announced.

Assane KABORE
Burkina
Faso

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

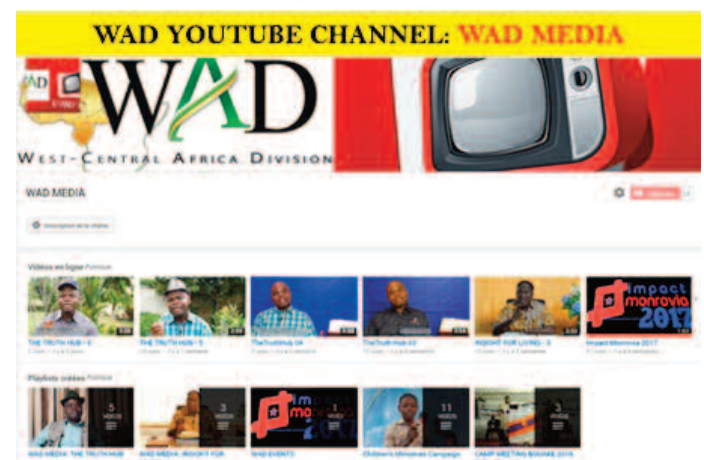
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Motorcycles for pastors

The Seventh-day Adventist Mission President of the Central Africa Republic, Pasteur Elie Boromia offers motorcycles to three Pastors to facilitate thier mouvements.

It was in an atmosphere of joy that Pastor Emery Abib Ndombeth and his colleagues Hervé Wirawile and Jonathan Mobia received from the hands of their Mission President the keys of 3 motorcycles. This equipment will help these Pastors to cover the long distances separating the groups and churches of their respective districts. Indeed, concerned by the challenges Pastors are facing in fulfilling their duties in the Central Africa Republic, Pastor Elie Boromia, President of the Mission, decided to make motorcycles available for three of his colleagues, Pastor Emery from Bouar district, Pastor Hervé W. from Berberati district and Pastor Jonathan M. from Mobaye district.

This ceremony took place in the premises of the Mission on August 10th, 2017, and was chaired by Pastor Boromia in the presence of some of the Union administrators and even Church leaders from Bangui-Castor.

This vision of providing means for Pastors to be moving around their districts, reveal the importance the Adventist Mission in C A R gives to evangelism and demonstrates their commitment to reach the farrest communities by the messages of the three Angels. Let's support our Pastors in Central Africa Republic because the challenges ahead of them

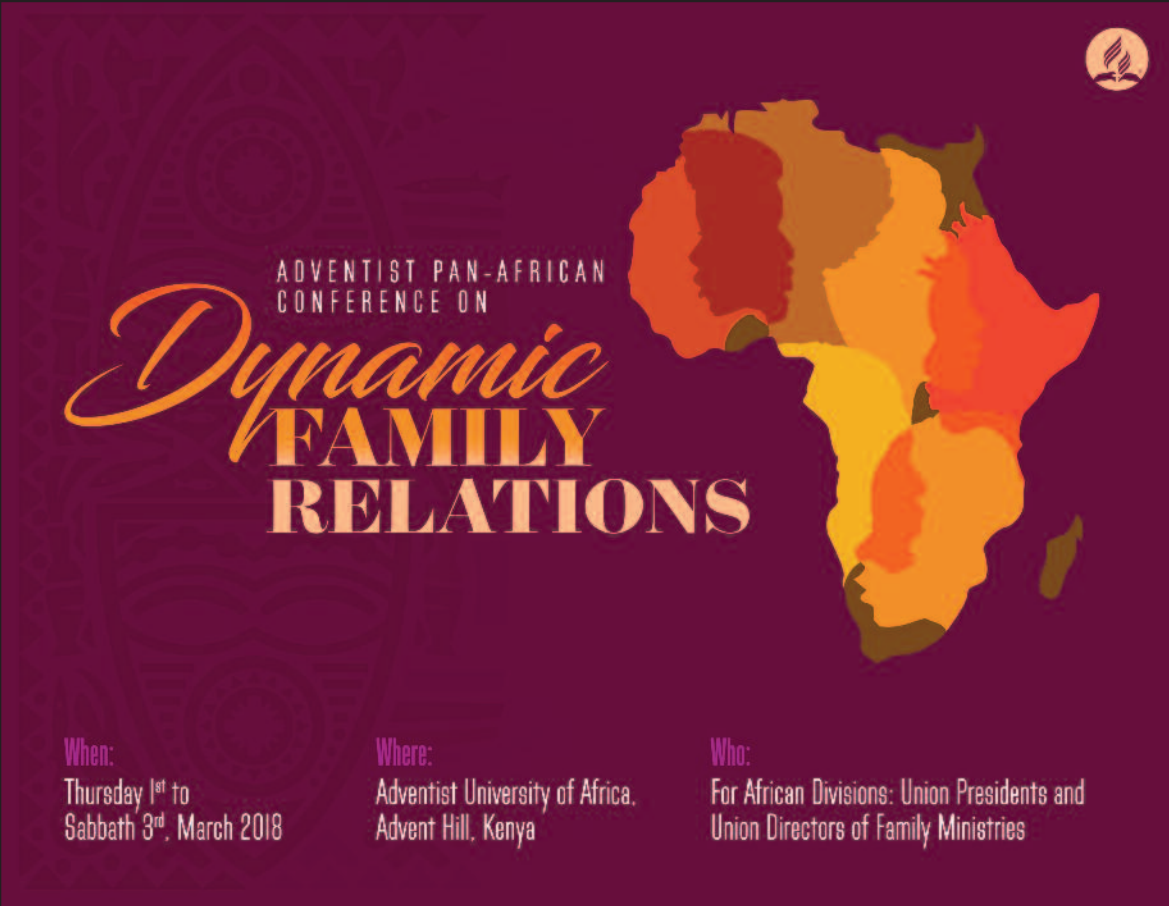
are serious; for some, they have to cover long distances before reaching worship places and for others, especially those in areas where rebels are constantly harassing people, and the most exposed, need our prayers.

Tita-SAMBA SOLÉ
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UNIONS REPORT: WADNEWS 2017

MONTH	JAN.	FEBR.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
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CMAUM	X	XX		X	X	X	X					
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WAUM												
WNUC												
WSUM												



ADVENTIST PAN-AFRICAN
CONFERENCE ON

Dynamic FAMILY RELATIONS

When:
Thursday 1st to
Sabbath 3rd, March 2018

Where:
Adventist University of Africa,
Advent Hill, Kenya

Who:
For African Divisions: Union Presidents and
Union Directors of Family Ministries



HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration will take place through your Division Department of Family Ministries

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Ps. Koch presenting a gift to Ps. Valère CAMUM President

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS BY PS. IRINEO KOCH, COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR, WAD



Ps. Koch presenting a gift to Ps. Asiénin, President, CAUM



Sister Solace's gift, SGUC Communication Director



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