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Love Cote d'Ivoire Festival Almost Here!



The Festival in Yamoussoukro with Andrew Palau will be held October 27-29. The days leading up to the Festival will be filled with various ministry outreaches at schools, parks, orphanages, the nearby Toumodi Prison, a Women's Dinner and a Business/Civic and Professional Leader's Dinner. Five hundred are expected to attend each of the dinners.

A Pastor's Launch was held on September 7 with 340 in attendance. The pastors were challenged to focus on evangelism by mobilizing their people to pray for their friends who don't know Jesus. This involved distributing the prayer cards in their churches the following Sunday.



The goal is to have 100,000 believers praying for five friends who don't know Christ.

A week later we conducted five Friendship Evangelism Training seminars to train pastors and church leaders to go back to their church and train their people the last two weeks of September. This training speaks to the heart of the festival



which is believers praying for and building redemptive relationships with their friends who don't know Jesus as Savior. More than 1,400 attended the training and depleting our supply of 40,000 manuals. In San Pedro, more than 700 attended the training. There was an overwhelming response from the pastors. They said the training was a great blessing and will be helpful long after the festival is over.



The Festival in San Pedro, Cote d'Ivoire will be held November 2-5 and will also include many outreach opportunities during the week leading up to the festival. Four Luis Palau Association partner evangelists will be sharing the outreaches and preaching in San Pedro.

Nearly \$30,000 Given for Rwanda Projects!

Our friends at Wildwood Baptist Church have been a great blessing by impacting many lives in Rwanda! Their generous gifts are helping fund several projects in Rwanda totaling more than \$30,000. What a great blessing!

This past April, the church set a giving goal of \$15,000 for their special Easter offering. The goal was exceeded as they gave more than \$18,000! The funds were given to help build the third classroom building for the Ntoma African Hill Nursery and Primary School. It also included construction of the walls and roof for the Rusumo AIC Church both in Rwanda (see project updates on page 2).

Their Vacation Bible School offering goal in July was \$6,000 to help the kids at the Ntoma School by providing

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funding for 20 water filters and construction of a new bakery structure which included all the baking equipment and supplies. By Thursday of that week in July, the kids had raised \$3,200 through the highly competitive “penny wars.” But on Friday, the total funds raised came to nearly \$12,000! Wow! We praise the Lord for this amazing gift. Thank you, kids, for helping the kids in Rwanda have pure water and delicious baked goods.

3rd Classroom Building nears completion

It won't be long before this classroom building will be filled with children. The school is growing and needs at least three more classroom buildings to accommodate the increasing enrollment. Several Muslim families are sending their children to this school where the Bible is taught every day. Lives are being impacted each day for eternity!



New Bakery building started

The old bakery did not meet local building codes, but that



will change in a few months. During September, the foundation was laid and the walls began to rise within two weeks' time. They had to erect a make-shift roof to help protect the mud blocks because of the rainy season.

The goal is to have everything operational in time to bake fresh bread for the children at Christmas. Every school day the bakery provides delicious baked goods for the children in attendance. There's also an increasing demand for the baked goods in the nearby local market so the sales provide income for the school.

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Construction begins for the Rusumo AIC Church in Rwanda



I had the privilege of visiting the Rusumo AIC Church in Southeastern Rwanda to lay the cornerstone for a new church building on February 8th. Wildwood Baptist Church gave generously from their Easter offering to provide funds for this church building. Construction began the end of August after a long delay awaiting the building permit.

The members of the church made 5,000 mud blocks for the construction of the walls. This initial gift will allow the wall and roof to be completed. An additional \$8,500 is needed to finish the building with a concrete floor, windows, doors, electricity and painting. We praise the Lord for the progress being made. ▶



There are at least eight additional churches in need of construction. We would love to help with the construction as the Lord provides the funds. Approximately \$120,000 is needed to help begin and/or finish buildings for these eight churches. As these churches are being built many people are regularly coming to faith in Christ. It's amazing to hear the number of people who start attending church and come to Christ because of the construction of these churches. This is the story for every church we've helped build.



The Fields are Ripe unto Harvest . . .

Over the past few months, the Lord has allowed me to preach the Gospel in Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire with many responding to the Gospel.

I taught at the Leadership Forum in Jos, Nigeria in May to train national evangelists. As a part of the Forum, I preached one night during the 2-Day Crusade. It was an



incredible evening as the crusade meeting was literally conducted in the middle of a "T" intersection without the roads blockaded. Approximately 500 people lined the streets in all three directions, but the traffic continued. As I preached, cars and motorbikes were passing within six feet of where I was standing. But I was so focused on sharing the Gospel



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Later that week as I was driven to the airport, I discovered the young man driving was a Muslim. His name was Abraham. Within minutes our conversation turned to spiritual things as we talked about the Quran and the Bible and then about Jesus Christ. Right before arriving at the airport, Abraham began to pray out loud acknowledging he was a sinner and invited Jesus to come into his life, cleanse him and give him the hope of eternal life. What an amazing time!

During my travels, I preach in a church each Sunday. The past three visits to Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire, nearly 100 people have indicated they prayed to invite Jesus to be their Savior. We praise the Lord for such a great response!



Last February I preached at a new church plant in a remote mountain village in Rwanda. The church was started by Ishmael, a young Muslim man who had come to belief in Christ. In his small village over a few months after his conversion, nearly 80 people had believed in Jesus Christ in. At the end of my message, I gave an invitation and three young men and two women responded. Recently I was told the women have led others to Christ and they are growing in their faith. The church continues to grow!

Pastor's Conferences in Burundi in January

I have been invited to Bujumbura, Burundi in January 2018 to conduct two 3-day Pastor's Conferences using the book of Nehemiah. One conference will be in the capital city of Bujumbura and the other will be in the Up Country. These two conferences will be limited to around 350 pastors who are so really hungry for biblical training and encouragement. The cost of travel and conference expenses to provide materials and food for the pastors attending will be at least \$6,000.



Christmas Gift Ideas for the Kids in Rwanda!

Christmas is only three months away! As you begin thinking about Christmas, consider including a special gift for the kids in Ntoma, Rwanda. As God continues to provide the funds, more school classrooms are being built for the Ntoma African Hill Nursery and Primary School. This means the classrooms also need to be equipped with desks, chairs and tables.

The following list of needs would great gift giving ideas for individuals, families, children and grandchildren, Sunday School classes, Awana Clubs, home schools, and churches.



Primary desks

Would you help with one or more of the following gift ideas?

- 90 desks for the primary school at \$30 each
- 300 chairs for the nursery school at \$8 each
- 60 small tables for the nursery school at \$20 each
- 8 tables for teachers at \$45 each
- 8 chairs for teachers at \$20 each



Nursery chair & table

Personal Note:

As 2018 dawns on the horizon, the year is already filling up with many ministry opportunities. In addition to the Pastor's Conferences in Burundi in January and the *Love Cote d'Ivoire Festival* in Abidjan next October, there are several additional ministry opportunities being considered. Please pray with us as we seek God's direction.

Of course, all of this takes funding. We're trusting the Lord to provide the means to match the opportunities He has opened for us with the funding to help make it all happen.

Gifts large or small, monthly or less frequent are received with thankfulness. We're grateful for each one who supports our ministry with prayer and donations. For your convenience, secure online giving is available by going to our website – www.globalpartnershipministries.org. You can choose to give one-time or set-up automatic giving through your bank account or credit card. Of course, you may send a check by mail as well.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in the Gospel,

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