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Nearly 22,000 Come to Christ in Cote d'Ivoire!

It was the most grueling festival I've ever been involved with and the battle was the fiercest ever. But nearly 22,000 lives were transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light in Yamoussoukro and San Pedro. The days were long and the challenges never seemed to end, however children, youth and adults



from all walks of life decided to follow Jesus. We praise the Lord for His incredible faithfulness and blessing as so many came to Christ! And, just think of the second wave of harvest that will come as these new believers share their new-found faith with others.



We've received word that many pastors reported having new people in their church services immediately following the Festival. The overall consensus of the pastors is the Festival

was an overwhelmingly great success and they were excited to have been involved in it. The pastors also shared that many believers were excited as they saw their friends come to Christ for whom they had been praying for in the weeks leading up to the Festival. The pastors were thrilled with the fruit of the Festival and they are being diligent to follow up with the new believers.

One of the women at the Women's Dinner shared about a woman on her prayer list who was a Muslim, prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior at the dinner. She was so excited because she knew of at least two other Muslim women who made the same decision at the dinner. Hundreds of women's lives were touched at this dinner through Wendy Palau's testimony and Andrew's message of hope.



Almost 1,000 attended the Women's Dinner & Business Dinner with a 39% response to the Gospel.

The Business, Civic and Professional Leaders Dinner was attended by people from all walks of life and from many religious backgrounds including Muslim, Buddhist and Animist. Two Muslim businessmen said they were very impressed with everything about the dinner, stating they had never attended anything like this before. When it was time to make a decision, both of them said, "Yes" to Jesus.



◀ We took the Festival to the National Prison nearby where more than 300 inmates and guards attended. The program included the BMX team stunts, special music and Andrew proclaiming the Gospel with nearly 39% of the inmates responding to the Gospel. We also brought gifts of rice and maize, mattresses and numerous other items to bless the inmates and prison staff.





◀ Nearly 2,000 counselors were trained the week before the Festival to counsel with those who responded to the invitations at the Festival. Many counselors had to share with more than one person at a time.

▶ The day after the Festival, 35 pastors, from across the city, gathered for two days to process the thousands of decision cards and refer each decision maker to a local church.



◀ Assemblies were held in 14 primary and secondary schools plus an orphanage with 800 children. The Children's Ministry Team and BMX Action Sports Team conducted the assemblies which included a presentation of the Gospel with a 50-60% response rate.



▶ One of my big helpers!



▶ The Festival days included games and Bouncy Castles for the kids followed by incredible stunts from the BMX Action Sports Team. Both programs included presentations of the Gospel followed by an invitation. The main stage program consisted of a number of Gospel music artists from Cote d'Ivoire with Andrew Palau proclaiming the Good News.



Pastor's Conferences & 2-Day Festival in Burundi

I have been invited to Burundi in February 2018 to conduct two 2-day Pastor's Conferences for 350 pastors and leaders. I'll be teaching from the book of Nehemiah regarding leadership principles, fulfilling a God-sized vision, management, and servant leadership. One conference will be held in the capital city of Bujumbura and the other will be in Ngozi, the hometown of the President. These two conferences will be limited to about 350 pastors who are hungry for biblical training and encouragement.

While in Ngozi, I have also been asked to preach a 2-day festival. I never imagined God would ever have me doing something like this, but with His help I will step out to this new challenge and opportunity.

The cost of travel, conference expenses to provide materials and food for the pastors and the festival expenses will be an estimated \$7,500. Please pray with me that God will provide the funds for this exciting opportunity.

New Bakery building moves towards completion



The new bakery building at the Ntoma African Hill Nursery and Primary School, continues to move ahead in spite of the challenges brought on by the rainy season. This area has not received much rain the past few years so the rain has been appreciated despite it delaying construction and increasing the cost.

The goal is to have everything operational in time to bake fresh bread for the children at Christmas.

The bakery will provide needed baked goods for the children attending the school. There's also an increasing demand for baked goods in the nearby local market, so the sales will provide income for the school.

Rusumo AIC Church Continues to Rise

In a little over two months, the Rusumo AIC Church building has risen from the dust, but not without numerous challenges. Construction was delayed several weeks due to government officials refusing to grant a building permit. We praise the Lord that approval was finally granted and construction began the end of August. The first service was held November 12.

Rusumo is located in the very southeast corner of Rwanda in an area that has received little rain for several years resulting in near famine conditions. The people are very poor since their crops have yielded little harvest the past few years and food is very sparse. Those fortunate only receive one meal per day. Pastor Jean Baptiste says the people there constantly live in a state of hunger. Water is also very sparse, so they must travel 8-12 kilometers and haul muddy, contaminated water.

The lack of rain has also affected construction as water had to be brought on bicycles in jerry cans to make to make the mud and mortar for the walls. People from the village were so excited that they also helped with the new church building. In fact, since the construction began in late August, at least 20 people have come to know Jesus as their Savior and have become a part of the church. This is truly amazing!

The next step is to install doors, windows and plaster the interior and exterior walls at a cost of \$3,500. A total of \$8,500 is needed to complete the entire building. We praise the Lord for the progress being made.



As God has provided, we have recently helped with the installation of doors, windows and plastering the interior and exterior walls for the Kiramuruzi AIC Church. A total of \$4,800 is needed to finish the building with a cement floor, electrical, painting and water drainage. This church has also seen an increased number of people attending church and several people have come to Christ during the construction process.



Christmas Gift Ideas for the Kids in Rwanda!

Christmas is almost here! As you consider your giving, please 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. With the growing number of students and classrooms, additional desks, chairs and tables are needed.

The following list of needs would make 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:

This has been another year of incredible blessing and fruitful ministry as we've seen thousands of lives transformed through the power of the Gospel. Next year is already filling up with more ministry opportunities from teaching Pastor's Conferences, preaching at a two-day festival in Burundi and helping direct the *Love Cote d'Ivoire Festival* in Abidjan next October. In addition, there are several additional ministry opportunities being considered. Please pray with us as we seek God's direction.

Throughout this newsletter I've shared several projects and ministry opportunities which need funding. We're trusting the Lord to provide the funding to fulfill these opportunities God has provided.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in the Gospel,

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