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Africa Assemblies of God Targets 10 Million Spirit-Empowered Witnesses

The following **SPECIAL REPORT** is adapted from **AG-News, Friday, March 20, 2009:**

JOHANNESBURG. At the quadrennial meeting of the Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) held in Johannesburg, South Africa, March 3-6, 2009, the leadership of the Assemblies of God in Africa committed themselves to a "Decade of Pentecost" in which they will work and believe God for 10 million new believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, according to Denny Miller, director of the Acts in Africa Initiative. The AAGA has asked Acts in Africa to spearhead the "Decade of Pentecost" initiative, which begins in 2010 and will continue through 2020.

The Assemblies of God in Africa is experiencing exponential growth with about 16 million constituents meeting in more than 50,000 churches in 50 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian Ocean Basin. This is up from 2.1 million constituents and 12,000 churches in 1990.

Across the continent, Assemblies of God national churches are mobilizing for global missions, with a vision of reaching the yet-to-be-reached peoples of Africa and the world with the gospel of Christ.

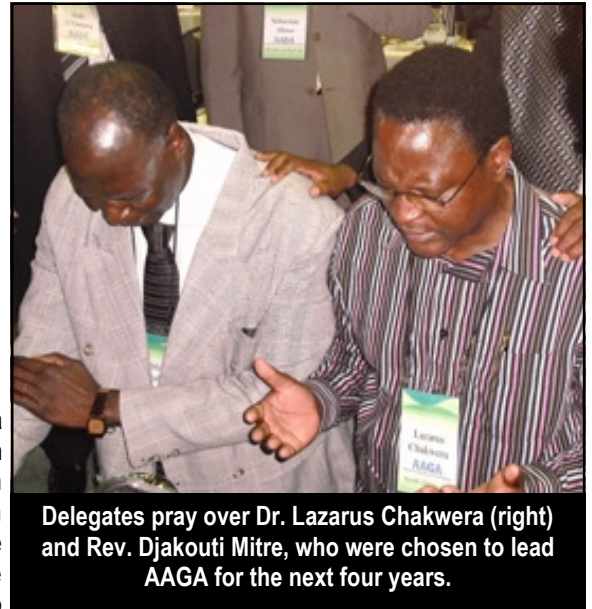
The African AG leadership believes that, in preparation for this missionary advance, it will be necessary to experience continent-wide Pentecostal revival with millions of believers being filled with the Spirit and empowered for the task according to Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8.

AAGA's strategy for achieving its goal of seeing 10 million believers empowered by the Spirit will include, among other things, an annual Pentecost Day emphasis when each of the approximately 48,000 AG pastors will be challenged to preach on the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the Mission of God" and then pray with believers to be filled with the Spirit.

A number of national fellowships across Africa are already emphasizing Pentecostal renewal in their churches, including the Assemblies of God in Nigeria, Benin, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Mali, Sudan, Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Madagascar, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Namibia, Swaziland and others. "According to recent reports we have received, thousands are already being filled with the Spirit," says Miller.

Other developments at the AAGA meeting include the re-election of Dr. Lazarus Chakwera, president of the Malawi Assemblies of God as chairman of the Alliance and the election of Reverend Djakouti Mitre, president of the Togo Assemblies of God as vice-chairman. AGWM missionary Don Tucker was re-appointed secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Enson Lwesya of Malawi was appointed as AAGA Missions Director. The Alliance also voted to endorse a new Association for Pentecostal Theological Education in Africa (APTEA), which will provide an academic umbrella for accreditation, teacher development and theological research on the continent. Special quest speaker at the conference was Rev. Alton Garrison, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A.

— Denny Miller, AIA Director

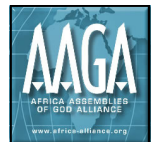


Delegates pray over Dr. Lazarus Chakwera (right) and Rev. Djakouti Mitre, who were chosen to lead AAGA for the next four years.



Pray for the upcoming Acts 1:8 Conferences:

- Tanzania Acts 1:8 Conference, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2-6 June 2009
- Central Africa Azusa Conference II, Nigeria, 4-7 August 2009
- Other conferences are under discussion for 2009 and 2010



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