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Special Edition: Introducing...

Acts 1:8 Conferences

On the Holy Spirit and Mission

In recent *Africa Azusa Reports* we have reported on a number of **Acts 1:8 Conferences** that we have conducted in various parts of Africa. I was recently asked the question, "What exactly is an Acts 1:8 Conference?"

An **Acts 1:8 Conference** is a strategic missions conference in which a national church or region brings together its pastors (and possibly key lay leaders) for a week of prayer and teaching on the empowering role of the Holy Spirit in the evangelistic and missionary work of the church. The conference includes times of intercession, waiting on God, and listening to His voice. Leaders are taught how to minister in the power of the Spirit. A strong emphasis is placed on all participants receiving the biblical experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.



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Conference Schedule

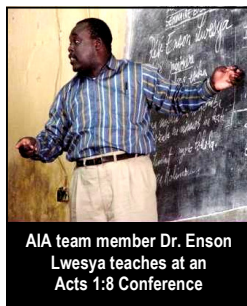
Every **Acts 1:8 Conference** includes four vital elements:

- **Intercessory Prayer.** Mornings are spent in times of intercessory prayer for the nations and for an outpouring of the Spirit on the African church.
- **Teaching.** Delegates are taught concerning the necessity of being empowered by the Spirit in order to complete the Great Commission of Christ.
- **Strategy.** National delegations are lead through a series of sessions in which they develop a strategy to encourage Pentecostal revival, church planting, and missions in their national churches.
- **Empowering.** Each conference focuses on seeing believers baptized in the Holy Spirit and empowered for the task of missions and evangelism.

Practical Teaching

Teaching sessions are designed to give pastors and leaders the tools they need to return to their homes and spark Pentecostal revival. Here is a sample of the subjects taught:

- *The Holy Spirit and the Mission of God*
- *What it Means to Be Pentecostal*
- *Spirit Baptism Revisited*
- *Women and Pentecostal Revival*
- *The Pentecostal Bible School*
- *Pentecostal Leadership: The Need of the Hour*
- *How to Preach on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit*
- *How to Pray with Believers to Receive Spirit Baptism*
- *Pentecost and the Next Generation*
- *Planting the Spirit-Empowered Missionary Church*
- *Leading a Church into Pentecostal Revival*



Holy Spirit Rallies

Each day of an **Acts 1:8 Conference** is concluded with an evening Holy Spirit Rally in which believers gather from throughout the city to hear messages on the work of the Spirit and to be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit. Hundreds have been powerfully baptized in the Holy Spirit in these rallies.

Also, on the Sunday following each conference delegates and teachers fan out into the churches in the host city and preach messages on the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We have received testimonies of hundreds being filled with the Spirit as a result of these services.



AIA team member Mark Turney prays with Rev. Benjamin Jude, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Gabon during an evening Holy Spirit Rally at the Central Africa Acts 1:8 Conference in Libreville, Gabon

The Impact of Acts 1:8 Conferences

On individual believers. As believers are filled with the Spirit their lives are changed dramatically. Often they immediately begin to witness for Christ and bring their friends to Jesus. Some commit themselves to missions or full-time ministry.

On national churches. At the end of **Acts 1:8 Conferences** national church leaders commit themselves and their churches to aggressive church planting and missions efforts. One church delegation committed itself to doubling the number of churches in one year—from 2,000 to 4,000! Another committed itself to seeing 75% (or 1.5 million!) of its members baptized in the Holy Spirit by the end of 2009. Still another church committed itself to establishing a national missions department. and to begin to mobilize itself for world missions.