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Reporting on the Move of the Spirit in the Assemblies of God in Africa

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## Special **PENTECOST SUNDAY** Alert!

**Sunday, May 31, is Pentecost Sunday** in Africa and around the world. Pentecost Sunday occurs every year seven weeks after Easter. On Pentecost Sunday we remember how the church was first empowered by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel to the nations (Acts 1:8; 2:4). As Pentecostal believers, however, we do more than just remember. We are using Pentecost Sunday as a means of seeing hundreds of thousands of believers baptized in the Holy Spirit and empowered to participate in fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ, just as were those first believers on the first Day of Pentecost.

**The challenge.** Each year during the DECADE OF PENTECOST, 2010-2020 (see article on right), each of our 48 thousand pastors in 50 thousand AG churches across Africa will be challenged to teach and preach on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the mission of God—and then pray with believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**Let's not wait!** Let's not waste this a wonderful opportunity. Let's get a jump on the DECADE OF PENTECOST by beginning this Pentecost Sunday, May 31, to teach and preach on the work of the Spirit, and by praying with those present to be filled and re-filled with the Spirit. Decide now to make Pentecost Sunday a great day of revival in your church.

**Help is available.** Sermon and study outlines on the work of the Spirit are available for free on the Acts in Africa website at <http://www.actsinafrica.org/free-resources.htm>. If you are unable to get on line, send an e-mail to [ActsInAfrica@agmd.org](mailto:ActsInAfrica@agmd.org), and we will send you two sermon outlines on the baptism in the Holy Spirit that you can use on Pentecost Day.

**Send a report.** After Pentecost Sunday we are asking that each of our *Africa Azusa Report* subscribers send us a report on what God did in your church. We will publish some of the reports in future editions of the *Report*.

—Denny Miller, AIA Director

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### AFRICA

## Initiative seeks 10 million Holy Spirit baptisms

At the recent quadrennial meeting of the Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) in Johannesburg, South Africa, leaders of the AG on the continent committed to a "Decade of Pentecost" with a goal of 10 million people 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 AG in Africa is experiencing exponential growth. About 16 million constituents meet 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.

AAGA's strategy for achieving its goal of 10 million baptisms will include an annual Pentecost Day emphasis when the 48,000



AG pastors in the region will be challenged to preach on the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the Mission of God," and then pray with followers to be filled with the Spirit.



### 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, Abuja, Nigeria, 4-7 August 2009
- Other conferences are under discussion for 2009 and 2010



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