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

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## **SPECIAL REPORT: The Spirit of God Moves at the Equatorial Guinea Acts 1:8 Conferences**



**The Spirit of God moved powerfully** as pastors and church leaders gathered from throughout Equatorial Guinea for two *Acts 1:8 Conferences* sponsored by the Acts in Africa Initiative. Equatorial Guinea is located on the northwestern coast of Central Africa, with part of the country on the mainland and part on an island off the coast. In order to accommodate as many delegates as possible, conferences were held in both locations. In each venue delegates prayed, listened to teaching on the role of the Holy Spirit in missions, strategized for a Pentecostal outpouring in their churches, and opened their lives to fresh infillings of the Holy Spirit. Each evening hundreds came to be filled with the Spirit, and each evening God graciously poured out His Spirit with many being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Even more significantly, pastors and church leaders met day after day in strategy sessions to assess the spiritual

state of their church and to project goals for the future. An "Acts 1:8 Declaration" rose out of those meetings. Because of its significance, we have included it in its entirety below. *Please take time to read it!* It represents a solemn commitment of a national church to experience fresh and powerful Pentecostal outpouring and to aggressively reach out to the lost and plant Spirit-empowered missionary churches throughout the country and region. *Thanks for praying!*

### **EQUATORIAL GUINEA ASSEMBLIES OF GOD ACTS 1:8 DECLARATION**

**Having received the challenge** during the Central Africa Azusa Conference in Libreville, Gabon, and the Acts 1:8 Conferences in our own country, we the leaders of the Assemblies of God of Equatorial Guinea have made the following decisions:

- To guide the Assemblies of God of Equatorial Guinea into a Holy Spirit revival, and
- To participate in the mission of God through the multiplication of churches.

**Since**, during the Central Africa Azusa Conference in Gabon, our leaders projected the initial vision to form an Acts 1:8 Committee, we, the delegates attending these Acts 1:8 Conferences, make a commitment to affirm the desire of our leaders in this effort to guide the church to experience a revival in the Holy Spirit and the multiplication of churches.

We also agree to do our best to reach the following goals between October 2008 and October 2010:

- Plant 20 indigenous missionary churches in the largest cities and towns of our country.
- Plant 2 additional churches outside the borders of Equatorial Guinea and support two missionaries.
- Ensure that at least 70% of our members are baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- Additionally, each local church will take the initiative to plant new churches within our nation.

**Also**, we agree that an Acts 1:8 Committee, directed by the General Superintendent, be formed to supervise the implementation of the following activities in partnership with the Missions Department to insure that our goals are met:

- Organize events for prayer and fasting.
- Carry out evangelism and church planting campaigns.
- Conduct Conferences on the Holy Spirit.
- Raise funds for the conferences and church planting.

• Insure that new converts in the new churches are being disciplined, filled with the Holy Spirit, and participating in God's mission to evangelize our country and the world.

**Further**, we have decided that the Missions Department will work in partnership with the Acts 1:8 Committee to identify places for church planting and in the preparation of church planters and missionaries.

**Finally**, we have decided that each local church will establish an Acts 1:8 Committee, directed by the pastor, with the purpose of insuring that there is a continual experience of prayer, fasting, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in the local churches.

May God in His grace help us.