



Decade of Pentecost Report

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

Pentecost Comes to Madagascar

During three recent **Acts 1:8 Conferences on the Holy Spirit and Mission** (Mar.29-Apr.18) in Madagascar, the Spirit moved powerfully. Hundreds were filled with the Holy Spirit and bold commitments were made by the Madagascar Assemblies of God to reach the lost, plant new churches, and send missionaries to the yet-to-be-reached tribes of Madagascar. This Report highlights some of the exciting results of these historic conferences. —Denny Miller, Editor

“These Conferences Have Healed Us!”

ANTANANARIVO. “*These conferences have saved the Malagasy Assemblies of God—they have healed us!*” These are the moving words of Rev. Nicolas Rakotomalala, General Superintendent of the Malagasy church.

They were spoken with passion during his message to the pastors and leaders of the Central Region **Acts 1:8 Conference on the Holy Spirit and Mission** in the capital city of Antananarivo. The Antananarivo conference was one of three conferences conducted in each of the three geographical regions of the island country.

From the very beginning it was obvious that the Spirit was working powerfully in the pastors and lay leaders of the MAG. There was among the delegates a remarkable feeling that history was being made, that destinies were being shaped.

In his message Superintendent Rakotomalala expressed his concern that, for the last few years, the Madagascar Assemblies of God had been heading the wrong direction. Too few were being filled with the Spirit; too few were reaching out to the lost and planting new churches. Many, he feared, had exchanged the real power of God for outward “Charismatic” forms. According to Rakotomalala, the Acts 1:8 Conferences had served to remind the church who they really were. “We are God’s missionary people,” he declared, “we have been called to reach Madagascar and the nations with the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Each Acts 1:8 Conference included times of intercession for the nations. Leaders were pointed to the mission of God and taught how to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit. Each conference included a series of strategy sessions focusing on reaching the lost, planting new churches, and mobilizing the church for Spirit-empowered missions. And each evening delegates were given the opportunity to be filled and re-filled with the Holy Spirit.

Testimony from Missionary Team Leader

Team Leader of the Assemblies of God Mission in Madagascar, **Nate Lashway**, wrote, “There is a strong desire for the Holy Spirit to move mightily in Madagascar among our churches. During the three weeks of teaching thousands of pastors and lay leaders attended and hundreds of people were newly filled with the Holy Spirit. God really impressed on our pastors to begin planting churches in earnest, and to reach the unreached tribes of Madagascar. God is mobilizing his church for the harvest. Pray for us in the coming months as we begin developing new strategies for fulfilling the Great Commission here in Madagascar.”

In a more recent e-mail from Madagascar (dated May 25) Lashway wrote, “**We have had thousands filled with the Holy Spirit since our Acts 1:8 Conferences last month. There is a fervor among our churches to reach unreached people. We are retooling our training to prepare for this church planting movement. There is an air of expectancy in the Madagascar Assemblies of God.**”



Left to Right: Rev. Hery Rakotohasimbola, National Decade of Pentecost Chairman; Dr. Denny Miller, Director, Acts in Africa Initiative, and Rev. Nicholas Rakotomalala, MAG General Superintendent

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Decade of Pentecost Launch Day Report

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, was the **Decade of Pentecost Launch Day** for the Africa Assemblies of God. On that day the Africa Assemblies of God Alliance called on each of its more than 60 thousand pastors across Africa to preach a message on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the mission of God, and then to pray with their people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and empowered as Christ’s witnesses.

Reports are now coming into the Acts in Africa office of many believers being filled with the Spirit. Look for a more detailed report on the Decade of Pentecost Launch Day in next month’s Decade of Pentecost Report.

During the Decade of Pentecost (2010-2020) the Africa Assemblies of God is believing God for 10-million new people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and mobilized as Spirit-empowered witnesses.

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