



Decade of Pentecost Report

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



Madagascar AG General Superintendent, Rev. Nicolas Rakotomalala, prays with delegate at Madagascar Acts 1:8 Conference

Madagascar Update

In April, the Acts in Africa Initiative conducted three **Acts 1:8 Conferences** in Madagascar in cooperation with the Madagascar Assemblies of God. The Spirit moved powerfully in each conference, and the church set faith-filled goals for the **Decade of Pentecost** (2010-2020). Recently, we received the following report from Nate Lashway, AG missionary team leader in the country. We thought you would enjoy reading it. — Denny Miller, Director, AIA

Madagascar missionary leader, Nate Lashway, asks, "What If..."

- ... our Malagasy pastors were more focused on equipping their lay people than protecting their position as pastor?
- ... we could mobilize an army of lay people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to evangelize and plant new churches in every village and town within walking distance of their present churches?
- ... we instilled in those new churches the same sort of DNA, so that those new believers would then plant new churches in the villages near to them?
- ... we provided localized ministry training so that anyone with a call of God on their life could be equipped and mobilized for ministry—no matter where they lived?
- ... we set impossible goals for the church during the Decade of Pentecost, and believed that God would help us achieve them?

"Lately, since our Acts 1:8 Conferences in April, 'what if' conversations have become more and more a part of the thinking of the missionaries, pastors, and leaders of the Madagascar Assemblies of God. God is birthing in us a new mentality. Joining with our other national Assemblies of God fellowships across the continent, our national church has embarked on a 'Decade of Pentecost.' For the next ten years and beyond our churches and pastors are going to emphasize the importance of the baptism in the Holy Spirit as power for global witness. At the same time we are believing God for spiritual and social transformation to take place in Madagascar and its neighboring nations.

"Can a church of 700 become a church of thousands in the next ten years? Can we grow from 500 pastors to 5,000? Could we really have a million Assemblies of God believers in Madagascar by 2020? Can this church raise up and send out it's own missionaries to other nations? We sincerely believe that this could be God's plan for Madagascar during the 'Decade of Pentecost.'

"God is shaking our church. He is forcing us to change what we do and how we do it. He is compelling our pastors and missionaries to honestly reexamine their ministries. A great change is happening. We sense that the next ten years could be the greatest in the history of the Madagascar AG."



Nate Lashway

Intercede for these upcoming Decade of Pentecost events:

- Pray that the Spirit will move in power at the upcoming **Kenya Assemblies of God School of the Spirit** to be held on the East Africa School of Theology campus in Nairobi, Kenya, Sept 27-30.
- Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit at the **All Nations Theological Seminary** in Lilongwe Malawi, during the upcoming course, "Paradigms for Spirit-empowered Missions" to be taught by our AIA Director, Nov. 11-19.
- Pray for the **Mauritius Acts 1:8 Conference** to take place on Nov. 23-28, 2010.
- Pray for a powerful move of the Spirit at the **Eleventh Hour Institute** being conducted by Africa's Hope for the Ethiopian Assemblies of God in Addis Ababa on Jan. 10-14, 2011.

Spirit Moves in South African General Council

The Spirit of God moved in a significant way at the South African International Assemblies of God annual general council meeting held in Johannesburg, South Africa on September 13-15. Each morning and evening church leaders, pastors, and missionaries gathered to be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit. One pastor testified, "This move of the Spirit is what we need to help prepare us for a great harvest during the Decade of Pentecost." Acts in Africa director, Dr. Denny Miller, was guest speaker for the council. Rev. Joe Hlongwane is General Superintendent of the church.

Malawi Assemblies of God Sets Decade of Pentecost Goals

The Malawi Assemblies of God (MAG) has set aggressive goals for the Decade of Pentecost. According to the church president, Dr. Lazarus Chakwera, by the end of 2020 the church aims to have 2 million members meeting in 5,000 Spirit-filled churches throughout the country. The church also seeks to see 100% of its members baptized in the Holy Spirit and mobilized as witnesses. The MAG plans to officially launch its Decade of Pentecost initiative in April of 2011.

Decade of Pentecost
2010-2011 Theme:
Empowered as Witnesses—
Acts 1:8

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