

# Decade of Pentecost Report

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

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## Central African Republic Joins the Decade of Pentecost

**About 75 Assemblies of God pastors and delegates gathered for the Central African Republic Acts 1:8 Conference.**

The conference took place on March 9-12 in the country's war-ravaged capital of Bangui. The effects of four years of violent civil unrest were clearly visible throughout the city. It is littered with bombed-out buildings and the charred remains of burned cars. UN armored vehicles can be seen patrolling the streets. The conference was conducted by the Acts in Africa Initiative for the CAR Assemblies of God led by church president, Reverend Maxime Balla. During the five-day conference, the delegates prayed, experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, investigated New Testament missions strategies, and developed a local plan to move forward in church planting and missions. —Dr. Denny Miller, Director, Acts in Africa



Each afternoon the delegates met in discussion groups to analyze the progress of their national church in the areas of Pentecostal experience and missions advance.

### The Spirit Moved in Power

The Spirit moved each evening during the CAR Acts 1:8 Conference as seekers gathered in the altar to call on God to empower them as His witnesses to the lost. Pastors prayed with them, and God baptized several in the Holy Spirit. Others committed themselves to follow Christ as Savior. During the closing service on Saturday evening, about thirty people responded to the invitation to open themselves to the call of God. They declared, "If God calls me, I will say yes!" Seven in the group indicated that were already sensing the call of God on their lives.

### Church Makes Bold Declaration

In the closing session of the conference, the leadership of the church read and publicly signed a "Decade of Pentecost Declaration" developed by the delegates during the conference. In the declaration, the church committed itself to "intensify its teaching on the baptism in the Holy Spirit" and to "encourage all members to seek and hope for the experience." They further committed themselves to deploying fifty "church-planting missionaries" to plant fifty new Spirit-empowered churches by the end of 2020. The declaration further expressed the church's desire for an "authentically Pentecostal Bible school to train Pentecostal leaders for the church."



Leaders prayed over the CAR Decade of Pentecost Declaration

### AIA Reports to AAGA

On February 23, AIA Director, Denny Miller presented a "Decade of Pentecost Progress Report" to the Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) Executive Committee meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Among other things, he reported that in forty Acts 1:8 Conferences in 29 countries, AAGA-related national churches have committed themselves to planting 49,018 new churches and deploying 2,101 cross-cultural missionaries to 208 unreached people groups in Sub-Saharan Africa by 2020.



### Central African Republic Country Profile



The Central African Republic is a country of 4.6 million people located in the heart of Africa. Although it is rich in diamonds, gold, oil, and uranium, it hosts one of the world's poorest populations. In 2013, the country was plunged into sectarian civil war in which more than 2,000 people have been killed and the country's infrastructure decimated. In February a new President was elected in a peaceful election. The political situation, nevertheless, remains tenuous.



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