

# Decade of Pentecost Report

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## Sierra Leone AG Makes DOP Commitments



The Sierra Leone Acts 1:8 Conference in Bo was marked by repeated outpourings of the Spirit followed by times of intense prayer.

The West African country of Sierra Leone is still reeling from the devastating effects on the recent Ebola crisis which took the lives nearly 4,000 Sierra Leoneans. Among those who died were Assemblies of God members and pastors. The outbreak officially ended in March.

In spite of these challenges, the Sierra Leone Assemblies of God remain committed to reaching every part of their country with the gospel of Christ.

In demonstration of this commitment, on September 20-24, about 150 pastors and church leaders gathered in the centrally located city of Bo for a national **Acts 1:8 Conference** conducted by the **Acts in Africa Initiative**. The purpose of the conference was to mobilize the church for Spirit-empowered evangelism, church planting, and cross-cultural missions.

The conference agenda included times of intercessory prayer, strategy development, and commitment to fulfilling Christ's Great Commission (Acts 1:8). Each day their gatherings were marked by repeated outpourings of the Holy Spirit with many being filled and refilled by the Spirit.

— Dr. Denny Miller, Director, Acts in Africa Initiative

### Church to “Participate in the Mission of God”



General Superintendent, Tommy Bangura, reads the “Sierra Leone AG Decade of Pentecost Declaration” to the delegates at the conference in Bo.

Each day during the Acts 1:8 Conference, the delegates discussed missions and church planting strategy. During these sessions, they evaluated the present condition of their church and discussed its future prospects.

In the final “Decade of Pentecost Commitment Service” held on Saturday afternoon, the delegates unanimously committed themselves *“to guide the Assemblies of God in Sierra Leone to seek God for a genuine Pentecostal revival, and to participate in the mission of God through planting churches and mobilizing ourselves to send missionaries to unevangelized and unreached people.”*

Among other things, the participants committed themselves to seeing 80% of their members empowered by the Holy Spirit by the end of 2020. They further committed to planting 350 new Spirit-empowered missionary churches and training 250 new pastors and equipping 300 Spirit-empowered laypersons by the turn of the decade. *Pray for the Sierra Leone AG as they seek to fulfill these Decade of Pentecost goals.*

### AIA Announces 2017 DOP Theme

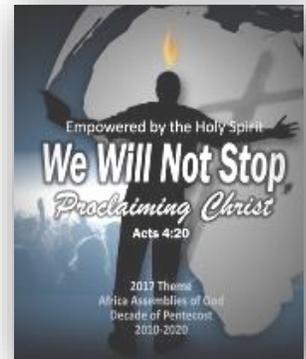
The Acts in Africa Initiative has announced the 2017 Decade of Pentecost theme: **“Empowered by the Spirit— We Will Not Stop Proclaiming Christ.”**

The theme is based on the apostle's words in Act 4:20. When Peter and John were commanded to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and answered, “We cannot keep quiet about what we have seen and heard” (CEV).

As we enter into the seventh year of the Decade of Pentecost emphasis, we will commit ourselves to keep preaching Christ, planting Spirit-empowered missionary churches, and sending missionaries to the unreached peoples and places of Africa and beyond.

To accomplish this, we will continue to call our churches and our members to be filled with the Spirit and committed to God's mission (Acts 1:8).

You can download free theme posters and bumper stickers in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish at this link: <http://www.decadeofpentecost.org/2017-theme/>. Free theme sermon outlines are also available at the same link.



2017 DOP Theme Poster



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