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The Gambia AG Makes Bold DOP Commitments



Each evening delegates gathered to be filled with the Holy Spirit and commit themselves to Spirit-empowered mission.

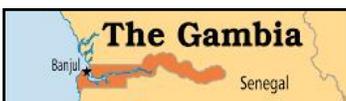
The Gambia Assemblies of God made bold missions and church planting commitments at the Acts 1:8 Conference held in Banjul on June 12-17.

About 50 delegates attended the day sessions, with about double that in the evening services. The conference was conducted by the Acts in Africa Initiative (AIA) and convened at the Evangel Assembly of God in Banjul. Evangel Assembly also serves as the national headquarters for The Gambia AG.

The program began each morning with intercessory prayer for the unreached peoples of The Gambia and beyond. The Gambia is a small far West African country of about 1.7 million residents. It contains 30 people groups, 16 of which are listed as “unreached.” These unreached peoples make up about 53% of the total population. The Gambia is 88% Islamic with only about .74% professing faith in Christ.

Following prayer each morning, the AIA team taught concerning the work of the Holy Spirit in empowering the church for mission. In afternoon “strategy sessions,” church leaders and pastors discussed the way forward for the Gambian church in church planting and missions. Then, in evening rallies, believers were given the opportunity to be empowered with the Spirit according to Jesus’ promise in Acts 1:8.

As the conference was ending, resident AG missionary, Scott Ennis testified, “This conference has been the spark we need to move the church forward in aggressive church planting.” National Church Head, Paul Ampofo-Williams, added, “The conference marks a defining moment in the history The Gambia Assemblies of God.” Please join us in prayer for this emerging West African Church. —Dr. Denny Miller, Director, Acts in Africa Initiative



Gambian church leaders pray over The Gambia AG “Acts 1:8 Declaration”

The Church Sets Missions and Church Planting Goals

In the daily conference Strategy Sessions, pastors and church leaders met in groups to discuss the present state of the church and to project a way forward in church planting and missions. They also set bold missions goals and discussed strategies for reaching those goals. Presently there are 5 Assemblies of God churches in the country. At the conclusion of their discussions, the delegates drafted and adopted an “Acts 1:8 Declaration.” In this declaration, The Gambia Assemblies of God formalized their intention to move forward in Spirit-empowered missions. Among the goals established by the church was a commitment to see 100% of their members empowered by the Spirit and mobilized as Spirit-empowered witnesses, church planters, and cross-cultural missionaries by the end of 2025. The church also committed themselves to planning 100 new “missionary churches” during the same period. To accomplish this they intend to train 40 new pastors and 60 new lay pastors and church planters. Also, by the end of 2025, The Gambia AG intend to send and support missionaries in all 5 regions of the country. (Note: This Declaration can be viewed at <http://www.decadeofpentecost.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Gambia-DOP-Declaration.pdf>)

New Free Resource! In their new book, *The New Testament Strategy of the Spirit*, AIA directors, Denny Miller and Mark Turney present an “Acts 1:8 Model for 21st Century Church Planting in Africa.” In doing this, they look into the gospels and Book of Acts to uncover the strategy used by Jesus and the New Testament church to carry out Christ’s command to be His witnesses “in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” The authors believe it to be a pattern established by Jesus for carrying out His Great Commission until He comes again. Download your free PDF e-book version of this book at this link: <http://www.decadeofpentecost.org/e-books/>.



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