

Decade of Pentecost Report

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The Decade of Pentecost Advances in Gabon



Rev. Jude Benjamin Ngouwa, President of the Gabon Assemblies of God, publically signs the Gabon Decade of Pentecost Declaration on August 24, 2013, in Libreville.

The Gabon Assemblies of God are intent on achieving their Decade of Pentecost goals. Four years ago the Gabon Assemblies of God led by Rev. Jude Benjamin Ngouwa, demonstrated their commitment to the Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) “Decade of Pentecost” emphasis by setting ambitious missions, church planting, and training goals. These goals were revealed on the final day of the Acts 1:8 Conference held in Libreville on August 20-24, 2013. In an Acts 1:8 Conference Resolution, the pastors and lay delegates committed themselves to “lead the church to experience a revival of the Holy Spirit and the multiplication of local churches.” They further committed themselves to achieve the following goals by the end of 2020:

- See at least 80% of their members baptized in Holy Spirit
- Plant 300 new churches Spirit-empowered missionary churches
- Train 300 ministers and church planters
- Send and support at least 5 missionaries abroad.

Today the church is aggressively pursuing these goals. According to AGWM missionary, Gary Dickinson, “This emphasis of linking the baptism in the Holy Spirit to evangelization and mission has brought new life to the Gabon Assemblies of God. From less than 30 churches in 1990, the Gabon Assemblies of God has grown to more than 160.” Dickinson also noted that last year the Gabon AG sent out their first missionary couple to work with the Equatorial Guinea Assemblies of God. He reports that the church is making other advances in evangelism and church planting. —Dr. Denny Miller, AIA Director

Gabon Decade of Pentecost Committee Leads the Emphasis



Rev. Raphael Lekossi leads the Decade of Pentecost emphasis in Gabon.

To help them achieve their decadal goals, the Gabon AG have established a national Decade of Pentecost Committee. Rev. Raphael Lekossi has been appointed to serve as chairman of the committee. Since his appointment, Lekossi has been active conducting city-wide and regional Acts 1:8 Conferences across the country. He further encourages pastors to hold annual Acts 1:8 Conferences in their local churches to keep the flame of Spirit-empowered mission alive. Most AG churches in Gabon conduct three- or four-day Holy Spirit revivals each year during the week leading up to Pentecost Sunday. Says Dickinson, “This emphasis has prompted pastors to, not just preach from time to time on Spirit baptism, but to write preaching on the Spirit and mission into their church calendars.”

The church’s strategy for reaching their DOP goals further includes organizing fasting and prayer meetings for members to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. In addition, pastors and lay preachers are encouraged to preach at least one time per month on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and pray with the people to be filled. Also, Christians are challenged to respond to the God’s call to evangelism and church planting. These and other emphases have contributed to the Gabon AG moving forward with the DOP commitments.

Training for Pentecostal Mission. In One strong emphasis in the Gabon AG’s execution of their Decade of Pentecost emphasis is pastoral and lay leadership training. The Gabon Acts 1:8 Resolution calls for the “training of trainers.” It further calls on pastors to “ensure that all new converts become disciples and filled with the Holy Spirit to participate in God’s mission...to evangelize our country and the world.” To achieve these training goals the church is working to revitalize the present Bible School in Port-Gentil. They have also established a new Advanced School of Theology in the capital city of Libreville. Both schools are committed to carrying out their mandate of training Spirit-empowered missional leaders who will help the church advance God’s kingdom in Gabon and to the ends of the earth.



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