

## The Spirit is Poured Out in Togo Easter Celebrations



More than 2,600 believers were filled with the Spirit during Togo AG Easter Conventions.

**In twelve Easter Conventions across the country, Togo Assemblies of God members rallied around the theme “Compelled by the Spirit.”**

The Togo Assemblies of God, led by President Djakouti Mitre, conducted regional Easter Celebrations in twelve locations across the West African country on March 24-27.

According to reports from the regions, these four-day celebrations were attended by a total of 111,181 worshipers. During the conferences, 825 people came to the Lord, and 2,666 believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

The theme chosen for the celebrations was based on the 2016 Africa Assemblies of God Alliance **Decade of Pentecost** theme, “Compelled by the Spirit.” The theme is taken from the apostle Paul’s words in Acts 20:22, 24: “Compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem... [to] complete the task that the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” Activities during the conventions included prayer times, teaching

sessions, and workshops. Each evening was marked by mass meetings featuring praise and proclamation of the word. Ample time was given for people to seek the Lord and be filled with His Spirit.

The Easter Sunday morning service in most regions focused on praying with people to be empowered by the Spirit to carry the message of the resurrected Christ to the lost. In most venues, members went into the neighborhoods to share Christ and invite people to come to the convention. —Dr. Denny Miller, Director, Acts in Africa Initiative

### Outpouring in the Maritime North



Mark Turney praying with believers to be empowered as Christ’s witnesses.

The conference in Tsévié, a city in the Maritime North Region, is typical of what happened across the country. AIA Associate Director, Mark Turney, reports that in Tsévié on Easter Sunday morning, 7000 gathered on a local football field to celebrate Christ’s resurrection from the dead.

He writes, “I was asked to minister in the service. Taking my text from Acts 20:22-24, I

preached on the topic, “Compelled to Preach the Gospel.” Turney tells how, at the end of his sermon, he called for those who wanted to be empowered by the Spirit to proclaim the gospel to the lost, to come forward for prayer.

“Several thousand came forward,” Turney testified, “and in that one service, 189 were filled with the Spirit.” Similar results were experienced throughout Togo.

### The Togo AG Pursues DOP Goals



The Togo AG is led by President Djakouti Mitre.

The Togo AG Easter Conventions helped the church to advance their Decade of Pentecost goals. From 2010-2020 the Togo AG have committed themselves to planting 2,000 new churches and adding 200,000 new members to their roles.

They also intend to deploy 200 internal cross-cultural missionaries and 4 external missionary couples by the end of the decade. To accomplish this, they are working to see two in every three members baptized in the Holy Spirit and mobilized as Spirit-empowered witnesses to the lost.

They are specifically targeting the following unreached people groups: Muslims, the Be’a’Lome, the Akebou, the Temberma, the Konkomba, the Cotocoli, the Gourmantche’, the Adele’, and the Agnagan.

To undergird this effort, church leaders are working to raise up 1,800 intercessors who will pray regularly for an outpouring of the Spirit and the advancement of God’s kingdom in Togo and beyond.

According to Rev. Ayi Adade, General Secretary of the church, the Togo AG presently have 418,500 members meeting in 1,906 churches and preaching points across the nation. Please join us in prayer for the leaders and members of this great church.