

West Africa Advanced School of Theology



“Training for Missio Dei through Pentecostal Servanthood”

Across the continent, Africans face staggering **challenges**: poverty, disease, tribal and religious conflicts, corruption, etc. Where can they find the power to confront these? How can they live in peace?

Many **choices** beckon. Islam, sorcery and secret societies, pseudo-Christian cults, homegrown churches built on personalities and twisted prosperity teachings—all promise power and peace.

The true Way to peace? Millions have found it in Jesus, in Bible-based **churches** led by Spirit-filled pastors This is why WAAST exists: to train leaders who lead searching people to the Prince of Peace.

Let's pray together for the challenges WAAST faces, then pray for:

- ❖ the Assemblies of God (AG) work in the countries of West and Central Africa that WAAST serves (Jan. 10–Mar. 27)
- ❖ the WAAST extension centers and the AG work in the host countries (April 3–June 19)
- ❖ the personnel and physical needs at WAAST's central campus in Lomé, Togo (July 3–17)
- ❖ other ministries based on the campus (July 24–Aug.14)
- ❖ the need for Pentecostal outpouring and Bible training, and the various challenges in Africa that can be met only through the power of the Holy Spirit (Aug. 21–Sept. 18)
- ❖ students' financial needs, families, and churches (Sept. 25–Oct. 2)
- ❖ students and alumni serving in various areas of ministry (Oct. 9–Dec. 25)
- ❖ annual events, on the weeks they occur

About WAAST and AGGST

- ❖ West Africa Advanced School of Theology (WAAST) is based in Lomé, Togo. The campus is actually home to two schools: the undergraduate WAAST and the Assemblies of God Graduate School of Theology (AGGST). The campus also hosts the doctoral classes of Pan-Africa Theological Seminary (PATHS).
- ❖ WAAST and AGGST emphasize the Pentecostal mandate and the fulfillment of the Great Commission, equipping men and women for outreach in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ WAAST opened in 1971 and offers its courses in both French and English to train Christian workers from West and Central Africa. Its 3-year program grants a post-secondary diploma and a bachelor of theology degree. More than 1,300 alumni now serve the churches in Africa and other parts of the world.
- ❖ AGGST opened in 1994; its French program began in 2002. The 4-year program offers a master's degree in missiology. AGGST counts more than 250 alumni.
- ❖ WAAST and AGGST today serve some 20 nations of West and Central Africa, covering about a third of the continent. More than 11 million AG believers live within this area, which is larger than the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii.
- ❖ WAAST courses are given in block sessions twice a year. AGGST students meet from May through July.
- ❖ Ten extension centers make it possible for students to attend block sessions closer to home. They spend their last semester at the central campus and graduate together.
- ❖ Since the first extension center was opened in the 1990s, enrollment has grown more than 12 times, from about 45 students to more than 600.
- ❖ In the area WAAST serves, there are 1.8 churches for every credentialed pastor. Training is critical, and WAAST and AGGST play a vital role in supplying qualified teachers and administrators for Bible schools all over West and Central Africa.

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Extension Centers

1. Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
 2. Mbalmayo, Cameroon
 3. Daloa, Côte d'Ivoire
 4. Kinshasa, Dem. Rep. of the Congo
 5. Libreville, Gabon
 6. Kumasi, Ghana
 7. Antananarivo, Madagascar
 8. Niamey, Niger
 9. Dakar, Senegal
 10. Freetown, Sierra Leone
- ★ Central Campus—Lomé, Togo

Look What the Lord Has Done!

Praise God for answered prayer in these areas:

2016 Graduating Class: On November 7, 2015, 99 graduates from 14 nations were accorded their WAAST diplomas. Twenty-one students representing 8 nations received the MA degree from AGGST.

PATHS: Four doctoral candidates, two of whom are WAAST alumni, received the Ph.D. degree. The seminary will be adding a Doctor of Ministry degree program in 2016.

Central African Republic: The general secretary of the AG in CAR has completed his first year of study at WAAST, with a vision to take solid Pentecostal training back home to a struggling national church. Another Central African graduated from AGGST in 2015.

Chad: The Bible school in Moundou, led by a WAAST graduate, has sent out 5 home missionaries to other parts of the country. Nine families from Burkina Faso have moved to the Bible school for training and to serve as missionaries in Chad.

Mali: The Live-Dead training center is open and preparing workers who will move into various parts of West Africa to establish churches.

Senegal: More are responding to the call to ministry in this Muslim nation, and the Bible institute has had an intake of 9 new students. A total of 25 are taking courses, and 7 more are doing internships.

Gabon Extension Center: Classes begin in early 2016 at a newly constructed WAAST extension center in Libreville, the capital city.

Kinshasa Extension Center: The number of students from eastern DRC is growing, and some from the west are sensing the call to serve in the more dangerous eastern areas. A much-needed guestroom for visiting professors is now in use on the campus.

Teacher Training Seminar: Forty-eight WAAST-connected teachers took part in a seminar in July 2015 to study principles of learning and curriculum development. Such training helps provide consistency with such a varied faculty and multiple campuses.

Tabernacle Plant: Travel restrictions due to the Ebola crisis limited teams coming to build tabernacles in 2015. Still, 10 were fabricated and 4 were erected for churches in Togo. Footings were poured in preparation to put up a big hall at the Togo AG's new prayer center.

January 3

This week pray concerning

CHALLENGES FACING WAAST

Every student at WAAST has tremendous potential—and WAAST has a tremendous responsibility to equip each to fulfill God's mission in the power of the Spirit. Professors, extension center directors, and administrators need God's wisdom to provide consistent training on multiple campuses. Library and computer resources are lacking in many of the centers. Growth in enrollment brings a need for more personnel and facilities. Most important: the constant challenge for all at WAAST to grow in character and in their walk with the Lord.

Please pray

- ❖ for a spirit of urgency and zeal as professors and students alike consider their mandate to bring in and preserve the harvest.
- ❖ for the directors of the centers, who face challenges of resources, personnel, and various obstacles in their countries of service.
- ❖ for protection over WAAST students working in areas threatened by terrorist movements, as well as over all the WAAST sites.

January 10

This week pray for

ANGOLA

Although more than 60% of Angola's people claim to be Christians, most are heavily influenced by traditional practices and heretical teachings, even in supposedly Pentecostal churches. Proper Bible training infused with the Holy Spirit's wisdom is needed! A WAAST graduate directs a Bible institute with 400+ students. A degree-granting Bible college is training more than 300 on 2 campuses. The more advanced students teach the new students and lead “Roots of Faith” Bible doctrine classes for hundreds of lay pastors and workers around the nation.



Please pray

- ❖ for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on AG leaders and churches. Of 2.2+ million members, only some 16% are Spirit-filled.
 - ❖ that students in the Bible college, institute, extension programs, and the 2-year Roots of Faith program, might in turn lead believers to a greater love for Jesus and His Word, that they might reject heresy.
 - ❖ that children and youth may find Jesus and grow up to serve Him and the Church. More than 60% of Angolans are under 25.
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January 17

This week pray for

BENIN



The AG in Benin plants dozens of churches a year, but the number of trained pastors cannot keep pace. Pastors oversee multiple churches, and layworkers lead many as well. Praise God, the Bible school has a record enrollment of 150+, and the AG plans to open a second school, in the north, this year.

More than 90 WAAST alumni play key roles in church leadership, education, and church planting. Some persevere in areas where Islam or animism dominate, both here and as missionaries in other nations.

Please pray

- ❖ for the Spirit's wisdom upon the leaders of this growing church.
- ❖ for more lodging, study materials, and finances to meet the needs of the Bible school in Dassa-Zoumé.
- ❖ for the successful establishment of the new Bible school in Natitingou, and for God-called students to fill its classrooms.
- ❖ that those serving in difficult areas will see spiritual fruit this year.

January 24

This week pray for

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)



After a time of tenuous peace, fighting between Muslims and “Christians” (as any non-Muslim is called) erupted in late 2015. The pastors of 5 of the 7 AG churches in the capital city live and minister in refugee camps. The 10 AG churches are weak and Pentecostal in name only, as few pastors have received appropriate training. The general secretary is now

attending WAAST.

Please pray

- ❖ for stability and peace so that churches can function. Most of their buildings have been damaged and thieves are a constant threat.
- ❖ for refugees who are saved in the camps, that when they leave they can find support for their Christian growth.
- ❖ for strength and provision for the pastors and their families. They cannot work, and they face a daily fight for food.
- ❖ for the establishment of desperately needed training seminars and a Bible institute so that pastors can understand and teach Pentecostal doctrine.

Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit upon them.

for young people who study in other countries, find the Lord, and return, that they may continue. Pray God will call some to ministry.

January 31

This week pray for

CHAD

Despite the fact that Chad has a Muslim-majority population and a Muslim president, the Church is respected and free to work. The task is great: more than 70 people groups remain unreached. The Bible school in Moundou is sending out church planters and training more. The AG reaches into communities through Christian schools, radio programs, and granaries. A WAAST alumnus serves as general superintendent. Others, from Togo and Burkina Faso, serve the church as missionaries.



Please pray

- ❖ for more Chadians to respond to God's call to full-time ministry, and that more can attend a WAAST extension.
- ❖ that God will raise up workers to plant churches in the cities; there are only 2 in the capital.
- ❖ that women may be mobilized for God's work in the churches.
- ❖ for a Pentecostal outpouring and greater vision for missions.

February 7

This week pray for

CONGO

AG churches in Congo are mothering new works, with a goal of 50 each year. Each new congregation needs a Spirit-led pastor who preaches the Word to help believers see the dangers of the unbiblical prosperity teachings and personality cults that abound. About 40 future pastors study by day and some layworkers come for evening courses at the Bible school in Pointe-Noire, directed by an alumnus. Muslim businessmen from West Africa and refugees from Central Africa Republic who are moving in need to hear the true gospel.



Please pray

- ❖ for new churches, especially in villages, where churches are few, and for pastors ready and willing to lead them.
- ❖ for God's wisdom and resources to establish schools, clinics, and other works that minister to body, soul, and spirit.
- ❖ for open doors and a greater vision to reach out to the Muslims, many of whom would not hear the gospel in their own countries.
- ❖ that women will rise up as powerful intercessors on behalf of their families, their neighbors, their nation, and the world.

February 14

This week pray for

EQUATORIAL GUINEA (EG)



Portuguese and Spanish colonists “christianized” the people of EG, and today 90% consider themselves Catholics. Most are nominal, and many still follow animistic practices. Fewer than 5% are evangelical believers. About 75 AG churches seek to lead these people to Jesus! Little ones are welcome in children's church and in 5 AG primary schools. Youth learn and grow through King's Castle discipleship programs. Adults are disciplined and given opportunities to serve in various ministries. Bible school campuses on both the mainland and the island are training 50 students as pastors, church planters, teachers, missionaries, and more.

Please pray

- ❖ that “Christians” would come to Jesus, and that young people would be called to bring others to Him and train for ministry.
- ❖ for the churches' witness to Muslims, about 4% of the population.
- ❖ for the resources to send out 4 fully supported missionaries and to establish new churches within the country.

February 21

This week pray for

GUINEA



“The few Christians in this country feel swallowed up and tempted to convert to Islam.” This is one of many challenges in this heavily Muslim country, according to a WAAST/AGGST alumnus working here. Ebola, political instability, and poor infrastructure have added to the difficulties. But new churches are being planted and converts baptized! Pastors conventions provide fellowship, and lay-training seminars are preparing more workers. The Bible institute in Conakry is training about 10 pastors—a great need, as there are only some 50 Pentecostal pastors in the country.

Please pray

- ❖ for pastors, who often feel discouraged and alone. Pray that they would draw their strength from the Holy Spirit and preach Pentecost boldly, that people may be filled and advance the work.
- ❖ that believers might find their fullness in Jesus and seek no other.
- ❖ that more would respond to God's call to evangelize and plant churches, and receive the lay or pastoral training they need.

February 28

This week pray for

THE NEW SESSION & NEW STUDENTS

Returning students are reconnecting with each other, and new students are learning the campus routines as the first semester of 2016 begins. Over the next 9 weeks, they will take 6 courses, then work on post-assignments at home. Many find themselves challenged by new ideas as they interact with classmates and professors from other nations. All find themselves challenged to grow as learners and servant-leaders.

Please pray

- ❖ that students' learning would go beyond the books and lectures, that they might grow in their relationships with Jesus and with others.
- ❖ for good interaction in the classroom, as “iron sharpens iron.”
- ❖ for good health for both students and professors.

March 6

This week pray for

LIBERIA

The Assemblies of God, Liberia (AGL) is moving forward with a fresh emphasis on planting churches and sending missionaries over the next 4 years. A Bible college and 6 Bible institutes are training servants for these works. The Ebola crisis drew people into the churches, seeking help and hope. Many of these have remained faithful; churches have grown and new ones have been opened. WAAST alumni are involved in church leadership from the national to local levels and in pastoring, training, church planting, and compassion work.



Please pray

- ❖ for more workers willing to leave the cities to reach the rural areas.
- ❖ for provision for Bible school students; some have dropped out for economic reasons. Pray also that more will respond to God's call.
- ❖ for the 2 home missionaries and 1 foreign missionary sent out by the LAG. Pray that more can be added and fully supported.
- ❖ for outreach into the Muslim-dominated areas, especially the northwest counties.
- ❖ for proper buildings for new churches. Many have palm-branch roofs that cannot withstand the heavy rains.

March 13

This week pray for

MALI



During this Decade of Pentecost (to 2020) the Mali AG has declared its intentions to plant 34 new churches, engage every believer in some type of ministry, and reach into closed areas.

This can be accomplished only as pastors and members are filled with and walk in the Spirit. In the north, the 5 churches and AG primary school are active, but peace is tenuous. In the capital, U.S. missionaries have opened a Live-Dead training center, where a team of “nomads” have just begun a year of cultural and spiritual preparation to move on to lesser-reached areas of West Africa.

Please pray

- ❖ for a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit on His people.
- ❖ for the Live-Dead leaders as they teach, for the development of teams, and for open doors into the areas God has prepared.
- ❖ for the church-planting efforts of the Mali AG and for an increased vision to penetrate unreached areas of the country.
- ❖ for the African missionaries (from Benin, Burkina Faso, and Togo) who serve in Mali, for their families and their work.

March 20

This week pray for

NIGERIA



In May 2015, with a new general superintendent and a fresh vision, the Nigeria AG launched its “Decade of Rapid Multiplication.” Through evangelizing, church planting, mobilizing more home and foreign missionaries, and emphasizing Pentecost, this body is working to win 30 million

to Christ and to begin 6,000 new churches in Nigeria and beyond, by 2025. Challenges are many, among them threats of terrorism, false teachings, politics, and poverty. But our God is greater!

Please pray

- ❖ for the leaders of the AG; may they move forward boldly under the Spirit's direction and mobilize God's people with His wisdom.
- ❖ for those serving where the threat of Boko Haram is growing. Pray for more who are willing to begin works in these areas.
- ❖ for the 100+ unreached people groups here, that they will hear the Good News from their countrymen and others.
- ❖ for the 10 Bible schools and many extension programs as they train some 4,000 workers for these tasks.

March 27

This week pray for

OUR HOST COUNTRY—TOGO

With more than 2,300 AG churches and annexes to serve, and fewer than 900 credentialed pastors, Togo's Bible training programs are crucial. Two schools are training 200+ pastors, and hundreds of layworkers study in more than a dozen centers or by correspondence through CD courses and Global University. All these programs are directed by WAAST and AGGST alumni, who also serve in leadership, church planting, home and foreign missions, media and compassion ministries, and more.



Please pray

- ❖ that thousands of believers would receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Every 3 months churches throughout the nation hold special revival and prayer meetings for this reason.
- ❖ for willing workers to go to areas where Muslims and animists need a witness, and for places of worship as churches are planted.
- ❖ for a greater commitment on the part of established churches to contribute to the purchase of land and buildings for new works.
- ❖ for the growing Bible schools, for more dorms, classrooms, etc.

April 3

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN BURKINA FASO

About 25 students attend this center, held on the AG's main Bible school campus in the capital city. WAAST and AGGST alumni serve at this Bible school, and several direct some of the 9 Bible institutes and the lay-training program. Graduates are also involved in home and foreign missions, church planting, media, compassion ministries, and all levels of leadership.



Please pray

- ❖ for finances for those who struggle, and for a greater enrollment to help the center meet expenses.
- ❖ that more would answer God's call and be mobilized to plant churches and go as missionaries in the Spirit's power. The Burkina AG wants to open 5,000 new churches, train 6,000 pastors, and deploy hundreds of home and foreign missionaries by 2020.
- ❖ for wisdom for the leadership, especially in the area of training. May WAAST continue to be a great influence and blessing.

April 10

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN CAMEROON



Since 1998, this center has produced more than 140 alumni. Most serve with Full Gospel Mission. The Cameroon AG, established by WAAST/AGGST graduates from Nigeria, is now led largely by alumni. One alumnus has opened a Bible school in the Muslim-dominated north, training workers to reach people and plant churches in this dangerous area. This bilingual extension center also serves students from Chad and Nigeria. Alumni serve as leaders, teachers, pastors, and church planters; some lead children's, youth, university students', and women's ministries.

Please pray

- ❖ concerning the infrastructure challenges on the center's campus: unstable electricity affects Internet access and burns out equipment, and maintenance personnel are needed.
- ❖ for funds, and for wisdom in developing a project that can provide income to meet operational costs.
- ❖ for more workers willing to serve in Muslim areas.

April 17

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN COTE D'IVOIRE



More than 30 students now attend this center, and the 70+ alumni are passing on their training in the 3 Bible schools, in pulpits, in regional and national leadership positions, through media, and more. The AG is working to plant 600 new churches over the next few years, especially in the villages and in the north, where Islam is stronger. Leaders and pastors are also emphasizing the Pentecostal distinctive, knowing that only the Holy Spirit can empower believers to discern and fulfill God's calling.

Please pray

- ❖ for continued growth in this center and in the Bible schools to meet the need for trained pastors, church planters, and missionaries.
- ❖ for wisdom for church leaders in dealing with the issues of politics and the challenges of reaching Muslims and animists.
- ❖ for the organization of social helps at the national-church level; many local churches help with wells, schools, and clinics, but more can be done to meet needs and provide evangelism opportunities.

April 24

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)

Under the leadership of 2 alumni, this center has more than 50 enrolled in its bachelor's and 11 in its master's program. More than 150 alumni are involved in leadership, pastoring, training, church-planting, compassion work, and media ministry; many do several of these at once. In eastern DRC, terrorist groups disrupt everyday life and the churches, stifling growth. One alumnus is working to organize and revive the Bible schools there; may the Lord fill their classrooms!



Please pray

- ❖ for a permanent solution to recurring power outages on the campus.
- ❖ for more personnel to lighten the directors' load, and for more funds for professors' travel and other expenses.
- ❖ for a greater number of students from the east, and that more will be called to minister in this unstable, needy region.
- ❖ for outreaches to Muslims and to the many Chinese working here.

May 1

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN GABON

The new Bible school in Libreville was dedicated last October and opened earlier this year as a WAAST extension under the direction of a WAAST/AGGST graduate. Every worker is needed to evangelize, plant churches, and train others. Local churches, under pastors and trained lay church planters, are establishing new congregations; the goal is 300 new churches by 2020. According to the missions director (an alumnus), the Gabon AG hopes to send out 5 foreign missionaries. Most importantly, the Church is emphasizing the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Only as His people are empowered will they reach their nation and beyond.



Please pray

- ❖ that God would call many to full-time ministry and open doors for them to receive Pentecostal training in this new center.
- ❖ that the Spirit would guide the church-planting teams to the areas where people are ready to receive them, and for buildings.
- ❖ for an outpouring of the Spirit on the leadership and on the congregations, including the youth and children.

May 8

This week pray for

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

AGGST's 10-week session begins for some 50 students; about 30 are working at home on their thesis projects. More than 250 pastors, teachers, and leaders have completed the MA in Missiology program. Their knowledge and leadership continues to raise the standard of training in Bible schools around the continent and thus to strengthen the Church. The program's emphasis on missions has led many to mobilize their own national and local churches to send out home and foreign missionaries.

Please pray

- ❖ that the Spirit would use each professor and each course to challenge students, that they may become better servant-leaders.
- ❖ for health and strength for students during this long session, and for their families and churches at home.
- ❖ for funds for student fees and travel, and for travel funds for professors coming from Africa, North America, and Europe.

May 15

This week pray concerning

THE NEED FOR PENTECOSTAL RENEWAL



It's Pentecost Sunday! “*Compelled by the Spirit*” (Acts 20:22-24) is the 2016 Decade of Pentecost theme. More than 30 of the 50 AG national churches across Africa have set goals in the areas of church planting, especially in unreached regions; training; evangelism, discipleship, etc. This work can be done only with the Spirit's empowerment—and only 19% of members are Spirit-

filled. May these churches become truly Pentecostal!

Please pray

- ❖ for renewed thirst for the Holy Spirit on the part of church leaders and pastors, who set the example for their congregations.
- ❖ for Acts 1:8 missions conferences, held for AG leaders around the continent to seek the Spirit and His strategies for greater outreach.
- ❖ for new training initiatives, from Sunday school to Bible school.

May 22

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN GHANA

The Ghana AG has launched an aggressive church-planting campaign, Vision 3000, mobilizing each of its 3,000 churches to plant at least 1 new church by 2020. This center continues to train those who will train workers for these churches; who will go into unreached areas; who will disciple, and train others to disciple, youth and children; and who will boldly confront the many popular false teachings in the power of the Spirit.



Please pray

- ❖ for the leadership of the center as they seek a permanent meeting place, and for funding for this need.
- ❖ for those students who work in the professional world but whom God has called. Many find it difficult to leave work to attend 6-week-long class sessions.
- ❖ for God's provision for those who struggle with school fees.
- ❖ for more workers for the new churches, especially to serve in less-reached areas.

May 29

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN MADAGASCAR

Advanced training through this extension center, now in its third year, is already strengthening the work of the Madagascar AG. Pastors and teachers are taking more care to present doctrine based on God's Word and not on popular culture. This will in turn help them produce better workers in their Bible institute and its 10 extensions. More workers are needed, as every pastor must oversee 2-3 churches to serve all of the 900 or so congregations.



Please pray

- ❖ for growing unity and vision among the leadership of the AG here.
- ❖ for more library resources; books are few, and the Internet is not available on the campus where the center meets.
- ❖ for finances for the students. Some must travel in from the provinces 3 times a year for courses. Every student must come to the WAAST central campus in Lomé to complete the program, and travel costs are high.

June 5

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN NIGER



The Niger AG needs our prayers for building and rebuilding. Some churches damaged in attacks more than a year ago are still being rebuilt. As people respond to the gospel, more churches need to be built, but these projects are often blocked by Muslims. Pastors and layworkers need training to better build up the Kingdom. In some of the schools, in camps, and

through various media, youth and children learn of Jesus, and they need to be built up in their faith.

Please pray

- ❖ that the Niamey Bible school and WAAST extension may reopen.
- ❖ for the lay-training program, directed by an alumnus.
- ❖ that God's Spirit would guide the leaders in unity and grant them courage as they build and rebuild in difficult places.
- ❖ for children and youth who want to follow Jesus but face resistance from their Muslim families. Some are disciplined in secret.

June 12

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN SENEGAL



About 10 students are enrolled in this center. They face multiple challenges, such as travel, finances, and lack of personnel to lead their churches in their absence. Sometimes only a few can attend the sessions. Trained, Spirit-filled pastors are vital for the healthy growth of churches in this nation where Islam holds sway.

Please pray

- ❖ that God would encourage and provide for the students, and that He would call more. Thank God for growth in the Bible institute.
- ❖ for new church plants, that each may have a pastor and land. Pray that landlords would be willing to rent or sell to churches.
- ❖ for those reaching out to the Wolof, Tukolor, and other resistant groups, for a spiritual breakthrough among them.
- ❖ for missionaries from several African nations and the West, as they serve the churches and mobilize members and teams for outreach in this and other Muslim-dominated lands.
- ❖ that the church-attached kids clubs, schools, and clinics would meet the needs of many—especially their spiritual needs.

June 19

This week pray for

THE EXTENSION CENTER IN SIERRA LEONE

The Ebola crisis and subsequent economic problems have affected attendance at this extension center, but it continues with some 20 students. Islam, animism, and false “Christian” teachings challenge the true gospel, underlining the need for Pentecostal training. The AG has set goals to plant 100 new churches and train 200 pastors by 2020. More than 50 WAAST alumni play key roles in providing training in the Bible school and lay-training programs around the country and in leadership from the national- to the local-church level. The extension center director shares these requests:



Please pray

- ❖ that the Lord would open the eyes of people who are called to the ministry to see the need to study and be better equipped to face the challenges in the field.
- ❖ for open doors of strategic ministry to the Muslims in this country.
- ❖ for funds for WAAST students to study at the center and in Lomé.

June 26

This week pray for



PAN·AFRICA
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PATHS to the nations!

This year marks a decade of PATHS doctoral courses. Fifty-three students from around the continent are active in its Ph.D. program, and a new cohort begins later

this year. The seminary is introducing a Doctor of Ministry program this year in conjunction with Assemblies of God Theology Seminary in Springfield, MO. A WAAST graduate has been named the first PATHS Fellow and is sharpening his skills to serve as a researcher and professor at the doctoral level.

Please pray

- ❖ for more personnel as the seminary expands.
- ❖ for the busy faculty, all of whom have other ministries as well.
- ❖ for candidates working on their dissertations.
- ❖ that the new D.Min. program may be a blessing to the Church by strengthening church leaders and educators.
- ❖ that the Holy Spirit would pervade and guide each class session.

July 3

This week pray for

RESIDENT STAFF



WAAST's resident staff is continually shifting, but the Lord has blessed the school with a dedicated core group and with willing workers who divide their time between WAAST and other assignments. Both the African and American staff

members serve according to their abilities in teaching, administration, logistics, hosting, and filling in gaps as needed.

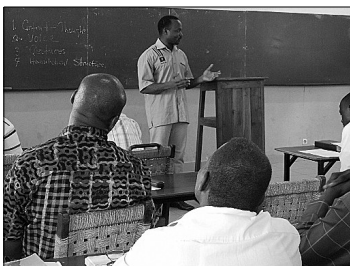
Please pray

- ❖ for continued unity and blessing on the staff members as they use their gifts for the smooth operation of the school.
- ❖ for health and stamina as staff members serve in various roles on the campus, teach in extension centers, minister in churches, and fulfill other obligations that arise.
- ❖ that each would continue to grow in grace and find joy in serving.

July 10

This week pray for

ADJUNCT FACULTY



Only a few of the 40+ WAAST and AGGST professors serve primarily at WAAST. Most who teach are church leaders, educators, or pastors who come for 2- or 3-week blocks. They come from more than 10 nations, both African and Western; most are alumni. The diversity of cultural and ministry experience they bring enhances their courses and

expands the worldview of the students.

Please pray

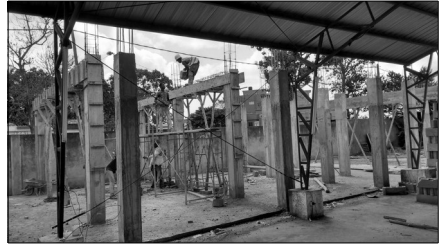
- ❖ for continued blessing on and provision for those who take the time to bless the students at both the Lomé campus and the centers.
- ❖ that each would have good rapport with the students, and for good understanding and communication in the multicultural classrooms.
- ❖ for safe travel and good health for those who come long distances to teach.

July 17

This week pray concerning

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

More students = a greater need for lodging, classrooms, furnishings, books, and personnel. Work continues on expanding the former library, now a 3-story center housing offices, teachers' lodging, classrooms, the chapel, and the computer lab. Moving the lab allows more space for books in the library. The kitchen and dining facilities need to be renovated, as well as some dorms. Because of high-tension wires, about 1/3 of the campus cannot be developed.



Please pray

- ❖ for workers and funds to complete the new center.
- ❖ for favor from the government in compensating WAAST for the unusable land and the condemned buildings under the wires.
- ❖ for additional office personnel and for a physical plant manager.
- ❖ for more resources in French and for better Internet access.

July 24

This week pray for

WAAST INTERNATIONAL CHAPEL

Throughout the week this church hosts various prayer meetings; youth, women's, and men's meetings; Bible studies; and children's activities. On Sunday some 2,000 gather to worship and learn, with another audience of an estimated 2 million following on the radio. Behind the church, new classrooms and offices are being built to better serve these ministries. As false teachers from outside actively woo believers from this and other area churches, the Chapel's pastors and teachers at all levels take care to present the uncompromising Word.

Please pray

- ❖ for the pastoral staff and teachers as they guide adults, youth, and children to grow in the knowledge of God and of His Word so they may discern and stand against false teaching.
- ❖ for the Saturday-morning ministry to hundreds of neighborhood children (with Compassion, Inc.). Some parents have found the Lord through their children; pray that more would do so.
- ❖ for the evangelism efforts and the integration of new believers into the church.

July 31

This week pray for

RADIO JESUS LOVES YOU

Eighteen to twenty hours per day, seven days a week, in English, French, and 12 tribal languages, Radio Jesus Loves You broadcasts God's message of love and hope. Listeners in southern Togo, Benin, and Ghana enjoy the Christian music and the Sunday-morning service from the WAAST Chapel. Throughout the week, local pastors and ministry leaders present Bible teaching and programs specifically aimed at youth, children, couples, Muslims, drug addicts, and others. Dozens call in each day to ask questions, and many have come to the station to find out more and accept Jesus as their Savior.

Please pray

- ❖ for the spiritual walk of all who present on the radio, that their messages would be anointed and touch the lives of listeners.
- ❖ for authorization to extend the radio's reach to central and northern Togo; this has been blocked due to infrastructure problems.
- ❖ for more programs for Muslims and other unreached peoples.
- ❖ for the faithful donors and for provision for the station's needs.

August 7

This week pray for

THE FINAL SEMESTER



Students from about a dozen countries are registering, buying books, and settling into the dorms as a new semester begins. Many of the third-year students have come from the various extension centers to complete the program. They have left families and churches behind for 3 months, and they need God's peace so they may apply themselves to study.

Students in the first and second years will take 4 courses over the next 6 weeks; the others have set their sights on November 5!

Please pray

- ❖ for quick adjustment for those coming to the Lomé campus for the first time, and for health for every student during these busy weeks.
- ❖ for students working on the required thesis projects, that the research and application would benefit the student in his or her ministry in the future.
- ❖ that every class session and every professor would be led by the Spirit, and that the students, from many cultural backgrounds, would experience the unity of the body of Christ.

August 14

This week pray for

THE TABERNACLE FABRICATION PLANT

Many of Togo's 2,300+ congregations do not meet in permanent, solid buildings. The small plant on the WAAST campus produces trusses, which are then set up on a prepared foundation and a tin roof added. The receiving church completes the walls as they are able. Running full time, the plant could produce 3 buildings each week. Pray that more churches and ministries may benefit as funds and teams come to help.

Please pray

- ❖ that God would provide a way of obtaining affordable steel supplies locally.
- ❖ for favor to ship containers at reduced rates for those materials that need to be imported.
- ❖ that the Lord would open the hearts of pastors to contribute teams of 7-10 workers willing and able to work in hot climates.
- ❖ for divine protection over the teams and local workers.

August 21

This week pray concerning

SYNCRETISM & CULTS

For people in Africa—and around the world—gaining power and control is paramount. Traditional religions teach the manipulation of spirits. When such motivations are combined with the true gospel, the resulting syncretism leads people to try to manipulate God through prayer and spiritual “gifts.” Pseudo-Christian cults are a serious threat to non-discerning believers. Many cults in Africa revolve around a personality, who lures people with promises of power and prosperity. Christians need to be discipled in God's Word and filled with His Spirit to stand against these temptations.



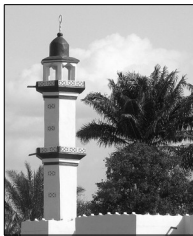
Please pray

- ❖ that pastors and teachers in the churches and Bible training programs would stand firm, teach the Word, and help their students recognize and guard against all that would lead to compromise.
- ❖ for those who are wavering; may they find all they seek in Jesus.
- ❖ for the salvation of those who now mislead others.

August 28

This week pray concerning

THE CHALLENGE OF ISLAM



The threat of Islam is growing, not only through the overt terrorism that makes the news, but in more subtle ways. Muslim men seek Christian brides, landlords raise the rent on churches and believers, families reject members who accept Christ. More Muslims are involved in government, education, and business, influencing communities and nations. But like all people, they are created to worship God and crave His love. Most who accept Jesus do so because they are drawn by the godly lives of believers. We invite you to join WAAST students in prayer for the Muslim world every Friday at 8 a.m. EST. You may request our weekly Jumaa Prayer e-bulletin at news@waast.org.

Please pray

- ❖ that Jesus would reveal himself to Muslims in dreams and visions, and that pastors and believers would be ready to lead them to Him.
- ❖ for God's protection over His people in dangerous areas, that He may empower them and make them strong witnesses.
- ❖ that those who fear Muslims may see them as God does and begin to love and develop friendships with them.

September 4

This week pray concerning

TRIBALISM & REGIONALISM

“[T]here is no difference between Jews and Gentiles...you are all one in union with Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28, GNT). This was radical thinking in Paul's time, and still is today, as people tend to favor those of their own tribes or regions. Prejudice has no place among the followers of Him who ate with sinners and who called common fishermen. Those who have been saved by grace must model this all-inclusive love to a world that prefers hierarchy.

Please pray

- ❖ that pastors and leaders would set an example of Jesus' love for all, without concern for tribal ties or the reactions of those who carry prejudices.
- ❖ for believers who struggle with prejudices toward “outsiders.” May the Lord help them to see them from His perspective and to remember that they themselves are “outsiders” saved by grace.

September 11

This week pray concerning

THE CHALLENGES OF INSTABILITY & PERSECUTION

In much of Africa, people live on shaky ground. Millions have been displaced due to armed conflicts in Nigeria, Sudan, eastern DR Congo, Central African Republic, and other nations. Natural disasters such as drought and diseases such as Ebola devastate tenuous economic and health systems. In many areas, Christians face overt persecution, as those of other religions seek to block the work of the Church. But instability in life causes people to seek a Rock to cling to, and persecution strengthens true followers of Jesus.

Please pray

- ❖ that believers living alongside others in refugee camps and difficult areas would be beacons of hope, and that in the midst of fear, and uncertainty churches would be established and grow.
- ❖ that the Spirit would encourage those who are being persecuted and give them opportunities to share Jesus' love with their oppressors.
- ❖ that God would work in the hearts of those who stand against Him and His people, for their redemption.

September 18

This week pray concerning

THE CHALLENGE OF POLITICS

Paul exhorts Timothy—and us—to pray for “all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (1 Tim. 2:2). Christians who hold secular political offices face tremendous temptations to compromise on moral issues or to use their power for personal gain. They need godly counselors, a strong spiritual walk, and a humble spirit. The same holds true for church leaders; in fact, they are prime targets of the Enemy, who wants to divide the body of Christ. They need prayer so that believers may be free to live lives that model godliness and holiness.

Please pray

- ❖ for believers in secular politics, that they would be ever conscious of their position as God's servants and seek His wisdom.
- ❖ that church leaders would embrace their role as servant-leaders who are to enable the Church to reach out and grow.
- ❖ that Christians would be wise in their political involvement, bearing in mind the values of our heavenly Kingdom.

September 25

This week pray for

STUDENTS' FINANCIAL NEEDS

The God who calls us is faithful to meet our needs. This truth is put to the test every session, and especially for the third-year students who come to the central campus for the long final semester. Some struggle to meet the costs of tuition, room, board, books, and travel. Some churches contribute to their pastor's education. Some students benefit from a scholarship or sponsors. All of them must trust the Lord, and as they are obedient, they see and can testify to His faithfulness.

Please pray

- ❖ for miracles of provision for students as they step out in faith, and for wisdom in using the funds entrusted to them.
- ❖ for God's blessing on those who provide scholarship monies and other help for students who have few resources.
- ❖ that more churches would be willing to invest in their pastor's training and reap the benefits thereof.

October 2

This week pray for

STUDENTS' FAMILIES & CHURCHES



Students come for sessions lasting from 6 to 13 weeks. Most must leave their families and churches in the care of others, and it's not easy. Some live in areas threatened by instability and even terrorism. Family emergencies and church issues may arise. The spouse left at home must be both father and mother and often assume much of

the ministry responsibilities. Those at home need grace and strength for the added tasks, and the students need peace of mind to study well.

Please pray

- ❖ for the smooth running of households and churches during the students' absence.
- ❖ for divine protection and the health of the spouses, children, and church workers, and for wisdom to deal with any problems.
- ❖ that peace and assurance would fill the heart of every student and ease the sense of homesickness many feel.

October 9

This week pray for

NATIONAL AND DISTRICT CHURCH LEADERS

Church leaders at the national, regional, and district levels greatly influence the priorities and direction of the local churches. The many WAAST and AGGST alumni serving in these positions have been catalysts for change in the attitudes and strategies of the churches, leading them



toward more Spirit-empowered evangelism within their countries and districts and toward greater missions efforts in other lands.

Please pray

- ❖ for God's guidance and wisdom as they teach and model His priority—building the Kingdom. Pray they might keep their focus on this work and not be distracted or tempted to compromise.
- ❖ for an increasing burden to begin works in unreached areas and to mobilize and prepare willing workers.
- ❖ for those leading in areas affected by terrorism, that they might wisely encourage and care for the pastors and churches.

October 16

This week pray for

PASTORS AND CHURCH PLANTERS



The line between pastor and church planter is often very thin, as most lead their churches to mother new ones. Pastors may oversee several congregations and train layworkers to help. The pastor is a teacher, counselor, evangelist, and social worker. Some serve in areas where terrorist threats intimidate, a place of worship is hard to obtain, and they see little fruit. Others enjoy great growth and need wisdom to train and send their people as witnesses.

Please pray

- ❖ that God would encourage each pastor and family at their point of need and help them to maintain strong spiritual and family lives.
- ❖ for new churches, that each may win new converts, obtain needed property, and be led by a truly Spirit-directed pastor.
- ❖ for miraculous favor for the pastors and churches in resistant communities, and for wisdom as they reach out.

October 23

This week pray for

BIBLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS & PROFESSORS

In the region that WAAST serves, there are more than 43,500 Assemblies of God congregations—and only about 24,000 trained pastors. Some 130 Bible schools and extension programs are preparing 7,300+ to serve the churches. Training trainers is WAAST's and AGGST's priority, and many of these schools are led and staffed by graduates. Some alumni oversee lay-training and correspondence programs to equip workers to help pastors who serve several churches.

Please pray

- ❖ that the Spirit would anoint each director and professor as he or she leads and teaches, helping each to transmit the Word without compromise and to produce pastors that will do likewise.
- ❖ for further educational opportunities for these teachers, that they may become more effective and in turn train more trainers.
- ❖ for resources for the Bible schools, both physical (buildings, wells, books) and human (staff—and more God-called students!).

October 30

This week pray for

THE 2016 GRADUATION



This Saturday is the longed-awaited Graduation Day, when students will eagerly receive their diplomas. Their families and friends will celebrate them loudly and happily with song, dance, food, and gifts. This day is also “Commencement”—the beginning of a new chapter, of greater responsibility, of application of their knowledge to better serve their churches. Some will be moving into new areas of ministry, such as teaching in

a Bible school or pursuing a call to missions.

Please pray

- ❖ that this busy day would go smoothly, and for safe travel for those coming from other areas of Togo and from other nations.
- ❖ that attendees who do not know the Lord would hear His message.
- ❖ for the graduates as they return home to apply their “Training for *Missio Dei* through Pentecostal Servanthood” (WAAST's motto). May they bring a new impetus to their churches to accomplish God's mission in Pentecostal power!

November 6

This week pray for

WAAST'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

This body, made up of national church leaders and missionaries serving in more than 20 West and Central African nations, meets annually to hear the reports and discuss and pray about major issues in the school. Many are WAAST and/or AGGST graduates themselves, and all are benefiting from the service of alumni in their churches and Bible schools and on various mission fields. They have a vested interest in the development and expansion of WAAST.

Please pray

- ❖ that the Spirit would guide these meetings and that, throughout the year, He would give these leaders opportunities to promote WAAST and to send more students and support.
- ❖ for the Board's Executive Committee as they work more closely with the school to deal with major decisions.
- ❖ for wisdom for the local WAAST Board of Administration as issues arise in the daily running of the school.

November 13

This week pray for

MISSIONARIES

National Assemblies of God fellowships in West and Central Africa have set a collective goal of sending out 1,670+ home and foreign missionaries by 2020. WAAST plays a key role in preparing missions-minded leaders who send, and those willing to go. Every course considers Jesus' mandate to reach the world and each believer's responsibility to obey.



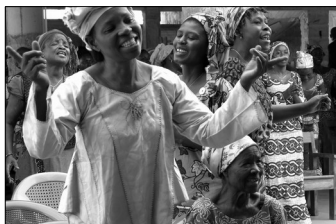
Please pray

- ❖ that the Lord will raise up more servants to answer His call, particularly to the 850 groups in Africa who remain essentially unreached.
- ❖ that church leaders from the national- to local-church level might grasp the urgency of our Commission and motivate every believer to participate in giving, praying, and going as God directs.
- ❖ for God's encouragement and strength for each missionary on the field. Some lack resources, suffer persecution, or face health or family issues. May the Spirit's presence confirm their calling in difficult times.

November 20

This week pray for

WOMEN IN MINISTRY



In Liberia, a pastor's wife is planting a new church. A single lady reaches out to Muslim women in Ghana. A Togolese missionary wife serves the children of African missionaries. Many WAAST and AGGST students and alumnae work alongside their pastor husbands or in their own ministries. Among them are trainers

of everyone from children to WAAST students, compassion workers, intercessors, preachers, evangelists, and workers among the unreached.

Please pray

- ❖ for God's wisdom in time management as women juggle domestic and ministry responsibilities.
- ❖ for God's help in maintaining a spirit of prayer and in prioritizing time with the Lord, that they may be spiritually strong.
- ❖ for their vital ministry to their own children as they pray with them and help them to solidify their own faith.

November 27

This week pray for

YOUTH PASTORS

Teenagers and young adults are faced with temptations old and new, and those in the church are not immune. Financial needs, a desire for social status, or the fear of being single lead some to marry nonbelievers. Social media and the Internet can be edifying—or lead down dark paths to pornography, scamming, or dangerous associations. Those who work with youth must strive to show young people that JESUS is more important than anything this world has to offer.

Please pray

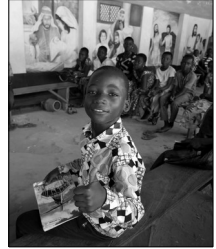
- ❖ for WAAST and AGGST students and alumni who work with youth, first and foremost, that the Lord would help them to maintain spiritual balance in their own lives to model for others.
- ❖ that the Spirit would guide them as they help young people navigate the temptations of life, particularly concerning choosing a marriage partner.
- ❖ for those involved in university ministries, that they might help Christian students stay strong and others to find the Lord.

December 4

This week pray for

CHILDREN'S WORKERS

Sunday school, children's church, vacation Bible schools, kids camps, Christian schools, fun fairs—all these reach children, and all require teachers. These teachers need to know how to present Bible truths and counsel kids, thus they need training. Some WAAST and AGGST students and alumni are involved in preparing these workers and in developing training materials. They know that reaching children is key to reaching whole communities for Jesus.



Please pray

- ❖ for those serving in national and district Children's Ministries departments, and for resources to invest in the Church's future.
- ❖ for more willing teachers to come forward to be trained; in some areas children are still neglected as viable members of the Church.
- ❖ for the spiritual lives of these workers, that kids may see Jesus in them. May God reveal himself to each child.
- ❖ for those working in areas where they face opposition.

December 11

This week pray for

WORKERS AMONG MUSLIMS

As Islam gains ground through biological growth and conversions, its influence changes the dynamics of a community. Those who minister in these changing areas often face resistance as they try to rent or buy land or hold meetings to share the gospel. Some face death threats and arson attacks. They must find ways to help new believers who have been rejected by their families, and creative ways to disciple them.

Please pray

- ❖ that God would guide these workers with His wisdom as they reach out, and help them to build relationships so they can discern how best to minister to each person.
- ❖ that the Lord would fill His people with a supernatural love—His love—for those who may act unlovable and even hateful.
- ❖ that each worker would be filled with the Spirit and empowered to deal with the spiritual forces that hold Muslims in bondage.
- ❖ that God would raise up more willing workers and more intercessors to participate in this spiritual battle.

December 18

This week pray for

WORKERS IN ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA

While much of West and Central Africa is becoming more restrictive for Christian workers, due to terrorism and instability, it is ever more open to and hungry for communication through electronic media. Social media, blogs, and videos on the Internet go into homes where a missionary never could. Radios, being more affordable, are especially effective tools, and TV reaches more than ever. Printed discipleship materials are often used to follow up those who respond to programs.

Please pray

- ❖ that WAAST students and alumni working in the influential media would keep their focus on God's truths and proper doctrine, refusing to compromise for popularity and seeming gain.
- ❖ for more open doors into closed areas, not only to present the gospel, but also to work with those on the ground for follow-up.
- ❖ for more writers to develop Christian publications that speak to the issues Africans face, from a godly perspective.
- ❖ for those working on the long and tedious task of Bible translation, for God's insight and wisdom to produce an accurate work.

December 25

This week pray for

WORKERS IN COMPASSION MINISTRIES



It's Christmas Day—a day to give and to celebrate God's Gift. Many WAAST and AGGST students and alumni give year 'round, serving those on society's fringes: prisoners, war victims, street kids, drug addicts, AIDS victims, the handicapped. Many have community wells, schools, or clinics attached to their church. They mobilize believers to help in times of

disaster. They give in order to lead those in need to God's ultimate Gift: salvation through Jesus.

Please pray

- ❖ that God would strengthen and encourage these workers, that they would live balanced lives and avoid “compassion fatigue.”
- ❖ for wisdom in meeting needs, that the help given may be more long-term, sustainable, and spiritually redeeming.
- ❖ for the resources needed and for wisdom to manage them well.