



*WEST AFRICA ADVANCED  
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY  
2017 PRAYER GUIDE*

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

# West Africa Advanced School of Theology



This past August a visiting team from the Association of Pentecostal Theological Education in Africa (APTEA) assessed WAAST's programs, facilities, faculty, etc., for possible accreditation with this body. The school was highly commended, among other things, for “its effort to remain faithful to its mission”:

## **Training for *Missio Dei* through Pentecostal Servanthood.**

Pastors, church leaders, missionaries, Bible school teachers, church planters, youth and children's workers, evangelists—Spirit-filled and committed to building the Kingdom in Africa and around the world—are the most significant measure of WAAST's success. As we continue to train Pentecostal servants, please pray with and for us in 2017. We will pray first for the challenges WAAST faces, then pray concerning

- ❖ the Assemblies of God (AG) work in the countries that WAAST serves (Jan. 8–Mar. 26);
- ❖ the WAAST extension centers and the AG work in the host countries (April 2–June 18);
- ❖ the personnel and physical needs at WAAST's central campus in Lomé, Togo (June 25–July 16);
- ❖ other ministries based on the campus (July 23–Aug.13);
- ❖ the various challenges confronting the Church in Africa, requiring trained, Spirit-filled leaders (Aug. 20–Sept. 17);
- ❖ students' families, churches, and financial needs (Sept. 24–Oct. 1);
- ❖ the various areas of ministry in which students and alumni serve (Oct. 8–Dec. 31);
- ❖ annual events, on the weeks they occur.

## About WAAST and AGGST

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- ❖ 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 1,400 alumni now serve the churches in Africa and in 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 nearly 300 alumni.
- ❖ WAAST and AGGST today serve some 20 nations of West and Central Africa, covering about a third of the continent. More than 12 million AG believers live within this area, which is larger than the US, 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 is a ratio of nearly 1.9 churches to 1 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!

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Praise God for answered prayer in these areas:

**2016 Graduating Class:** On November 12, 108 “Pentecostal Workers for the Great Harvest Here and Beyond” received their diplomas, 92 at the BTh or Diploma levels and 16 with the MA in Missiology.

**Benin:** A second Bible institute opened in September 2016 to train more pastors for the AG-Benin. Led by a WAAST graduate, this school, in Natitingou, will serve the growing number of those called to ministry. New dorms have been built at the school in Dassa-Zoumé.

**Central African Republic:** Despite continued instability, the few AG churches are functioning, nearly all within refugee camps. Youth meetings have resumed with a good response. One congregation holds Sunday p.m. prayer meetings in a UN-protected Catholic church, with Catholics and others joining them. Some people have moved outside the city and are starting meetings. The gospel is going forth!

**Chad:** Thirty-two Chadians from the Bible school in Moundou are now on the field planting churches in difficult areas. Eight more, and 7 missionaries from Burkina Faso, will join them this year. Praise God, new dormitories have replaced the huts that had housed the families.

**Ghana:** The Ghana AG's Vision 3000 program—to plant 3000 new churches by the end of 2020—is well underway. By mid 2016, 824 new churches had opened. Church-planting schools are planned for every region, adding 2000 lay church planters/pastors to the 1000 students who will graduate from the Bible schools during this period.

**Mali:** A second Bible school opened in October 2016 to allow more students to be trained in either French or Bambara. The Assemblies of God is growing slowly and targeting new cities.

**Niger:** The pastoral training school in Niamey has reopened, and 4 students graduate this year. Lay workers are receiving biblical and practical training in a program established by an alumnus.

**Campus Improvements:** A new, modernized kitchen and dining hall are almost complete. A multipurpose building now houses the student chapel, computer lab, conference room, and storage on the ground floor. Work continues on facilities for PATHs on the first floor, and apartments on the second. Some 30,000 donated books and journals, most from the former Central Bible College library, are being integrated into the WAAST library.

January 1

*This week pray concerning*

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## CHALLENGES FACING WAAST

From a small resident school situated north of the city of Lomé, to a busy urban hub serving 10 extension centers and students living nearby, WAAST has grown to impact the continent. Growth brings challenges, in coordinating programs with extension center directors, maintaining a qualified (and scattered) pool of professors, accommodating increasing numbers on the campus, and keeping records of it all. The most critical challenge: to keep an unwavering focus on WAAST's mission of "Training for *missio Dei* through Pentecostal servanthood."

*Please pray*

- ❖ that the Lord would help every person working for WAAST to do all bearing this mission statement in mind.
- ❖ for more qualified personnel on the main campus, to teach, help with administration, and, specifically, to assist in the business and registrar's offices and in the library.
- ❖ for the resolution of an ongoing land issue, in which WAAST should realize compensation that would greatly help the school.

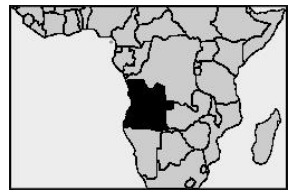
January 8

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## ANGOLA

A WAAST alumnus tells of a pastor who, in response to a "prophecy," told his people to apply oil over their doorways one night to prevent disaster. Such false teachings challenge God's Church here. For some 3000 AG churches, there are only 1000 trained pastors. All workers are required to take the "Roots of Faith" Bible courses; some continue with theological courses offered in local churches. Those who complete these programs can enter Bible school as second-year students. The Bible school in Luanda has 2 extensions in the city and 2 in other regions. Workers are needed in the northernmost province, once the doorway for missionaries into Angola but now the most neglected.



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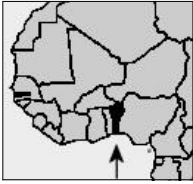
- ❖ for AG leaders and churches, that they might stand firm in preaching true biblical doctrine under the Spirit's direction.
- ❖ for workers willing to go to the north, and for open doors for them.
- ❖ for the establishment of more Bible schools, which exist in only 4 of the 18 regions, especially for one in Cabinda, in the far north.
- ❖ that more can attend WAAST, which "gives us a different vision."

January 15

*This week pray for*

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**BENIN**



The Benin AG continues to plant churches, targeting animistic and Muslim-dominated areas. Many of the 2150+ churches and preaching points are led by lay pastors, but more are seeking to enter full-time ministry. A few years ago the 1 Bible school had 50 students; this year 98 *new* students have joined nearly 100 already enrolled, and a second campus opened in September. WAAST graduates lead these schools; others are involved in leadership at every level, pastoring, compassion ministries, church planting, and both home and foreign missions.

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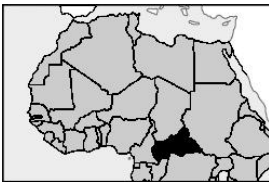
- ❖ for church-planting efforts: that workers would find favor in the communities, land for churches, and the means to buy and build.
- ❖ for materials and finances to improve the buildings and libraries of the Bible schools, and for provision for the students.
- ❖ for the Ruth Center and Naomi Project, programs that teach Jesus' love and marketable skills to young ladies and widows, under the auspices of the Women's Ministries Department.

January 22

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**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)**



This quasi-Christian (mainly Catholic) nation erupted in 2013, when Muslim rebels ousted the president. “Christians” (any non-Muslim) reacted in kind. Tension still simmers and most neighborhoods in the capital, Bangui, are so dangerous that people prefer to live in the camps scattered throughout the city. All AG churches have been at least partially dismantled by looters. But God's Church is intact and moving forward. This past year AG pastors met for a Holy Spirit conference, and congregations and youth are meeting.

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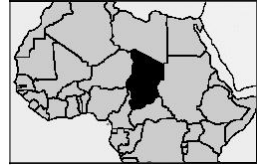
- ❖ for the growth of the Church here as believers are more scattered. May many in the camps be drawn by their lives and witness.
- ❖ that the greater emphasis on the Holy Spirit would cause the pastors and believers alike to seek and walk in His presence daily.
- ❖ for opportunities for Pentecostal, biblical training for pastors; most have little training and are vulnerable to false teachings.
- ❖ for the opening of a Bible institute. The AG general secretary graduates from WAAST this year and plans to begin this work.

# January 29

*This week pray for*

## CHAD

In May, 15 new workers will be sent out from the AG Bible school to plant new churches, joining 32 others already at work. Seventy-three people groups here are considered unreached, and most follow Islam mixed with animism. Most are rural herdsmen and farmers, and nearly all the 100+ Assemblies of God churches are in villages. N'Djamena, the capital of 1 million, has only 5 AG churches.



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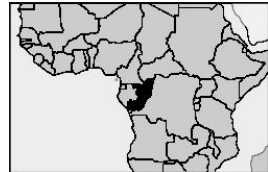
- ❖ that God would raise up more full-time workers and enable them to receive training, and that more can attend a WAAST extension.
- ❖ for the students graduating in May, for God's direction as to where to work and for open doors when they arrive.
- ❖ for more workers in the capital city. Some young people feel called and are being trained, but many more are needed.
- ❖ for the new director of the Bible school, a WAAST graduate from Togo who is taking over for the alumnus who founded the school.

# February 5

*This week pray for*

## CONGO

“We have resources, but we have a crisis of workers,” says a church leader in the AG-Congo. Planting churches is a priority, with a goal of adding 400 to the 75 existing ones by 2020. Of 11 regions, only 5 have AG churches. Land is being purchased around the country and funds set aside for new works. As churches are planted in each regional capital, they can then open annexes. More trained, Spirit-filled and -led pastors willing to go to new areas are needed. Local churches also need wisdom in meeting the social needs of their communities.



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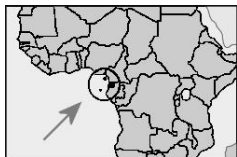
- ❖ that more would respond to God's call to ministry, and that bi-vocational pastors would take the step to full-time ministry.
- ❖ for more students for the Bible school and its lay-training program; the AG seeks to train 600 workers and send 2 missionaries by 2020.
- ❖ that leaders and believers will sense a greater thirst for the Holy Spirit and discern and refute false teachings in His power.
- ❖ for a greater vision to reach out to Muslims living in Congo, many of whom would not hear the gospel in their own countries.



## February 12

*This week pray for*

### EQUATORIAL GUINEA (EG)



Since its founding in 1988, the AG in this former Spanish colony has grown to 83 churches and operates a Bible school with 2 campuses and several primary and high schools. Most people in EG are Catholics in name and are influenced by traditional spirit worship as well; because of this many are resistant to the full gospel. While the nation is oil rich, most people remain poor. Only a few churches support their pastor, and resources for outreach are often hard to obtain.

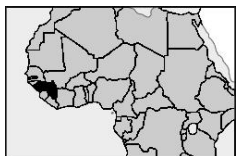
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- ❖ for a fresh thirst for and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the leaders, pastors, and members, resulting in humility and greater incentive to open new works and to send missionaries to other lands.
- ❖ for the 30+ students in the Bible school and for the young people studying through Global University, that they would become servant leaders who establish and build up healthy churches.
- ❖ for more degree-holding teachers to serve the Bible school.
- ❖ that children in the Christians schools, some from broken homes, would encounter Jesus and grow spiritually.

## February 19

*This week pray for*

### GUINEA



When some 50 AG pastors, their wives, and lay workers met in September for a conference on the Holy Spirit and missions, they set goals for the next 4 years: a renewed emphasis on the Baptism, 300 new churches, 300 workers sent around the nation and some abroad. The 60 existing churches are encouraged to begin new ones, which can then open others. These will need pastors prepared to lead them, pastors who are willing to go to the unreached in this strongly Muslim nation.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for activities at the local and national level to bring more to the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which will lead to more being called.
- ❖ for the Bible school, which has few students and 1 classroom, for more personnel and facilities—and for a great influx of students.
- ❖ that God would raise up workers to go to the more resistant parts of the country, for their training and for open doors before them.
- ❖ for the missionaries from Togo, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, and Nigeria as they serve alongside the AG-Guinea.

# February 26

*This week pray for*

## THE NEW SESSION & NEW STUDENTS



Hailing from some 10 nations, new and returning students begin their 9-week semester on Monday. They spend 5 hours each day in class—and many in the library afterward. But this is just part of the WAAST experience. Valuable training takes place not only in the classroom, but also in day-to-day interaction. WAAST's rich cross-cultural setting provides students and teachers alike the opportunity to glean insights from each other and to broaden their worldview, thus equipping them to serve the Church more effectively wherever God may call them.

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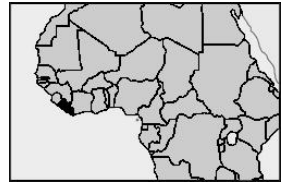
- ❖ for new students as they adjust to campus life.
- ❖ for the growth of each student as he or she learns academic, cultural, relational, and spiritual lessons during the semester.
- ❖ for the health of both students and professors.

# March 5

*This week pray for*

## LIBERIA

“The [Liberia Assemblies of God] has been into church planting in a country that is yet to recover from the economic impact of the Ebola crisis,” says an alumnus and Bible school director. The LAG wants to plant 800 new churches by 2020, and more workers are needed in the districts' church-planting schools and the 7 Bible schools. Some 50% of those who found Christ during the Ebola crisis have stayed in the churches. The LAG is emphasizing the baptism of the Holy Spirit; walking in His power is necessary to reach a society still steeped in spirit worship. More home missionaries are needed to go to at least 5 Muslim people groups in the northwest.



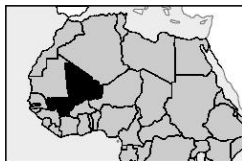
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- ❖ for miracles of provision to support church planters, purchase land, and erect adequate shelters for new and existing works.
- ❖ that those God has called would have the means to receive proper training, and for the Bible schools and church-planting programs.
- ❖ for the primary schools and other social works run by the LAG, that they may continue to have great impact in the communities.
- ❖ for those already serving as home missionaries; the LAG wants to add 50 more and 2 more foreign missionaries by 2020.

## March 12

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### MALI



Much of this largely Muslim nation remains unreached, and the Mali AG is targeting one city each year, planting a church that can then begin annexes. To provide more workers, 2 Bible schools are now operating, and lay workers are trained in the local churches. Six AG primary schools and a high school cater to more than 1,000 students, nearly all Muslims. Missionaries from Togo, Benin, and Burkina Faso are involved in church-planting and training. US missionaries run an English café, a center for street boys, and a program to prepare new workers to go to unreached peoples on the continent.

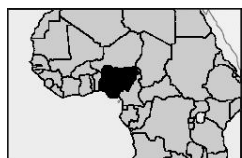
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- ❖ that more will sense a call to full-time ministry in untouched areas.
- ❖ for more opportunities for training in practical ministry, theology, and administration. Pray that more leaders may attend WAAST.
- ❖ for God's leading and favor in the church-planting efforts in cities.
- ❖ for an outpouring on the leaders and pastors of the Holy Spirit, without Whom they cannot minister effectively.

## March 19

*This week pray for*

### NIGERIA



Early missionaries were chased out of the southern town of Abak, an animistic stronghold; today the Nigeria AG is opening churches there. The AG is targeting other hard areas and mobilizing everyone from the general superintendent to each local church to plant 6000 new churches by 2025. The challenges are great: the currency has fallen, internal conflict distracted from the missions focus for a time, Boko Haram has rendered some northeastern areas “no-go” zones, cultists infiltrate churches, and false teachings tickle many ears. But there is a renewed emphasis on the Holy Spirit in the AG, especially among the youth.

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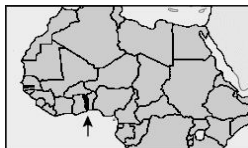
- ❖ for the leaders of the Nigeria AG, that they would be saturated by and move forward in the Holy Spirit's wisdom and power.
- ❖ for God's provision as economic hardship affects many churches.
- ❖ for believers in northeastern Nigeria, where many churches have closed. Some pastors are now working with displaced people.
- ❖ that pastors and believers would cling to God's Word and resist the “prosperity” emphasis that deceives many.

# March 26

*This week pray for*

## **OUR HOST COUNTRY—TOGO**

Now counting 1230 churches and even more annexes, the Togo AG continues to penetrate untouched areas. To provide more workers, some 50 2-year lay-training centers operate around the country and in most AG churches in Lomé. The 2 Bible schools are filled to capacity—and still the need for trained pastors grows. The AG runs dozens of schools, including those for the handicapped, and several clinics. Its missionaries serve in 5 nations. At the head of all training programs and nearly every department is a WAAST graduate.



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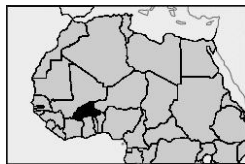
- ❖ that still more believers would respond to the messages preached regularly in the churches and regions, inviting them to be filled with the Spirit, that they may be empowered to grow and go.
- ❖ for provision for and the construction of the AG-Togo's television station, which should reach the entire nation.
- ❖ that God would raise up more workers willing to go to unreached villages, and touch more churches to contribute to these works.
- ❖ for the physical needs of the growing Bible schools.

# April 2

*This week pray for*

## **THE EXTENSION CENTER IN BURKINA FASO**

This center, which meets on the main Bible school campus in Ouagadougou, differs from others in that most of the students are qualified lay people who want to better serve the churches, some even in pastoral roles as new churches are planted. To accommodate their work schedules, classes meet in the evenings. With more than 4600 churches and more opening, and fewer than 4000 trained pastors, every worker is needed! WAAST alumni head many of the 9 Bible schools and serve in executive leadership, as home and foreign missionaries, in media, Christian schools, compassion ministries, and more.



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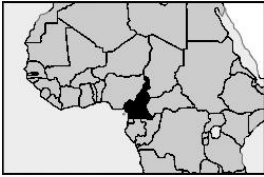
- ❖ for more students in the WAAST center and in Bible training programs around the nation; thousands of trained pastors and lay people are needed to help churches begin and develop properly.
- ❖ for a classroom and furnishings reserved for the center's use.
- ❖ that students can attend more consistently, as often only 2/3 are able to make arrangements to attend a given session.

April 9

*This week pray for*

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**THE EXTENSION CENTER IN CAMEROON**



Classes for 2017 begin on this campus in May, with a new intake joining 20 returning students. Some 150 alumni serve with the Full Gospel Mission or with the AG-Cameroon. The center also welcomes students from Nigeria and Chad. The ladies who have gone through the center are finding more ministry opportunities as attitudes toward women in ministry are slowly changing. Pentecostal teaching is critical to enable leaders to face the temptations of worldliness (nice buildings over redeemed, discipled souls) and prosperity teachings, and to confront Islam.

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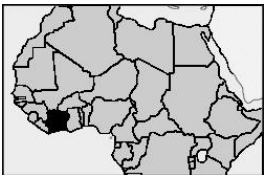
- ❖ for more qualified students and for funding for them, especially for those preparing to travel to the central campus later this year.
- ❖ that God would use alumni to inspire and train more for full-time or lay ministry; the 1600 churches have only 400 credentialed and 400 lay pastors to serve them.
- ❖ for alumni working in the Muslim-dominated far north region.

April 16

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**THE EXTENSION CENTER IN COTE D'IVOIRE**



This center counts around 25 students. More are ready to enter the program, but the number is limited due to lack of housing. WAAST alumni are involved in every level of leadership and are helping to realize the AG's vision to plant 5000 new churches by 2020. Some are training new workers in the 3 Bible schools—which are now so full that second-year students must go for a year of internship to make room for the 125 new students! The AG has sent missionaries to several African nations, and more are raising their funds to go. Some are reaching Muslim areas through church planting or media.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for the construction of a new dormitory to serve WAAST students.
- ❖ for the establishment of another, much-needed Bible school.
- ❖ for church planters, especially among Muslims: for favor in the communities, for the purchase of land, and for their support.
- ❖ that many would find the Lord through the ministry of the AG schools and clinics and social works run by local churches.
- ❖ for the new Assemblies of God TV station now under construction.

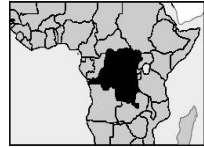
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**THE EXTENSION CENTER IN KINSHASA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)**

This center is growing, with 24 preparing for graduation this year and more than 30 coming up. Every one of them is needed on the field, for aggressive church planting, teaching, outreach through media and compassion ministries, etc. The Assemblies of God is the fastest-growing church in DRC, and students from independent churches attend the AG Bible schools and the WAAST center. Thank God, more students from the unstable eastern regions are coming as well.



*Please pray*

- ❖ that the Lord would meet every students' needs, especially of those traveling hundreds of miles from the interior to Kinshasa, and of the third-year students traveling to the central campus in August.
- ❖ for pastors, churches, and the Bible schools in the east, where rebel activity, Islam, and poverty make life difficult and dangerous.
- ❖ that God would use these students and churches to lead nominal Christians (majority of Congolese) into true relationship with Jesus.

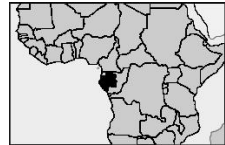
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**THE EXTENSION CENTER IN GABON**

This new center, directed by a WAAST alumnus, is training 16 Assemblies of God workers and plans to admit students from other Pentecostal churches as well. Four of the current students are preparing for missionary service in and outside of Gabon. Others are involved in pastoring, church planting, and training. A Bible school in Port Gentil prepares pastors, and a 2-year lay-training program is held in various regions upon request. More workers are needed to serve church plants as local churches work toward the goal of 100 new churches by 2020.



*Please pray*

- ❖ for more students keen for Pentecostal training to enter this center.
- ❖ that the Lord would touch more to give themselves to full-time ministry, and for more students for the Port Gentil school.
- ❖ for church leaders and believers as they confront the sects and false teachings that entice many with promises of prosperity.
- ❖ for an outpouring of God's Spirit in the churches, particularly upon the men, who are typically much less involved.
- ❖ for open doors, favor, and resources for each church plant.

# May 7

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## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Some 50 students begin classes tomorrow, taking 5 courses over the next 10 weeks. More than 40 others are in the thesis-writing phase. AGGST's emphasis is missiology, and graduates are teaching in their churches and Bible schools the need for *all* to obey the Great Commission. Alumni are helping to raise the educational standard in the Bible schools and training programs they direct. Several teach for WAAST on the central campus and in extension centers.



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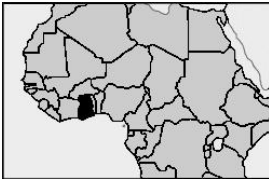
- ❖ that each course would challenge students (and professors) for greater growth in his or her faith and ministry.
- ❖ for those working on their thesis projects at home, as they balance the demands of ministry, family, and study.
- ❖ for wisdom in possibly adding more study tracks to meet more specialized ministry needs.
- ❖ for health and strength for all during this long, intense session.

# May 14

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## THE EXTENSION CENTER IN GHANA



As the Ghana AG's church-planting emphasis, Vision 3000, continues, more pastors are needed for the 3000 new churches to be opened by 2021. WAAST alumni play a critical role as they teach in the new 2-year church-planting schools and in the 2 Bible schools. This extension center, guided by 2 alumni, is training 30+ students. The emphasis on fulfilling God's mission in Pentecostal power equips these men and women to confront popular false teachings and false religions and to effectively reach and disciple others with the *full* gospel.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for more qualified students for this center, and for the provision of time and funds so they may attend.
- ❖ for those teaching in the church-planting schools, that their efforts would be multiplied, resulting in souls saved and new churches.
- ❖ for the new church plants and their pastors as they ground new converts in the faith, especially in Muslim areas.

May 21

*This week pray for*

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### THE EXTENSION CENTER IN MADAGASCAR

As the AG here nears its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it is working to plant 1500 new churches in the next 3 years. More pastors are needed! The Bible school is full but limited to 120 students because of space. Some 400 lay people are enrolled in a 1-year certificate program. The WAAST center has a new intake this year, and 3 students graduate in 2017. All alumni are pastoring and involved in the Bible school; some are district and national leaders. One oversees a radio station in the capital city. All face the challenges of traditional rites, such as annual exhumation of the dead; the growth of Islam; and the preference for formal churches.



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*Please pray*

- ❖ that God would raise up more workers to go into unreached areas.
- ❖ for finances for this center; travel is particularly expensive.
- ❖ that more pastors can attend this center; this is the only program that offers pastoral training at the post-secondary level.
- ❖ for open doors into communities to preach and establish works.

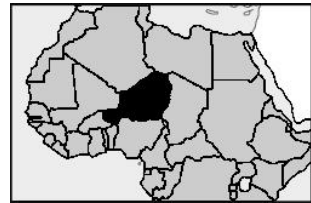
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### THE EXTENSION CENTER IN NIGER

Last year the Niger Assemblies of God marked its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In this strongly Muslim nation, the AG is well respected and free to work. Churches now number 70, with 47 trained pastors, and the AG has set the goal of 1000 churches and 500 pastors by its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dedicated laborers need to be trained in the 2



Bible schools and in the lay-workers school. Church-planting efforts are being renewed and land purchased for future works. The extension center has not been operating but is desperately needed to help this church advance.

*Please pray*

- ❖ that this center can reopen, here or in conjunction with other countries, and that qualified candidates would be able to attend.
- ❖ that more would respond to God's call to ministry, particularly young people, and that their passion would overcome their fears.
- ❖ for the children and youth attending the AG primary and high schools and kids camps; most come from Muslim homes.
- ❖ for a renewed thirst for and outpouring of the Spirit in the churches.



June 4

*This week pray for*

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## THE NEED FOR PENTECOSTAL RENEWAL



When Peter and John were ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' Name, they responded without hesitation, "We cannot!" (see Ac 4). Being filled with the Spirit leads us to speak the truth boldly and with authority and places in us a strong burden to do so. During this Decade of Pentecost in Africa, nearly 50 AG national churches have made and are fulfilling commitments to see their people filled with the Spirit and going forth in missions, planting

new churches and reaching new areas within and beyond their borders. Spirit empowerment → Missions!

*Please pray*

- ❖ for church leaders, that they would seek to be strengthened and led daily by the Spirit and refuse to be distracted from God's mission.
- ❖ for a thirst in the heart of every believer for this Gift.
- ❖ that all missions activity would flow from the Spirit's anointing, not human effort, and be led and blessed by Him.

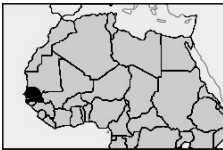
***Today is Pentecost Sunday!***

June 11

*This week pray for*

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## THE EXTENSION CENTER IN SENEGAL



The need for training that emphasizes Pentecostal power and missions is great, as most Senegalese follow Islam. The AG here now counts more than 70 churches and works are established in all 14 regions of the nation. More than 100,000 children are involved in Kid's Clubs, and a dozen AG schools serve mainly Muslim children. The majority tribe, the Wolof, and many smaller ones remain resistant to the gospel; Senegalese and other workers among them need the Spirit's power and wisdom. This center's coordinator also directs the Bible institute and shares these requests:

*Please pray*

- ❖ for provision for the 10+ students in the WAAST center; they need both finances and someone to oversee their churches in their absence. Often only a few can travel to Dakar to attend sessions.
- ❖ for the construction of a new classroom, and for more books and computers to enrich students' study and research.
- ❖ for a greater vision and willingness on the part of the churches to invest materially in the education of their pastors.
- ❖ for more qualified, called students for both the center and the institute.

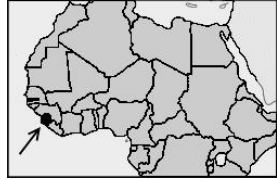
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**THE EXTENSION CENTER IN SIERRA LEONE**

Social pressure to be part of pagan secret societies. Prosperity teachings. Islamic influence. Economic struggles. These and other problems seek to turn God's people from the Way. The AG is responding with a renewed emphasis on the Holy Spirit and His power. The Bible college now offers night courses, enabling more to train for ministry. Over the next 4 years the AG wants to train 250 new pastors and 300 lay leaders, plant 250 churches, and send out 50 home missionaries. WAAST alumni play key roles in these efforts.



*Please pray*

- ❖ for finances for students at the WAAST center; the post-Ebola economy affects many, and travel costs are high.
- ❖ for a great outpouring of the Spirit, which will enable believers to stand against these social, religious, and economic challenges.
- ❖ for new church plants and for land, especially in Muslim areas.

June 25

*This week pray for*

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**RESIDENT STAFF**

The core of WAAST is its resident staff on the central campus in Lomé. They serve as administrators and teachers—and as hosts, counselors, preachers, office workers, and in other roles as needs arise. They teach in extension centers and minister in the churches of students and alumni. Some are continuing their studies to better serve the school. Each member brings different skills and interests that benefit the team, and works with a passion to see the Church in Africa continue to grow through the ministry of WAAST.



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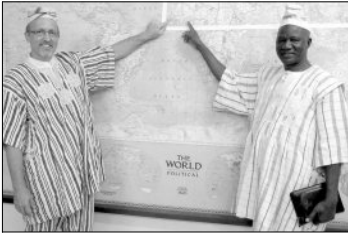
- ❖ for continued unity and grace as this team works together, and that each may be a godly example to students and others.
- ❖ for health and strength for each one, especially during the busy teaching sessions.
- ❖ for those who are raising funds for their continued ministry here.
- ❖ that God would raise up more qualified personnel to serve on the campus.

## July 2

*This week pray for*

### **ADJUNCT FACULTY**

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They come from many nations of West and Central Africa, from North America, from France. They are pastors, missionaries, Bible school teachers, church leaders. Each of WAAST's 40+ adjunct professors brings to the classroom his or her unique ministry experience and cultural and theological insights. These dedicated teachers leave their responsibilities for 2 or 3 weeks to

invest in training students, both on the central campus and in extension centers.

*Please pray*

- ❖ that God would minister through these professors as they interact with the students in and outside the classroom.
- ❖ that students would gain insight from these teachers from different backgrounds, which will enhance their own ministries, and that the teachers would likewise learn from the students.
- ❖ for safe travel, good health, and provision for these professors as they come, some over long distances.

## July 9

*This week pray concerning*

### **CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS**

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Growth involves stretching—and when students from extension centers join those here on the central campus in a few weeks, WAAST's facilities will be stretched to capacity! More floors need to be added to 2 men's dormitories, and some buildings need new roofs. When the electricity is cut, the old generators strain to handle the ever-increasing demand. For construction projects and maintenance issues, workers must be skilled and trustworthy, for the sake of quality and security.



*Please pray*

- ❖ for funds to replace old roofs and renovate and enlarge dorms.
- ❖ for a new, more powerful generator to handle growing demands, and that the old ones last until they can be replaced.
- ❖ for a physical plant manager to oversee campus maintenance and construction projects, preferably who speaks the local language, and for wisdom in engaging dependable workers.

July 16

*This week pray concerning*

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**LIBRARY & STUDY RESOURCES**



WAAST's library serves students at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. With the addition of some 30,000 books and journals this year, it has doubled its holdings, making it quite likely the largest theological library on the continent. Of these resources, fewer than 7500 are in French, and finding theological works appropriate for this Pentecostal,

evangelical school remains a challenge.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for more resources in French, both books and journals.
- ❖ for wisdom for the librarian and faculty in the selection of materials that will best serve the students at all levels.
- ❖ concerning Internet access, which remains slow in the country in general, hampering the ability of students to research.
- ❖ for more resources for the libraries at the extension centers.

July 23

*This week pray for*

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**WAAST INTERNATIONAL CHAPEL**

Since its beginning some 25 years ago in a small studio on the campus, the International Chapel has welcomed people from many nations and walks of life—and today some 2000 call it their home church. Only the Holy Spirit can redeem and unify people of



so many cultural and religious backgrounds, and this year the Chapel has been emphasizing the work and power of the Spirit for service and missions. Those who teach and serve in the church must go through a workers training program to equip them to teach God's Word and serve more faithfully.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the members of the Chapel, from the pastors to the children.
- ❖ for greater commitment on the part of the members to grow, serve, evangelize, and be involved in missions.
- ❖ for the Spirit's wisdom and direction for the leadership team, and for those in workers training.
- ❖ that many would find the Lord through the Sunday morning service broadcast on Radio Jesus Loves You; some 2 million tune in.

# July 30

*This week pray for*



PAN·AFRICA  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
*PATHS to the nations!*

The 2013 Cohort (13 students) have finished their coursework and joined 35 other candidates in the dissertation phase of their doctoral program. Twenty-three students from around the continent make up the 2016

Cohort. New hopefuls are currently taking Greek courses on the WAAST campus, a prerequisite for acceptance into the 2018 Cohort. Many PATHS graduates are WAAST/AGGST alumni, and WAAST is blessed by the teaching services of several of them.

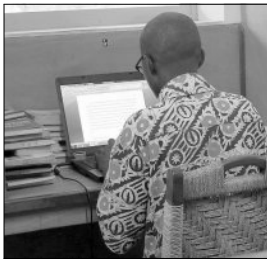
*Please pray*

- ❖ for more administrative personnel who can serve full time, and for young, qualified educators to join the teaching staff.
- ❖ for the French committee as they move toward offering PATHS' programs in French, more widely used in West and Central Africa.
- ❖ for those who are researching and writing, that this exercise would enhance their ministries, and for those preparing to graduate.
- ❖ for the health of the administration; some face ongoing issues.

# August 6

*This week pray for*

## STUDENTS IN THE FINAL SEMESTER



November 11—Graduation Day—sounds far away, but third-year students will find themselves very busy until that time! Most of those from the extension centers are on the central campus for the first time and are adjusting to new foods, dorm life, classmates and professors from different cultures, and an intense class schedule. This semester together is a valuable, even life-changing, part of the WAAST experience, but it is not easy. Some face

culture shock and homesickness, and their faith is stretched in many ways.

*Please pray*

- ❖ that the Lord who knows their needs would strengthen each student and help him or her to grow not just academically, but spiritually through this cross-cultural experience.
- ❖ for good health for each one, and strength as they take their final courses and produce thesis projects.
- ❖ that, over the course of the semester, God would inspire each student with creative ways to apply new knowledge to make his or her ministry more effective.

# August 13

*This week pray for*

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## RADIO JESUS LOVES YOU

From the opening prayer at 5 a.m. to the closing prayer at 11:30 p.m., all week long, Radio Jesus Loves You broadcasts God's message of hope throughout southern Togo, east into Benin, and west into Ghana. Many are attracted by the variety of edifying music. Approved local pastors and ministries give biblical teachings and host debates and call-in programs on spiritual, family, health, and social issues. Programs cater to young people, Muslims, children, business people, women, etc. Listeners call in each day for counseling and prayer, ask questions, and testify of salvation or healing.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for funds to maintain and replace equipment and for daily operation.
- ❖ for wisdom for the director and his staff as they assure that correct doctrine goes out over the airwaves.
- ❖ for the assignment from the government of a frequency for an antenna further north, and for the necessary equipment to install it.

# August 20

*This week pray concerning*

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## SYNCRETISM & CULTS



In one nation, a “Christian” cult is exchanging its white-ropes-and-bare-feet uniform for suits to emulate and thus attract Pentecostals. Humanistic, even Satanic, cults send recruiters into churches. Some church leaders, instead of helping people break free from idolatry, twist scriptures to accommodate them. People

who once paid fetish priests for services are easily convinced to pay charismatic “prophets” for prayers. Many will buy “anointed” oil, water, wristbands, stickers—even a “blood of Jesus” drink. Only Jesus can provide what they seek.

*Please pray*

- ❖ that the Lord would convict those who claim to serve Him but who preach to satisfy “itching ears.” May they repent and learn and preach sound doctrine (2 Tim. 4:3-4).
- ❖ for pastors and teachers as they present God's Word and thus help their students to discern syncretism, the mixing of religious but anti-biblical teachings and practices with Christian truth.
- ❖ for those who are being misled by false teachings or lured into cults, that God in His mercy would intervene in their lives.

August 27

*This week pray concerning*

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### THE CHALLENGE OF ISLAM

In northeastern Nigeria, some pastors whose churches were forced to close now minister to people displaced by Boko Haram. Christians are slain in DR Congo. In other areas, the intrusion of Islam is more subtle. Businessmen, landowners, and politicians work quietly to push the Islamic agenda through economic and governmental influence. Youth and children are lured with provisions, scholarships, and jobs. Christian ladies are solicited for marriage; the children will be raised as Muslims. Wherever you are, we invite you to pray with WAAST students for the Muslim world every Friday (1 p.m. GST, 9 a.m. EST). You may request our weekly Jumaa Prayer e-bulletin at [news@waast.org](mailto:news@waast.org).

*Please pray*

- ❖ for greater awareness in the churches of this growing threat, and for more intercessors and workers to confront it in the Spirit's power.
- ❖ for revelations of Jesus in the dreams of Muslim seekers, and that God would lead them to those who can explain Whom they saw.
- ❖ that God's love would overcome the fear that keeps many Christians from ministering to Muslims, and that His wooing Spirit would help seekers overcome their fear of accepting Christ.

September 3

*This week pray concerning*

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### TRIBALISM & REGIONALISM



Prejudice against other tribes and outsiders holds powerful influence in Africa. But God's Church does not acknowledge the primacy of one group over another, and His people must demonstrate God's equal and unconditional love for all. We must do this, an alumnus contends, "for the sake of the Blood. We have our human blood. As Christians, we have the Blood of Christ. We must not consider our human blood superior to the Blood that was shed to save us."

*Please pray*

- ❖ that church leaders and members alike would grasp the truth that God created and has made provision for *all* peoples to be saved. May they be convicted that, in harboring prejudice, they frustrate rather than further His plan to redeem as many as will come.
- ❖ that the Holy Spirit would help His people to stand against the social norms that would discourage them from ministering to certain groups or individuals.

September 10 *This week pray concerning*

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### **THE CHALLENGES OF INSTABILITY & PERSECUTION**

In the area WAAST serves, conflict has displaced some 5 million people. They suffer the loss of homes, possessions, and jobs. Families are separated and children cannot attend school. In most cases, the conflicts are religious, with Christians and churches being targeted. The countries affected by the Ebola crisis are still rebuilding their devastated economies. Last year, floods displaced some 300,000 people and destroyed homes in some areas. People living in tenuous conditions need something certain in their lives—Jesus.



*Please pray*

- ❖ for pastors, missionaries, and believers working among displaced persons, helping them to begin again with new hope in Jesus.
- ❖ that God's people who live in uncertain circumstances would know His peace and provision—and that those around them would see God's faithfulness and find their peace in Him.
- ❖ that those who oppose followers of Jesus would be divinely confronted by His Spirit, for their redemption and God's glory.

September 17 *This week pray concerning*

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### **THE CHALLENGE OF POLITICS**

One dictionary defines politics as activities that influence the actions and policies of, or getting and keeping power in, a government. As Christians we must function within earthly governments, but in reality we belong to a theocracy in which we are servants, not power-seekers. This tension and our human nature make it a challenge to influence societies in a positive, godly way without compromising. Christians involved in secular politics, as well as those in church leadership, need our prayers to resist the temptations that power and influence inevitably bring.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for believers in government posts, that they would cling to the true King and remember always that they serve Him. May God use them to enact godly policies and influence others for His glory.
- ❖ for wisdom for church bodies to remain apolitical and to point people to spiritual, not political, solutions.
- ❖ concerning political power struggles in churches (they do happen!), that those involved would turn their focus and hearts to God.



# September 24

*This week pray for*

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## STUDENTS' FAMILIES & CHURCHES

First- and second-year students have completed their 6-week session and returned home, but third-year students remain for another 7 weeks. Leaving their families and churches for this extended time is not easy, especially in cases where their home area is unstable, or when pressing family or church issues arise. One student remarked, "If all goes well there, then all is well for us." May all go well for them this semester.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for the protection and grace of God on each family member while the student is away.
- ❖ for a sense of peace and assurance in the heart of each student that he or she—and each family member—is in God's will and hands.
- ❖ for wisdom and strength for those overseeing the churches or ministries in the students' absence, and that members would not become lax, but move forward.
- ❖ for the smooth continuation of church projects, programs, construction, etc., which depend largely on the pastor.

# October 1

*This week pray concerning*

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## STUDENTS' FINANCIAL NEEDS



"God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supplies." So said Hudson Taylor, who received God's supplies as a missionary in China. This statement holds true today for those God directs to WAAST for the sake of His work. For many, the costs are daunting, and facing them is a great test of faith. Those who come from extension centers face high travel costs; others pastor in poorer areas and have little surplus. In many cases, God provides through their churches or families. Some receive scholarship monies donated to WAAST, or help from other students and unexpected sources. The Lord is faithful!

*Please pray*

- ❖ for financial miracles for those in need and for wonderful, faith-building testimonies of God's provision.
- ❖ that the Lord will bless those churches who provide for their pastor's training, and convict those who need to invest in it.
- ❖ for God's blessing on those who give scholarship funds, and for wisdom in disbursing them to deserving students.

## October 8

*This week pray for*

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### NATIONAL AND DISTRICT CHURCH LEADERS

Many WAAST and AGGST alumni serve on the executive committees of their national churches or as regional or district leaders. Some lead AG or other Pentecostal denominations in receptive areas where they see great growth; others serve in unstable, even hostile regions where they see very little.



They need the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to face their particular challenges, to work in unity with others, and to lead the churches in fulfilling God's mission at home and beyond.

*Please pray*

- ❖ that each would have a God-given burden to reach lost people groups in their nation and in other lands, and for the wisdom and ability to mobilize churches and believers to share in this task.
- ❖ for grace to walk daily in the Spirit and for His power to confront distractions and dissensions that would derail the church.
- ❖ for an exemplary servant's heart in a “big man” culture.

## October 15

*This week pray for*

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### PASTORS AND CHURCH PLANTERS

Wherever they pastor, WAAST students and alumni need the Spirit's power. Some are in areas of great growth and must identify and train dedicated workers to serve the people and to help begin and oversee annexes. In other areas, pastors face opposition or apathy and lack of support, both materially and socially, and need God's assurance to sustain them. Those who are pioneering works need wisdom and, often, miracles as they establish a core group and find land and shelter.

*Please pray*

- ❖ that each pastor would thirst for and walk in the Spirit, depending on Him for strength, provision, and direction to lead and teach the congregation.
- ❖ for God's leading as to locations for new church plants and annexes, that He would prepare the hearts of key authorities and people to welcome the new work, and for land.
- ❖ for divine provision and protection for pastors in difficult areas, that others may see God's faithfulness manifested in their lives.
- ❖ for wisdom in balancing ministry and family life.

## October 22

*This week pray for*

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### EVANGELISTS

Evangelists travel to preach where there is no church, or may be called upon to help a local church with outreach or to begin an annex. In a new place, they must obtain the authorities' permission and find land to shelter a new work. They often travel with sound equipment, a generator, a video projector to show films, and literature. With their own team or local Christians, they invite people to hear God's Word and counsel them. They entrust them to the care of the nearest Pentecostal church or a prepared worker, and make follow-up visits.

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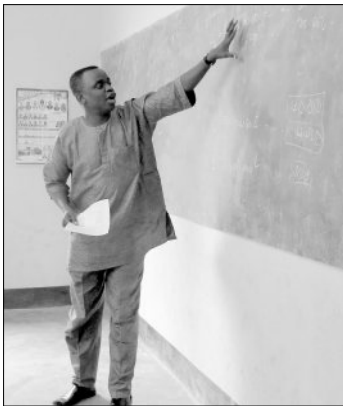
- ❖ that the Holy Spirit would reveal the places He wants them to go.
- ❖ for God's provision of the equipment needed and funds for travel.
- ❖ for protection on the often-dangerous roads, from thieves, and from those who would oppose them in the communities.
- ❖ for favor with community authorities, for help in obtaining land, and for the conversion of key people in the area.

## October 29

*This week pray for*

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### BIBLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS & PROFESSORS



*“A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher” (Lk 6:40, NASB).* Those who prepare others for ministry have great influence and therefore great responsibility, not only to teach right doctrine, but also to model a godly life in every way. Throughout West and Central Africa more than 130 Bible training programs are preparing pastors and lay workers—nearly 10,000 of them—to serve an ever-growing number of churches. Many of these are directed and some founded by WAAST alumni.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for God's grace and strength for those directing and teaching, that they might live consistent, godly lives, remembering the higher standard to which teachers are held (Jas 3:1).
- ❖ for wisdom in engaging teachers who present sound doctrine.
- ❖ for God's provision; some schools need more library resources, classrooms, dormitories, etc., and mobile schools need travel funds.

## November 5

*This week pray for*

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### THE 2017 GRADUATION



This week students are making final preparations and greeting family, church members, and friends coming for the event they've all invested in and worked toward for 3 years: Saturday's graduation ceremony! Around the campus, groups dance, sing, share a meal, and give gifts to celebrate the achievements of their new alumni. The event also provides an opportunity for attendees who might never enter a church to hear God's Word and to accept Jesus.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for the students, staff, guest speakers, and other involved as they make final preparations for this day.
- ❖ that the Lord would use the speakers and the event as a whole to touch hearts and cause people to assess their spiritual state.
- ❖ that alumni returning to their various ministries or beginning new assignments would apply their knowledge with the Spirit's wisdom.

## November 12

*This week pray for*

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### THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

WAAST is blessed to have the oversight of a dedicated Board of Governors, made up of national church leaders and US missionaries from the countries served. A visiting accrediting team noted, "...it is clear that [they] govern with a servant attitude and hold true to their Pentecostal values and practices." We praise God for leaders who seek after and listen to God's directives to keep WAAST focused on its task of training Pentecostal Kingdom builders. Their annual meeting has been going on this weekend and ends today.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for the unity of the Spirit as this body discusses issues and takes decisions that will further enhance WAAST's effectiveness.
- ❖ that national churches who are not as involved in sending students and supporting the school would see the need and benefits of doing so.
- ❖ for the Executive Committee of this Board, who work more closely with WAAST throughout the year, and for the local Board of Administration on the central campus.

# November 19

*This week pray for*

## MISSIONARIES

God has called many WAAST alumni to other people groups within or outside their home countries. Some, thinking “we are all Africans,” are surprised by intense culture shock. Learning the people's heart language is a necessary challenge. Funding is



often inadequate, and a missionary may also farm or have another project to provide for his family and help support the work. Their children's education may suffer as good schools are not affordable. Misunderstandings may arise as missionaries from other backgrounds serve together.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for patience and divine wisdom for these workers as they adapt to new cultures and learn how best to reach the people.
- ❖ for wisdom for the sending churches in developing ways to better prepare missionaries and to better support them.
- ❖ for healthy relationships both within the missionary's family and with fellow laborers as they advance the Kingdom together.

# November 26

*This week pray for*

## WOMEN IN MINISTRY



Women, always a strong force in the African churches, serve in a wider variety of roles than ever. One WAAST class included women who are not only pastors' wives, but also pastors, missionaries, youth workers, Bible school teachers, Women's Ministry leaders, and leaders of pastor's wives. Other alumnae work in church planting, evangelism, music ministry, children's ministry, Bible school administration,

publishing, and compassion ministries.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for these women as they balance family life and the ministry responsibilities God has given them, and that God would strengthen their marriages.
- ❖ for women who work in Muslim contexts, that they would have the opportunity and privilege of befriending and reaching the ladies.
- ❖ that the Lord would continue to open doors for women to serve; in some areas attitudes in the society and churches restrict them.

December 3

*This week pray for*

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**YOUTH PASTORS**



Even in the smallest villages young people can access technology that opens up the world to them—both the good and the bad. Many straddle two worlds and struggle to define themselves as they disconnect from tradition. Their pastors need wisdom to answer their questions and to teach them to base their life and future on God's Word. At times they must deal with parents who oppose their children's interest in Jesus. They must help youth resist false religions, which lure them with

money, marriage, and status. They must encourage those who sense God's call and pursue those who stray.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for WAAST students and alumni working with youth at the local- to national-church levels, as they seek God's direction in helping young people find their reason for being and serve Christ.
- ❖ for young people who face resistance from family because of their faith, that they may nevertheless be discipled and grow.
- ❖ that the Holy Spirit would graciously convict youth who are tempted to follow worldly ways or false religions.

December 10

*This week pray for*

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**CHILDREN'S WORKERS**

Some alumni work with children's churches, train children's workers, and organize outreaches at the local, regional, and national levels. In this ministry so vital to the Church's future, they face many challenges: finding and training those called to children, assuring they teach right doctrine, and educating churches as to the need to provide spiritual training for children. In many cases, children's workers need to update their teaching methods, as children are growing up with technology and a wider worldview, while presenting the never-changing gospel message.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for more opportunities for children's workers to receive training in Bible doctrine and teaching methods, and for wisdom for pastors and leaders in monitoring their teaching.
- ❖ for God's protection over children wooed by cults or by Muslims, who offer them help and actively evangelize.
- ❖ that children's workers, often little appreciated, would be encouraged in their service and find joy in forming young lives.

December 17

*This week pray for*

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### WORKERS AMONG MUSLIMS

Those who accept God's call to build His Church in Muslim areas face serious challenges. In some places they are welcomed, but in others they meet passive or even aggressive opposition. Everywhere they find people who hesitate to accept Christ for fear of losing their place in the family and community. Buying or renting land is often difficult. Further, without the support of a local church, some workers struggle to feed their families, and Muslims mock them, asking why they should serve a God who does not meet their basic needs. These workers need the wisdom, power, and love of the Holy Spirit to reach these souls.

*Please pray*

- ❖ that God's Spirit would encourage the hearts of pastors working in Muslim areas. Often they have little or no Christian fellowship.
- ❖ for miracles of provision and healing that will demonstrate to Muslims God's care for and faithfulness toward His people.
- ❖ that God would lead these servants to "people of peace" in the communities, i.e., those who are open to the gospel and who can help them become established.

December 24

*This week pray for*

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### WORKERS IN COMPASSION MINISTRIES



Dirty river water. Unemployment and empty stomachs. Disease, drugs, blindness, handicaps. It would be wonderful to give clean water, a job, food, deliverance, and healing to each one this Christmas. Many WAAST students and alumni serve in compassion ministries, often attached to their churches, to meet these needs and many more. Some go to prisons, visit drug addicts, open a safe place for street kids, counsel the traumatized—showing the love of the Father and introducing people to His Son, sent in the greatest act of compassion.

*Please pray*

- ❖ for the support these workers need, emotionally, spiritually, and materially, as they give of themselves. Some feel alone in the task.
- ❖ for greater awareness in each church, from pastor to kids, that each one has something to offer to the community. Local, God-directed solutions are more usually effective than those from outside.
- ❖ for a growing burden for holistic ministry and for God's direction for church leaders at the national and district levels.

December 31

*This week pray for*

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**WORKERS IN ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA**

A Christian women's magazine. The New Testament in a tribal language. A book about the dangers of syncretism in the church. Radio programs and CDs presenting the gospel in the languages of peoples who have never heard. These are some of the media projects WAAST graduates produce to spread God's Word and to disciple believers. Some use the Internet and satellite television to access homes in areas closed to Christian workers. Others teach people to read, giving them new opportunities both socially and spiritually.



*Please pray*

- ❖ that God's creative Spirit would guide these workers in producing programs and materials that present the gospel clearly.
- ❖ for open doors into restricted-access areas. Various media can be used to present the gospel, but there must be a means of more personal follow-up. Pray the Lord would raise up people within these areas to help.
- ❖ for funding for radio and TV programming, publishing, and good Internet access, all of which can be quite expensive.



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