



ACTS13 AFRICA UPDATE

REACHING THE UNREACHED
(WEC INTERNATIONAL)

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Edition:**

WEC IN
SOUTH
AFRICA



"THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,
WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?
AND I SAID, HERE AM I. SEND ME!" ISAIAH 6:8

For over 100 years, all over the world, God has called many people into the ministry of WEC. Stewart and Carol have found their place to serve as Deputy Branch leaders for WEC South Africa (WEC SA) and country mobilisers for ACTS13.



Stewart and Carol desire to see many more mobilisers raised up for this vital work. They truly believe that this can be achieved by having good partnerships with other like minded mission organisations and churches. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic partnership discussions have slowed down. However, , Stewart believes that **South Africa has a major role to play in Global Missions**, and that the ministry of ACTS13 is an important avenue to make this happen.

'It is Africa's time to rise up now and ACTS13 has come into existence for this very purpose', says Stewart.



There is a time and season for everything and right now WEC SA is going through a process of rebuilding. This has not stopped ongoing missions' awareness in local churches. The Kairos course is a great tool to bring about awareness of the need for everyone to be involved whether it be through: **Prayer, Giving, Going or Sending!** The South African church has so far had a lot to offer especially in the area of sending and going.

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Stewart is happy that the ACTS13 ministry has been well represented at various mission's conferences in South Africa and as a result of this many enquiries have been made and contacts established. This only means that things are moving forward. The prayer is that this would translate into more people going and churches sending, especially to unreached people groups.

Stewart is excited about the great conversations that he has had about missions recently and the partnership that is being established with the School of Fire, which he believes will become a blessing to the ACTS13 ministry in the future.



How can we pray for ACTS13 in South Africa?

Stewart requests that we pray around these themes:

- That God would **STIR** up obedience in the hearts of all the potential candidates, to be able to go where He wants them to go.
- That God will **RAISE** up a Spirit filled like minded team to move the ACTS13 ministry to mobilise more local churches.
- That God would **STRENGTHEN** the partnership between WEC SA and the local church mission boards, and other mission organisations.
- That WEC SA would **GROW** to better serve the local churches.



'Missions exist because worship doesn't.'
(John Piper)

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Please go to next page for an inspiring devotion from Stewart.



ACTS13 VISION:

'PARTNERING WITH THE CHURCH IN AFRICA IN SENDING CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST AMONGST THE UNREACHED IN THE REGION AND BEYOND.'

ACTS13 GOAL:

'OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE WELL-TRAINED, SPIRIT-FILLED AFRICAN CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS WHO WILL 'GIVE IT ALL FOR JESUS' BEING SENT OUT TO THE LEAST REACHED GLOBALLY.'

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Great Commission - Not a great suggestion



Devotional by Stewart

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14

The great commission was not just a suggestion - it was a mandate. It was based on the greatest commandment, which is to "love God and love thy neighbour as thyself". We have been given the same mandate. If we truly love God, then we truly love people; and if we truly love people, our heart's desire is for them to know Jesus as their saviour.

We need ask ourselves this question, what has been God's mission since creation? His plan can be traced through time and it has always been the **'Redemptive Blessing of the Nations'**. In its ultimate fulfillment, this blessing has come through the offspring of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the God who we serve, is a missionary God (*Galatians 4:4, John 3:16*).

God set the greatest example in giving and sending. He gave Jesus to reconcile man to God, and the church should be an extension of this reconciliation ministry (*2 Cor 5:18-19*).

God's concern, therefore, becomes our concern. (*Jonah 4:10,11*)

When He saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."
Matthew 9:36-37



GLOBAL SUMMARY:

*World's population: 7.6 billion. 3.1 billion unreached.
People groups: 17,298. Unreached people groups: 7,368*

We can't just read these numbers! The reality is that the church is the only institution that God can use and which He depends on to reach the unreached of our world. Unfortunately, leaders want their churches filled but God wants them empty with people being sent out. **The job is not done, and God will keep us responsible for our disobedience to the Great Commission.**

In 1963 Martin Luther King stood before his followers and poured out his heart to them when he said, "I have a dream, I have a dream". **Today, I, Stewart, have a prayer!**

- **I have a prayer** that this church will SEND their finest missionaries to the ends of the earth, not only sending them, but praying for them and faithfully supporting them financially.
- **I have a prayer** that we will not only adopt a local VISION, a regional vision, a national vision, but a world vision.
- **I have a prayer** that pastors of local churches will begin to PREACH and TEACH missions on an ongoing basis, and not just to leave it at that, but to challenge the people to answer the Macedonian call.

I have a prayer that MY prayer will be YOUR prayer.

Amen

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