

ACTS13 AFRICA UPDATE



REACHING THE UNREACHED (WEC INTERNATIONAL)

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This Edition: Reflection on 2020 - Anticipation for 2021!

In all the unpredictability of what has been 2020, this edition is dedicated to reflecting on what God has been doing within ACTS13 Africa. It contains some highlights along with a dash of anticipation for the things of 2021! In all of this we Praise God for his faithfulness for ACTS13 Africa throughout this year.

Acts13 Africa Directors

2020, What a blessed year! Just weeks before we were locked down in Ghana, we had the joy of visiting ACTS13's first workers, Y and L who are serving the Lord in the Middle East. We had wonderful times of eating together, visiting many of their ministry contacts and one family of new followers of Jesus!

Despite all the travel restrictions, this past year ACTS13 has been able to have one full Candidate Orientation (CO is an intensive course introducing future workers into WEC and helping them prepare for their field of ministry) in Ghana. As well one Associate CO also in Ghana, and now, this month of December we have begun our first Virtual French CO for a couple in Burundi. For this training we have 15 French Speaking WEC trainers, from all around the world, zooming in to help! The final highlight for 2020, for us, was the news that Angama and Aster, our first Ethiopian Couple arrived safely, joining our team in Guinea Bissau. Yes, 2020, a blessed year! (*Greniers*)

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South Africa Team

A highlight for 2020 has been the opportunity to represent ACTS13 at two Missions Conferences. This has led to especially two great followups.

We are praying and trusting God in the year 2021, to raise up a mixed group of people to serve as ACTS13 mobilisers. We have spoken to a few already that indicated willingness and excitement to be part of the group. South Africa is a diverse nation with different cultures, and so are her churches. This will therefore be a selective group consisting of black, colored, white, and Indian representing the Rainbow Nations. Pray with us.

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With the large vision that the Lord has given us for the ministry of ACTS13 in Africa, we would like to see:

- The Lord rising up others with the same vision and passion to come and work in Africa and help in areas of training; IT, Media and mobilisation.
- 10 committed disciples of Jesus preparing to go to the mission field long term.
- The teams of ACTS13 in each country equipped, strengthen and growing.







THE ONE WHO CALLS YOU IS FAITHFUL, AND HE WILL DO IT.

1 THESS 5:24 NIV



Zimbabwe Team



We are very pleased for progress on farm development, meaning our options for training people increase and we have space to accommodate more people. The system of crop rotations is gaining momentum so we see more steady production. Garlic was greater this year! Goats had some problems but we are working on them. Fencing has been completed, glory to God! In February we hosted a CAPRO lady from SA. Now She is in Kenya, using those skills as a central part of ministry to an unreached people group.

Our desire for 2021 is to begin building toilets and setting up a camping area, that we are developing from the bush. Work until now has been clearing the land and making a space. We want to see a few youth camps in 2021, as well as accommodate pastors on personal prayer retreats, and host missions teams as they come through. All our crops have been part of blessing others, and the idea of "Glocal" (Global and Local) ministry is modelling in a visible space what needs to happen farther afield. Our local community can be 'short sighted' so we hope to increase their long sight through consistent testimony, teaching and example. We have been given the pulpit for the first 5 weeks of 2021 in our local church. Pray for us to be creative in the Lord, to prayerfully cultivate missional hearts in 2021. (*Moyos*)



Burundi Team



As ACTS13 Burundi, we have had a number of Seminars on World Mission throughout the year. Pastors and other leaders have heard about the importance of the Burundian church's involvement in mission outside their country. In the photo you can see those who are committed to help us run these seminars, and spread the vision of ACTS13. We are planning a World Mission Conference for November 2021 for the East Africa and Congo region. We are praying that travel in our region will be possible then, and so we plan to invite those who are already connected or interested in ACTS13 to travel to Burundi for this conference.



Europe Team

Due to the pandemic we could not travel as planned, however this has allowed time to complete an outline for the missional teaching that we desire to do. The material is available in English and French, and this has been a big highlight for us. Our prayer and hope is that travel restrictions will be lifted so that we can connect with more opportunities to use this teaching material. Through our involvement in processing ACTS13 web and email inquiries, we pray and hope that we will have more opportunities to connect people to mission opportunities within WEC. (Aartsma)







Ghana Team 📥



A highlight of 2020 has been the joy of working in a team. The experience of working closely with Ghanaians made us feel happy, as they have great ideas and a positive attitude towards many things. Perhaps this year's outcome was not what was expected, yet the enthusiastic response and feedback from people has given us encouragement. Another highlight was to witness the Missions movement being embraced by many people who **truly believe now is time for Africa!** Most recently we have had more opportunities to talk individually with people and to hear more of their calling. Many of them share the desperate need for God's salvation for people. So they truly have a passion and zeal in which we are grateful. Our hope for 2021 is to see at least two people willing to go on short terms mission (1-2 years). We also hope to see more churches desiring Missions awareness and having a vision to send. *(Cheung)*



Our 'induction' as Associates of WEC, was a humbling experience to be found worthy of our Lord's call. We equally felt blessed sharing on the need for missions to unreached people at an Assemblies of God Church.

Our Hope for 2021, is to have the opportunity to minister to about 6 university campus churches on reaching the unreached.

(Aaron & Benedicta)



A year of growth! The mission's prayer group keeps on growing and since it has gone online more and more people are attending the one-hour prayer time, all focused on missions and mission awareness. Pray that some of those who participate will move from prayer into actively wanting to serve in missions. (*Bright*)



Lock down didn't keep us locked down at all! In fact it opened up many new opportunities to be using media as a tool for mobilising, mission awareness, training and much more. We are grateful for all the the sessions that we have been able to run on Zoom and that many people have been reached. Our prayer for 2021 is that those who have been through mission awareness will commit even deeper to the missions journey. (Higham)



- Give thanks to the Lord for the many conferences, mission awareness, teachings, preaching and online events that our team members were able to be part of in the year 2020.
- Pray that in 2021 the ACTS13 leaders will be able to establish healthy partnerships with national churches and denominations, working together in the sending out of their workers.
- Pray for refreshment over the ACTS13 team members this Christmas and New Year season and that they would be filled with new ideas and creativity.



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