

## ACTS13 AFRICA UPDATE



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## MOBILISING - MENTORING - TRAINING

**This Edition:** It takes a team!

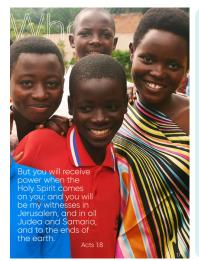
For any ministry to flourish there needs to be unity between the members of a team and a deep belief that everyone's role is needed to see a vision become a reality.

ACTS13 Africa has a desire is to be fruitful and transformational in all the areas of ministry. However, for this to be possible, resources, relationships and personnel are needed. This means leaders to lead the ministry forward, trainers to coordinate the orientations, personnel to gather resources, mobilisers to raise awareness, mentors to assist people, media enthusiasts to communicate the heart of missions, intercessors to pray, networkers to connect and more.



ACTS13 seeks to achieve its vision and mission by a small team of people. This is not by choice but simply because there are not enough personnel who have joined the work. Often it seems that God gives big dreams but the steps to reach them require a lot of faith and ACTS13 knows this very well. Therefore, the desire and prayer of ACTS13 is that more people will catch the wave to join through full or part time service or even through volunteering. What better use of one's time and life than to be part of a ministry which connects people to God's heart for the nations!

## Let's take a sneak peek at two of these roles. #1 – Mobilisers - What is it like to be a mobiliser with ACTS13 Africa?



Peter and Tiina have been mobilisers with ACTS13 in Ghana for the past 3 years. They confidently say that the ministry is critical in this time and season of global missions. Especially in Africa, the opportunity is now for the church and individuals to rise and take their place in the Great Commission. The mobilisers help raise this awareness about God's mission and his desire to use people to reach the world with the good news.

Peter and Tiina came to Ghana with a desire to serve alongside the ACTS13 team, which was focused on inspiring the body of Christ to be part of the harvest by sending workers near and far. One of the most profound memories for Peter and Tiina was seeing the passion of young people who would spend all night to pray for unreached people groups around the world.

The role of a mobiliser was lived out by helping to organise 'Mission Awareness' programs which could be done at university campuses, churches and online. These sessions focused on showing people that whether it be praying, giving, sending, welcoming, or going, everyone has a role to play. In addition, the 'Mentoring in Missions' program provided the opportunity for committed individuals to gain more understanding. For Peter and Tiina this is where the role got fulfilling as there were plenty of opportunities to share on important topics, such as The Biblical foundation of missions, Contextualisation, Cultural awareness, World religions, Media & technology and much more.



The joy of any mobiliser is to have the opportunity to do one-on-one mentoring with individuals. This open space of discussion, brainstorming and prayer provides opportunities for people to discover themselves and get their questions answered. What are my giftings, what is my role? How do I move forward? How can I engage with my family and church?

"Covid-19 really caused havoc with most of our programs. However, with the opportunities through online tools we were able to transfer a lot of our ministry online. A skill needed as a mobiliser is to be constantly seeking for new ways to effectively communicate in creative and relevant ways". (Peter)

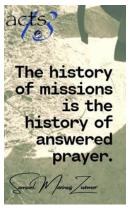


A mobiliser's role is closely associated with the **Media and Communications role**. (#2)

We are in a time and season where everything is in the digital space. If mission agencies do not stay connected and present in this arena, they will miss the opportunity to connect with people. People are online looking for connections, opportunities, and answers to important life questions, like: "What is cross-cultural missions?", "How can I use my training and life experience to serve God?" and "Can I serve as a missionary in Africa?"

For Peter, the role of the media and communications position was to ultimately connect people to the ministry of ACTS13 and to show the possibilities for cross-cultural missions. He desired to achieve this by sharing stories, updating the website, creating newsletters, designing social media posts, producing small promotional videos, and connecting people to relevant resources.

"I have found the role fun and fulfilling, and I am convinced that every mission agency needs to have a dedicated media person to be present and active in this space". (Peter)



The role can be challenging because it requires creativity, good communication skills and constant learning. However, all the hard work pays off when someone connects to ACTS13 through searching online for mission opportunities. "There are amazing opportunities in using media in missions to keep the Great Commission well and truly alive!". (Peter)

These roles are only examples of what ACTS13 members are involved in, but each one of them is critical for the success of the ministry. ACTS13 needs more people to join the team to assist in these areas and more. Please pray with us for more people to join ACTS13. **Are you willing to join us? We would love to hear from you?** 

## **TEAM UPDATE:**

South Africa: Praise God for a recent mission teaching weekend, which was well received.

**Zimbabwe:** Harvests have been plentiful! We praise our loving Father! Proceeds will go to help missions. **Burundi:** The team has a plan to mobilize university students by doing trainings and missions awareness. **Ghana:** Covid-19 has shut many ministries but Praise God the team finally had a mission awareness training in person again and it was a great time together.

- Pray that we can have a team of Candidate Directors that will be able to serve in three major language groups (French, Portuguese, and English).
- Pray that we may be able to establish ACTS 13 Mobilisation Teams in Ethiopia and Nigeria. Please pray for ACTS13 to expand.









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