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CÔTE D'IVOIRE TRIP REPORT

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TRIP AIMS

1. Come to Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on first visit with biblical teaching on stewardship and point ministries to AfCAA (African Council for Accreditation and Accountability) standards.
2. Collaborate to spread Stations of Generosity training with the Regional Facilitator to equip and activate trainers.
3. Cultivate relationships in Côte d'Ivoire with key people at meetings and meals and through prayer, fasting, and confession together.

TRIP VERSE *Acts 20:18, 35*

When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia... In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Act 20:18, 35

Gary Hoag (GTP President & CEO) and Samson Adoungbe (GTP Regional Facilitator for Francophone Africa) traveled to Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire from 12-14 March 2023 with 3 aims in view (listed at left). This picture above features the "Stations of Generosity" participants, 55 pastors and ministry workers, at Assembly of God Macory Zone 4C Temple El-Shammai in Abidjan. This report shares the fruits of this first-ever GTP trip to Côte d'Ivoire.

AIM #1 – COME TO ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE ON FIRST VISIT WITH BIBLICAL TEACHING ON STEWARDSHIP AND POINT MINISTRIES TO AFCAA STANDARDS



We report 5 fruits. **Fruit #1 - Early Arrival.** The room was packed well before the start of our event. **Fruit #2 - Engaged Learners.** Gary taught on "Stewardship and Standards - Two Keys to Strengthen Sustainable Ministry" and 52 people engaged with the content and each other in rich discussion. **Fruit #3 - Enthusiastic Response.** Pastor Ayite shared background about AfCAA and the standards. Samson had the group read the standards and respond. They loved them. **Fruit #4 - Evangelical Alliance.** Many pastors and ministry workers came including influential Evangelical Alliance representatives. **Fruit #5 - Encouraging Outlook.** Assembly of God Macory Zone 4C Temple El-Shammai and Grâce Abundant Côte d'Ivoire want to get accredited with AfCAA. Samson will help them with this.

I really appreciated this meeting because of the way GTP ran the teaching. You captured us. You got us to follow you. You shared stories with biblical teaching and the video from Malawi was great. I even asked Dr. Deh, "How can I get involved more?" My prayer is for all the churches and ministries to apply for accreditation and to build the track because the nation looks at the church as not trustworthy, but we can make it so by faith.

*– Ayite Ably Pierrette Espe Beugre
Pastor and Côte d'Ivoire Country
Representative for AfCAA*



I am very glad that at last this event happened. I think Samson is a good guy. I can see that he is passionate. From here, I hope churches and organizations will join the movement and get AfCAA accredited. We will see what happens with the first group. Again, I think the first group is important. If a few of them can get accredited, I think it will attract others.

*– Younoussa Djao
Founding GTP Regional Facilitator
for Francophone Africa*



AIM #2 – COLLABORATE TO SPREAD STATIONS OF GENEROSITY TRAINING WITH THE REGIONAL FACILITATOR TO EQUIP AND ACTIVATE TRAINERS



We report 3 fruits. **Fruit #1 – New.** Many said they loved this new approach to training with Scripture, questions, and activities, that gets everyone involved in the learning process. They want to spread this across the country and the region. **Fruit #2 – Knowledge.** One participant said that before Stations they lacked knowledge of biblical generosity. Now they can live it and train others. **Fruit #3 – Networks.** Praise God, the Côte d'Ivoire team convened a great group of pastors and influencers, each with congregations and networks eager to replicate the training.



“Thanks for coming. The confidence of the people in the evangelical church in Côte d'Ivoire is very low right now. We have pastors doing all kinds of things on social media, and so people put all the pastors in the same basket. I believe you have come at the right time. Right now people are afraid to give money due to a lack of trust. So I hope we can have churches come together to follow standards to change the testimony. At our church we want to lead the way to get accredited by AfCAA.”

*– Kouassi Emmanuel Yao
Evangelist, Pastor of Assembly of God
Macory Zone 4C Temple El-Shammai and
GTP Country Coordinator for Côte d'Ivoire*

AIM #3 – CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE WITH PEOPLE AT MEETINGS AND MEALS AND THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING, AND CONFESSION TOGETHER

We report 5 fruits. **Fruit #1 – Kouassi Emmanuel Yao.** This pastor and key point person with the Evangelical Alliance and the Assembly of God denomination helped pull the events together and hosted the Stations training at his church. He's agreed to be GTP Country Coordinator for Côte d'Ivoire (pictured second from right at right). **Fruit #2 – Jean Claude Chaffra.** He helped translate for Gary and translated the Benin and Togo trip reports into French for wide sharing (pictured next to Gary at right). He plans to spread Stations throughout Francophone Africa with the Global Network of Evangelists. **Fruit #3 – Daniel Boussou.** He drove us around, served us, and he helped translate for Gary (pictured in the back of the photo at right). **Fruit #4 – Ayite Ably Pierrette Espe Beugre.** She gave remarks on behalf of Dr. Comlan Prosper Deh of Togo who serves as the AfCAA Regional Representative for Francophone Africa (pictured below middle). **Fruit #5 – Younoussa Djao.** As the first GTP Regional Facilitator for Francophone Africa, our visit marked the end of a long wait and gave him hope for the future of accountability and transparency in his country (pictured at bottom).



“It was a great opportunity to have biblical teaching on how God's workers can manage God's money wisely with standards. And I want to say that this training is an answer to prayer. We can replicate it and duplicate in churches to help people live out what the Bible teaches. I'm grateful. I pray to serve as an advocate and champion for generosity to help more people in the church of Côte d'Ivoire to grow into the ways God wants us to live related to money. I pray we get this message to all Francophone Africa. God bless GTP in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

*– Jean Claude Chaffra
Global Network of Evangelists, Evangelist
and Coordinator for Francophone Africa*

“I have been positively impacted by GTP visit. I learned so much in the teaching. And I am fully ready to share the Stations of Generosity training with the youth I lead.”

*– Daniel Boussou
Deacon, President of Youth at Assembly of
God Macory Zone 4C Temple El-Shammai*