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Bits & Bytes for Bagley Backers



THE AFRICAN CHURCH KEEPS EXPANDING

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory!' And God granted his request. I Chronicles 4:10

I don't know if the African Wesleyan Church has been praying the prayer of Jabez, but God has certainly been enlarging its territory. Recent developments include the following:

CHAD: Toward the end of last year, missionary Andrew Bondo (Liberian serving in Nigeria) traveled with a Nigerian pastor and a Cameroonian ministry partner to explore ministry possibilities in Chad. They connected with a local partner and plans are underway to plant the first Wesleyan church in that country. Andrew reports that they have raised the funds needed to launch this work and that he will return this month to see the progress.

GAMBIA: The Wesleyan Church of Sierra Leone, is launching its first mission outreach to the country of Gambia. They have developed a four-year strategy for starting the work including use of the Jesus Film, connecting with Sierra Leonean Wesleyans living in the country, and sending their first missionary. Their initial survey team will be going there this month to lay the ground work. More information and a chance to give to this initiative can be found on the Global Partners website.

BURUNDI: Dr. Jacques Kasweshi, National Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church of the Congo, recently traveled to Burundi to meet with leaders of an independent holiness church who had expressed interest in joining the Congolese church. At the end of the week-long meeting, the members of the church voted unanimously to join forces with the Wesleyan Church. Dr. Kasweshi reported that it was clearly obvious that God had prepared this church and its leaders to be part of the Wesleyan family.

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

1. Praise God for a solid start to a new school year at Emmanuel Wesleyan Bible College in Swaziland last month. Bob spoke to staff and students each morning and evening about fruitfulness in our Christian lives.

2. Please pray for the Wesleyan Church in Rwanda and their leader, Pastor Jean Paul Bizimungu. Our three churches there were recently forced to close because they failed to meet government building standards.

3. A Leadership Matters Course will be held in Lusaka, Zambia, April 8-20, with Bob and three African Wesleyan leaders included on the trainer team. Fourteen Wesleyans from 6 countries are included among the participants. Pray that this will be a life-transforming experience for everyone involved.

4. All of GP's missionaries in Africa will gather in Uganda for the annual missionary retreat, April 26-30. Pray that the missionaries will be refreshed, restored, re-energized, and revived by this weekend spent together.

5. Bob and David Kajila (Congolese missionary in Cameroon) have been working hard on logistics for the first ever French Wesleyan Fellowship uniting French-speaking Wesleyans from different parts of the world - Congo (DRC), Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Rwanda, Haiti, and Canada. This will take place in Cameroon at the end of July. Please pray for God's help as participants work to get passports and visas for this historic meeting.

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