

GREAT COMMISSION

Mission

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A Glimpse of the Deputation Trail



Tremendous and encouraging missions conference with Bro. Davis and some missionary friends



Powerful and blessed missions conference with Bro. Rose; all of our hearts were stirred



Wonderful Sunday night service and fellowship with Pastor Goodwin and the church family



A great weekend of ministry and time together with Bro. and Mrs. Anderson and Bro. and Mrs. Solis



Pastor Teague and his wife and church family were a great blessing as we enjoyed a midweek service and fellowship

What's Happening

One of the regions of the Great Commission Mission is West Africa. God has enabled us to work closely with several national pastors in Ghana and Togo. We have helped plant five churches in those countries. Because open doors and opportunities abound, there is a growing need to accomplish much more in West Africa.

God has used my good friend and fellow veteran missionary, Emmanuel Goungampo, to plant eighteen churches in Togo, West Africa. Bro. Goungampo and many national pastors are eager to see additional churches planted out of their existing ministries. The laborers are ready, and the time is now. God has saved and called young men who have received solid training in the Word of God and are prepared to start Bible studies in villages where there is no faithful Gospel witness.

I was blessed to be with Bro. Goungampo in 2024 to visit many of the church plants in village settings, preach at the grand opening service of a church plant we helped fund, and teach extensively on the Great Commission in various venues. I am very excited about the opportunity to return to Togo, where more than 350 pastors and workers will gather for a Great Commission Mission conference. My pastor, Greg Neal, will headline the teaching and preaching. Pastor Neal has a tremendous heart, vision, and passion for world missions.

During this trip, we will invest time teaching national pastors, sharing the vision of growth and expansion, and visiting villages that are in need of a church plant. I personally do not know of anything that compares to helping national pastors who have a zeal for God, a focus on serving Him, and a desire to absorb teaching and instruction from God's Word. This is my heart, and this is my passion. May God use us to see the Great Commission accelerated in West Africa and around the world.

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Did You Know?

Soulwinning is still the key element of the work of God. I am thankful for the opportunity to go soulwinning with various pastors in different states while on deputation. In fact, I am more than thankful for it—I love it. I love it because it is the heartbeat of God. I love it because every encounter has its own unique challenges. I love it because it provides an opportunity to share my salvation testimony, but most importantly, I love it because it enables me to proclaim truth and offer hope to those whom Christ loves and for whom He died. I will also say that I love the follow-up aspect after soulwinning. Follow-up is ALSO the heartbeat of God, though it is often overlooked. It requires a deeper level of care—showing genuine interest in people and what they are facing in life. It is a joy to help these new believers get to church, obey the Lord in baptism, and receive guidance in reading the Bible and growing in their Christian lives. I realize that salvation is immediate, but obedience and discipleship are processes that take time. The work of God is not merely about seeing people saved; it is about caring for them as they begin their Christian journey. There are several pastors that I continue to ask, "How is this person doing?" or "Has anyone checked on this person recently?" or "Has this person started attending church?" The Great Commission is about soulwinning, but the Great Commission—whether we acknowledge it or not—is also about follow-up, so that the new converts have a chance to "make it" in the Christian life as they grow into disciples of Christ.

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In preparation of this trip, I am asking God to supply the remaining \$6,150. These funds are in addition to everything my home church has done and continues to do to cover Pastor Neal's expenses. Airline ticket prices have increased and need to be purchased before the end of the month. Would you and your church consider taking an offering toward this remaining need? If you are not personally able to give, our God is able, so PLEASE PRAY with me that the funds will be provided in the coming weeks.

Regarding deputation, God has been good. Recent meetings have gone well, and I believe that pastors and laymen are grasping the Great Commission Mission concept and standing behind us.

On a personal note, in March, I turned fifty years old. Over the past couple of months, it has been a blessing to see Ashley and two other souls saved through personal soulwinning. Praise the Lord! I know I am not much, but I am thankful to be able to serve the Lord by reaching others with the Gospel. Being diagnosed with a movement disorder has been a life-changing ordeal. Through this disease, I have been humbled and slowed down, yet God has been exceedingly good in the midst of it. I desire this year to draw closer to my Saviour, to serve Him more faithfully, and to see many lives impacted by His Word.

—David Crews, Director

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