

## Spotlight on Democratic Republic of Congo

Later this year, AE DRC will be undertaking phase three of the Lubumbashi outreach. This year, the mission will take place in a city called Kolwezi, which is a major entry point into Zambia. It is a strategic point to bring the Gospel to the city and to further saturate the region with the light of Christ. Join us as we pray for the mission and the many other needs of the DRC team.

- 1 The nation's plague of violence and unrest has only worsened in the last several years. Pray for the leadership of this nation, that they would be challenged to lead in righteousness and integrity.
- 2 The church leaders in Lubumbashi have been working with AE DRC since 2015. Pray that they will call on all they have learned about ministry thus far and press into the Kolwezi Mission with enthusiasm.
- 3 Pray that as the third phase of the Lubumbashi 2019 Mission begins, peace will reign and Christ's light will be seen by all.
- 4 Pray that the evangelists and volunteers who were trained during last year's mission will take part this year to continue to shine Christ in their community.
- **5** Pray that the local church in Lubumbashi will be united in the mission effort and set aside anything that may cause division.
- 6 Pray for stability in the nation and an end to violence and war.
- 7 Pray that those local people who gave financially toward the mission last year will be burdened to give again to help fund the mission.
- 8 The Kolwezi area has many mines where people work in slave-like conditions searching for precious metal or stones. Pray that these workers will hear the call of Jesus.
- **9** Pray for the nearly 700,000 inhabitants of Kolwezi. Ask that the Lord will meet them where they are and capture their hearts for Him.
- 10 Pray for the general funding of the DRC 2019 Mission to Lubumbashi, that the mission will receive the right funds at the right time.
- 11 Pray that the government would be rooted in righteousness and turn away from ambition and violence.
- 12 The AE DRC team is hoping that this mission will lead to stronger partnership and mission opportunities in cities beyond Kolwezi. Pray that God will open new doors for the Gospel in DRC!
- 13 Pray for our DRC team, which is very small. Ask God to provide support and help to them in Lubumbashi as they plan the mission from Kinshasa, 1,400 miles away.
- 14 We are thankful that the church in this area seems to be growing. However, understanding of correct theology is shallow and there is much division in the church. Please pray for these things.
- **15** Pray for children in the DRC where sexual abuse is rampant.
- 16 Pray that the DRC team would be able to add a secretary to their team.

- 17 Pray that the Lubumbashi region will see emerging leaders who live by godly principles. There are many young leaders who need good leadership role models.
- **18** Pray for encouragement within the DRC team who are small in number and work very hard. Ask God to strengthen their hearts.
- 19 Next month, if funding allows, the DRC team will begin local prayer mobilisation for the mission. Ask God to provide many local prayer warriors for this mission.
- 20 Please pray that a new car would be provided to the DRC office. Their office car is in poor condition.
- 21 The team has a goal of bringing the Gospel to 50,000 people. Pray that many will hear the Gospel this year through this mission.
- 22 Pray that Leonard, AE DRC Team Leader, will be able to build strong connections with ministries in other French speaking countries including Cote d'Ivoire where they currently have some connections.
- **23** Ask God to bless the talks currently happening between the DRC team and churches in Brazzaville. Pray for open doors of ministry!
- 24 AE DRC is anticipating the formation of a local Foxfire Team! Pray that the team will be formed, trained and ready for ministry ahead of Lubumbashi Mission.
- 25 The team is planning to start a mentor program for 200 young leaders in Kolwezi. Pray that those leaders will go on to make a positive impact.
- 26 Pray that the local church will help the DRC team with transport and accommodation during the mission. Those things help cut the mission budget down considerably leaving more funds for ministry.
- 27 Pray that the local Board of Directors in DRC will seek God as they finalise their strategic plan for their country.
- **28** Pray that the DRC team will be able to develop their office and extend their building further as they seek to bring in tenants who will generate ministry income.
- 29 Pray for blessing on the DRC team including Leonard, AE Team Leader, Jacques, Mission Director, and Antoinette, who helps in finance, communications and admin.
- 30 The mission is hoping to have 500 trained volunteer evangelists to help reach the city. Pray that God will provide all that's needed for this mission.
- 31 Join us in thanking God for all the incredible things He will do this year in DRC and around the world.

# A QUICK WORD FROM BEN



Dear AE Family Friend,

Please join me and thousands of other members of the AE family in praying for the countries of Ethiopia, Ghana and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Often, our work in these countries can seem like a hard slog, with various setbacks and challenges. Many people in these countries have suffered so much, and it can be painful to witness their grief and trauma.

But in hard times, the best thing we can do is remain faithful in prayer and keep working for the Lord. As the Bible encourages us, "Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded" (2 Chronicles 15:7).

We know that God will reward our work together – in word and deed on the ground, and as you give and pray – by bringing people in Africa to the holistic healing that is found through faith in Jesus.

There are exciting missions ahead in these countries, and many opportunities to see entire communities transformed by the Gospel. Let's never give up, because God wants to use us powerfully to change even more lives with His love!

Together we CAN,

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### Spotlight on Ghana

Ghana's mission last month was a huge success and we're so thankful for all that Christ has done! Join us as we pray for the follow-up phase of the mission and the new believers who are navigating their new life in Christ! If you missed the mission updates, check our website to read about all that God did!

- 1 The Akuapem Mission in Ghana concluded yesterday and we are thanking God for all the incredible ways He touched the hearts of the people. Join us in praising God for His goodness during this mission.
- 2 The Akuapem churches have a five-year strategy to reach their city and they're relying on AE's approach to help them sustain this vision. Pray that God will bless these helievers
- 3 The theme of the Ghana Mission was Christ-Centred Churches Transforming Communities and Culture. Pray that God would truly transform this community for His glory.
- 4 Join us as we thank God for the success AE Ghana has had with Film Evangelism. It is a staple of our outreach in Ghana and has brought many to repentance. Pray that many more would be reached through this ministry.
- 5 Ben Sachie and the AE Ghana staff worked tirelessly all year to bring this mission to fruition. Ask God to bless him and his small team as they continue to work hard to reap a harvest of souls in Ghana.
- 6 Pray for the city officials who attended the Leadership Meetings during the Akuapem Mission. Ask that God would continue to challenge their hearts to lead with integrity and righteousness.
- 7 Please pray blessing on the nearly 500 local mission volunteers who gave up their time and resources to minister in their city.
- 8 AE Ethiopia is holding a Youth Outreach in Adama for the next two days ahead of their mission next month. Pray that many young people would be changed by the love of Christ.
- **9** Northern Ghana is predominately Muslim. Please pray that more ministries and outreaches would thrive in Northern Ghana.
- 10 Sadly, Ghana is used as a key point of transit for South American drug cartels in their efforts to get illicit drugs into Europe. Pray that the government would be able to enforce their borders more thoroughly.
- 11 Join me in praising God for the rich Gospel history of the Akuapem Region in Ghana. The region was first reached in 1835 by Basel Missionaries who later established the first Presbyterian Church of Ghana.
- 12 Please join us in praising God for the local and international ministers during the mission. Some travelled from as far away as the USA and New Zealand to share the Gospel with the people of Akuapem.
- 13 Ask God to give persistence to the local church as they begin to follow up with new believers. Lord, let no new believer be abandoned.
- 14 Pray for those in the ghettos of Akuapem who heard the message of the Gospel during the mission. Ask God to give strength to those who made commitments to Christ.

- 15 In December, the AE Ghana team will go back to the Akuapem Region for mission follow up. May they find thousands of new believers planted in churches and thriving in discipleship.
- 16 Today is World Toilet Day. AE has installed hundreds of toilets around Africa in schools and slums, making life safer for thousands of people. Pray for the communities that will receive toilets from AE this year.
- 17 Join us in praying for AE Rwanda today as they hold rallies denouncing gender-based violence.
- 18 Join us in prayer for our AE Kenya team as they visit Mombasa churches to cast the vision for the Mombasa Mission 2019.
- 19 Today, AE Ethiopia will hold meetings for women and couples in Adama in preparation for the Adama Mission next month. Pray that many hearts would be ministered to by the love of Christ.
- 20 Please join us in thanking God for the other mission partners who made the Akuapem Mission possible. These include, Mission Africa, Scripture Union, and Operation Mobilization (OM) among many others.
- 21 The Ghanaian President, Nana Akufo Addo, originates from the Akuapem area. Pray that his wife and four daughters would live in peace and that Nana would lead his nation in integrity.
- 22 According to statistics, Ghana is approximately 76% Christian. However, many people are Christian in name only. Pray that God would bring genuine belief into the hearts of those who only call themselves Christians.
- 23 Join us today in thanking God for the relative stability and prosperity in Ghana. Ask God to continue to bless this nation.
- 24 Please pray for the Prostitute Rehabilitation program that AE Ghana carries out every year. Pray that these women would experience true freedom.
- Pray for the young people who are helped by the Street Kids Rehabilitation Project every year in Ghana. Thank God for the great opportunity these kids are getting to start life.
- **26** Pray for the local Board of AE Ghana, that they would help guide the strategic ministry of the team in all areas.
- 27 Pray that God would continue to give Ben Sachie and the rest of the AE Ghana team opportunities to connect with other West African ministries
- 28 Pray that all of Ghana's missions and programs will be funded next year so many lives can be changed.
- 29 Ask God to keep the AE Ghana team healthy and ready for ministry in 2019.
- **30** Join us in thanking God for everything He is doing in Ghana!



## Spotlight on Ethiopia

The Adama Mission in Ethiopia is fast approaching and we're excited to see what God does in this important city. Please join us this month as we pray for the nation of Ethiopia and all the aspects of the mission, which we hope will make a big and lasting impact in the city. Check our website for regular mission updates!

- 1 Today is World AIDS Day. Fifteen per cent of Ethiopia's population lives below the poverty level, making them particularly vulnerable to HIV/ AIDS. Pray those affected will find treatment.
- 2 Adama Ethiopia lies in the centre of the country and is a key point for most land transportation. As our mission begins later this month, pray that even those passing through will hear the Gospel.
- 3 Nearly 34% of Adama is Muslim. Ask God to give our team many opportunities to reach into the Muslim community with the Gospel.
- 4 Over the past few years, the city of Adama has faced an increase in homelessness, prostitution and the drug trade. Pray that these people will be reached with the life-saving message of the Gospel.
- 5 So far, at least 40 local churches have joined the mission effort. Pray that all the different churches will be able to work together well.
- 6 The Adama Mission is estimated to reach approximately 30,000 people with the Gospel! Pray for God's blessing on this effort.
- 7 Adama is the third largest city in Ethiopia and a very strategic point to reach with the Gospel. Join us in asking God for His blessing on this mission and that the Gospel would spread far and wide from here.
- 8 The Prosperity Gospel has taken a firm hold in some churches in Adama. Please pray that, through this mission, church leaders will have their theology challenged and corrected.
- 9 Today is Anti-Corruption Day. Corruption is a common problem in Africa. Pray that Africa's leaders and officials will lead with integrity.
- 10 Our team in Ghana will be going back to Akuapem follow up on the mission in October. Pray that they will be able to encourage the churches as they continue to follow up and support new believers.
- 11 This week, our team will be training mission volunteers in Adama in evangelism. Pray that these lessons will help the participants adopt a habit of evangelising their communities long after the mission.
- 12 Pray for the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Abiy Ahmed, who assumed the office of Prime Minister in April of this year. Pray that God will use him for His will and that he will act with integrity and righteousness.
- **13** Pray that God will provide all that is needed for the Adama mission, including finances and manpower.
- 14 The Adama Mission is expected to yield approximately 2,000 new believers. This will represent nearly a 10% increase in the local church. Join us in praying that God will move mightily.
- 15 Please pray protection over our team and those travelling to take part in the Adama Mission.

- 16 Pray that the churches in Adama will embrace AE's passion for the Great Commission.
- 17 Pray for AE Ethiopia's yearly Student Discipleship Program that reaches approximately 20,000 students each year. Pray for it to thrive.
- 18 Pray for Mel Mesfin, AE Ethiopia Team Leader. His team is very small and he accomplishes much with little resources.
- 19 Join us in thanking God for the dedication of all our Team Leaders around Africa.
- 20 As 2018 draws to a close, join us in thanking God for all the incredible things He has done this year.
- 21 As the Adama Mission begins next week, pray that no evil thing will stop God's Word from going forth in the city and into hearts.
- 22 The literacy rate in Ethiopia is only 49% broadly and only 41% among women. Pray that the nation's leaders would prioritise literacy.
- 23 Pray for the technical aspects of the mission including microphones, venues and transportation. Ask God's blessing on all these things.
- 24 Pray that the new believers will find strong, Bible-believing churches and continue to be discipled in their new faith.
- 25 Merry Christmas! May your heart be filled with the joy of the season and with thankfulness to God for sending His Son to earth for us.
- 26 For the next two days, the Adama Mission will be focusing on reaching the most vulnerable communities through social action projects. Pray that many of the most vulnerable will receive assistance.
- 27 The Adama Mission begins today! Pray for grace on the few people who have organised this mission. Ask God to give them the strength and perseverance to ensure the mission is organised and successful.
- 28 Pray for the many volunteer evangelists who have given up their time to reach their community with the Gospel. Ask God to bless their interaction with each person they meet today.
- 29 Pray for the leaders of Adama, that they will be challenged to lead their city with integrity and Christ-likeness.
- 30 The Adama Mission concludes today. Join us in thanking God for all the amazing things He has done in this city and for the many people reached with the Gospel! Pray for the churches as they begin the work of following up with new believers.
- 31 In 2019, AE Ethiopia is planning their mission in Arba Minch and surrounding areas. Pray that God will begin to prepare the hearts of the church and the lost in that area.