

Spirit Of Caleb In The 10/40 Window



The Man from Macedonia calls again for our help!

Last year, I introduced you to a new ministry of MABMI called The Spirit of Caleb, which targets the unreached people in the 10/40 window of Africa. This burden sent me into the wilderness of Burkina Faso to meet a man like unto John the Baptist. When I shared with Pastor Andre Bazie my burden for reaching North Africa using Burkina Faso as a gateway, he was thrilled and has given all of his strength to help with this project.

Next, I traveled to Togo to enlist the help of our French-speaking Togolese pastors. I was received with open arms and allowed to share my burden in a monthly pastor's fellowship meeting. Quickly, God knit our hearts together; and I was invited back to preach a 3-day conference on missions and to strategize on working together to reach Africa.



Faith Promise Missions Seminar in Lome, Togo

After Pastor Stephen Kyeremeh, (a French-speaking Ghanaian pastor on staff in our church in Techiman) and I visited Togo, we went off to meet with the Baptist pastors in Ivory Coast to see if God would also touch their hearts to help with this outreach ministry to North Africa.

We were warmly received by our brethren in Ivory Coast, and they agreed to pray with us for God's leading in their involvement in the Spirit of Caleb ministry.

Steve and I returned to Burkina Faso to visit Pastor Andre and the two churches God has used him to plant. While we were there, we met another church planting pastor. Pastor Frances is a Burkinabe, who is laboring to plant a church in Kuchala, Mali. He has suffered much for Christ and is very lonely because there are not other Baptist churches near him.



Pastor Frances

On all of these trips, it became evident to Steve and I that we needed to host an International Baptist Pastors Fellowship for Missions in Ghana. On December 11-13, we hosted this conference in our church in Techiman. We had as many as 54 pastors in attendance from 6 African countries, with 4 American missionaries from 3 different boards.



International Baptist Pastors Fellowship for Missions

During this conference, 4 African pastors plus myself committed to go to Burkina Faso in the Summer of 2007 to start a church in the capital city of Ouagadougou. I will be there for one year in full time language study and supporting the church planting team with leadership and raising funds to buy land and build the church. It is our goal to plant a church with a vision for the world. From Ouaga, we hope to send missionaries to both Niger and Mali in 2008.

For Eternity Sake!

Pastor Steve Volante
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