

Lord's Move to AFRICA

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CHURCH LIFE UNDER THE PANDEMIC

Introduction: Africa is the world's 2nd largest and 2nd most-populous continent, with 55 countries and a population of over 1.3 billion. Currently there are 134 lampstands in 23 countries, with approx. 6000 saints.

The churches are going on by His grace during the pandemic. Most meetings now take place online and in smaller groups. Some saints face limitations in Wi-Fi access yet they continue to fellowship via messaging and calls. May the Lord gain all the saints in this continent to have much experience and enjoyment of Him during this time. The following captures blessings from a few localities.



ETHIOPIA

No. of localities: 25

No. of saints in church life: 1100

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 450

Blessings Under the Pandemic

Despite the outward limitation our spiritual condition is improving in a way we have never seen before. Since big gatherings are not allowed in the country, we have to meet in small groups and move our regular meetings (prayer meeting and Lord's Table meeting) to the homes of the saints and to our newly bought property. The number of saints meeting in homes ranges from 6 to 10. This facilitates the saints to open up to one another and love one another more. Besides, we also have daily online meeting for the saints to share on the morning revival and to pray. The Fulltime Training Addis Ababa (FTTAA) is also going on very well. Because of COVID-19 we have split the training into 3 locations to care for the trainees.



UGANDA

No. of localities: 1

No. of saints in church life: 66

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 50

Going On With More Blending

The saints in Kampala were rearranged into 7 groups. These include regular saints, some new saints who had joined us in the last 3 months, students from the campus and saints that had been recovered. Meetings are taking place daily via video-conferencing platforms or voice calls.

The Lord has opened a door for the church in Kampala to blend with the church in Vancouver. Through this, we have saints from Kampala attending meetings in Vancouver, as well as the saints from Vancouver attending the table and prophesying meetings in Kampala. Every Thursday saints from Kampala attend a perfecting meeting in Vancouver to enter into the Holy Word for Morning Revival. The Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to attend conferences and trainings. Some saints attended a training in Addis Ababa via video-conferencing. We also enjoyed the Memorial Day conference online.



GHANA

No. of localities: 28

No. of saints in church life: 1397

Increased Fellowship and Practical Care

The lockdown has been relaxed in Ghana; however, as an exercise of cautious care for the saints the churches continue to conduct the church life through online means as well as via telephone.

While the lockdown posted a challenge to the practice of the church life, this situation has also resulted in:

1. a number of dormant saints being brought back to the fellowship among the saints;
2. increased fellowship among responsible brothers concerning how to care for the saints; and
3. practical care and fellowship in the Body of Christ (including receiving facemasks from overseas saints).



NIGERIA

No. of localities: 16

No. of saints in church life: 550

More Saints Functioning

The churches are going on with online meetings, except in Lagos and Abuja where the saints are meeting in their homes due to proximity to one another. We are joyful in the whole situation because Satan is defeated even more. He thought that through the pandemic he can stop the flow but today the flow is increasing even more in every home. A number of saints who typically do not speak on the Lord's Day are now functioning in the homes. This is a shame to Satan!



SOUTH AFRICA

No. of localities: 10

No. of saints in church life: 600

No. of saints attending the Table meeting: 450

God-man living, Fellowship in the One New Man

1. Due to the lockdown, many families are adjusting to living the day to day God-man life away from the formal practice of going to a meeting hall.
2. Our caring for one another has increased significantly. Many saints, particularly the older ones, have been helped to quickly learn how to utilize the technology. Several dormant ones have been contacted and are being restored. The serving brothers are praying steadfastly in one accord.
3. The usage of technology enables the saints to participate globally in a variety of events, conferences, prayer-times, etc. The fellowship in the Body is being greatly enlarged beyond the boundaries of localities, to further the practical bringing forth of the universal one new man.
4. Full-time Training Pretoria (FTTP): All the classes and coordination are on-line. The trainees have much contacting of the Lord and much flowing out to others using online platforms.