

VICTORY REPORT FROM THE IVORY COAST

Act 14:27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

The good Lord Jesus enabled us to travel to the Ivory Coast from the 28th of June to the 7th of July, 2023. Bishop Efrem of the UK has long been encouraging me to travel to the Ivory

Figure 1



Coast and we were excited to see what the Lord would do. As soon as Bishop Efrem exited the airport in Abidjan the capital of Ivory Coast, the Lord Jesus confirmed the trip was ordained for his glory. As you can see in Figure 1, a few young men who were total strangers, approached him and the leader of Ivory Coast, Brother Jean Baptiste, and asked for prayers upon their knees. Having lived in France for some years, Brother Efrem's French was a much-needed asset as few people speak English in the Ivory Coast. It always amazes us how the Lord prepares his servants years in advance for his purposes. "But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness

both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee" (Acts 26:16).

The Ministers in the Ivory Coast Apostolic Movement were very gracious with their time and resources. They received us graciously at the airport and we were treated like angels during our stay. There were three days of worship and preaching the



Word of God. The people were very responsive and each day we receive news of several

people who decided to be baptized in Jesus' name.

Figure 2

Hallelujah! All in all, 28 souls were baptized in Jesus' name before we left. I am told that even Pastors and their congregations have decided to be baptized in the aftermath of the conference. The revival continues! Brother Efrem and I were given full freedom to preach the entire counsel of God. We emphasized the doctrine of salvation preached by the Apostles, church organization and future fellowship between our churches in Europe and the Ivory Coast. Several elders and ministers participated in this seminar after the



conference (Figure 2) and we were honored in presenting certificates upon completion. To the participants. As the Apostle Paul declared to the elders of Ephesus, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

We are very thankful to Bishop Jean Baptiste (Figure 3) the President of the Apostolic

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Movement in Francophone Africa. He is a humble man who radiates the love of Jesus. We also bless Ministers Marcel, Jeremy, Immanuel, Boza, Philemon, Noel, Ado-Vanquier and many others who made our stay a memorable one. We are convinced, as the Apostle Paul stated, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (I Corinthians 16:9). I am also convinced

the Lord Jesus has a special mission for Brother Efrem in the Ivory Coast and has demonstrated this with many blessings during this trip. We also wish to thank the Church of Ivory Coast from the bottom of our hearts for all the sacrifice they put into this conference. They love to worship and praise the Lord and never appear to tire of giving to the Lord.



We invite the people of God everywhere who have a burden for the salvation of the nations to pray for the Ivory Coast. We have a vision to use the Ivory Coast as a base to launch future missionary trips to Francophone West Africa (e.g., Guinea, Burkino Faso, Benin, Senegal, Togo, Cameroon,

Niger, Mali and Mauritania). We remind you once again that the Lord is returning soon. As Peter reminds us:

2Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

