

The FAMS (French Africa Mission Society) is committed to taking the good news of Jesus to the countries of West and Central Africa. The majority of these are former French colonies and 5 of them are Moslem countries. 8 of these countries are suffering from the consequences of ongoing political crisis and civil wars. In Liberia, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo Brazzaville, Central African Republic, Togo, Niger and Ivory Coast civil wars have killed millions of people over the years. Malaria, Typhoid fever, cholera, AIDS and many more tropical diseases are damaging the health of millions. Our work started in Abidjan, Ivory Coast in 1989 with a mission team from New York of about 20 disciples led by Mike and Anne Brigitte Taliaferro. Hervé and Janet Fleurant continued the work powerfully until late 1998 when my wife and I took over the leadership of this region.

From 1999 to 2005, our churches have grown considerably by 1400 disciples. Our main church in Abidjan grew from 1300 in 1998 to over 2100 in 2006. From one church in one country we are now 21 churches scattered in 14 countries with over 3600 members. The biggest church is the church in Abidjan, Ivory Coast with over 2100 members. This church has increased by 800 disciples in the last 7 years. We praise God for the love and the financial support of the churches in New York and Atlanta without whom this work would not have been made possible.

In 1999, Ivory coast which was once known as the harbour of peace in a region where instability reigns, was all of a sudden hit by the winds of social political instability and armed conflict. The work in this part of Africa has been very challenging both emotionally and financially. We had to relocate about 100 disciples from the city of Bouaké to Abidjan; the lead couple and their family had to be ex-filtrated from the frontline by the French army; my wife and I survived a bomb blast in the airport of Kinshasa where more than 250 died and recently we had to move to a new house due to the bullets that fell on our house during the conflict in Abidjan.

We are all aware of the severe financial cut that's affecting our churches since 2003. Not only are we facing the consequences of an unstable political region, but we have had to also face the challenges created by lack of funding. Due to the continuous increase in disciples, the needs have also augmented since we require more trained shepherds to take care of the baby Christians. Please keep praying for us as we continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ on this challenging field. We thank God for his daily strength and the churches for their daily support.

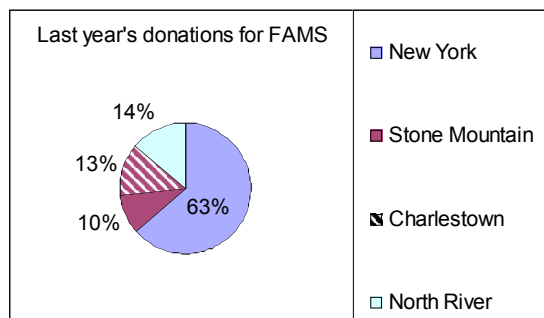
Blaise Feumba (Lead Evangelist of the Abidjan church and Missions coordinator)

Praise God for our partners

We thank God for the love and faithful sacrifice of our partner churches in New York and Atlanta who have been pouring their hearts over a decade to help evangelize French Africa.

In recent years some other congregations have committed to help. We are very grateful to the church in Montgomery County for helping us with our work in Bamenda, Cameroon (Central Africa). We also thank the church in Charlestown North Carolina for helping with our work in Abidjan. We are very grateful for the support of our churches in North River. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Stone Mountain church for their concern and support. Thanks also to the Central Gwinnett Ministry for their help in the ongoing construction of the church pavilion. Thanks to the DC regional church for their love and spontaneous generosity over the past 2 years.

French Africa Mission (FAM) could not meet the needs of disciples in Africa had it not been for the love, prayers and material sacrifice of faithful disciples in the United States. The New York church and the congregations in Atlanta have been involved with FAM for more than a decade now.



Our region received in 1999, a total of 590.000USD for support for churches of 2100 disciples and God really blessed the sacrifice of the disciples in the USA by making this region grow from 2100 to almost 3700 disciples

in 21 different congregations in 2006, becoming the largest region in Africa. The region has registered a growth of 1400 disciples in 6 years.

Despite all these victories, the churches in French speaking Africa are going through hard times financially. In 2003 our support was cut down to more than a half (262.507 USD) while our churches grew up to 3687 members becoming the largest region in Africa. Due to that severe cut, 15 of our churches don't have any full-time leaders, these churches have not been visited for almost 3 years and yet they need biblical training and visits of teachers and preachers from mature congregations to strengthen them.

In addition to this, most of these churches are in a region that is unstable both politically and economically. Most of the armed conflicts in Africa take place in this region. Out of 14 countries 7 are suffering the consequences of civil war and armed conflicts (Liberia, Ivory Coast, Congo, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central Africa Republic, and Mauritania). The main countries with our biggest churches are Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ivory Coast and they are the most unstable in the region right now.

The church in Abidjan with almost 2200 members is facing the consequences of armed conflicts and most of the big companies moved out because of the insecurity. Furthermore, our top donors were transferred to other countries.

Consequently, many disciples lost their jobs and still have to care for their families. In addition to this, jobs are very scarce for our students with degrees. The same thing is going on in the DRC with a church of over 600 members. Most of the disciples have to walk many kilometers to get to church services. Electricity and clean water is a luxury. Malaria, Typhoid fever, Cholera and AIDS are killing and

devastating most of the population. Our lead couple and their 4 kids have to live without electricity and water supply because of financial restraint.

Unfortunately, we are just informed that New York, our main church support which represents 63% of the budget, is not going to be able to support us anymore. We hope and pray that God will provide with new churches that will link to help spread the Gospel in this region of Africa.

The 2006-2007 financial plan for FAMS (504.000USD)

In spite of all these troubles we have been working hard to reduce our charges since 2003. We have also challenged our churches to be able to take care of some of their needs.

Without doubt the FAM has proven to become the most difficult region of Africa to evangelize. We presently have 21 churches in 14 countries and 15 of our congregations are led by non-fulltime leaders. The budget we are submitting does not cover some expenses that are already covered by the local revenues.

The FAM 2006 financial plan has been created to help meet the needs of these churches.

We are looking forward to link with more generous churches that will commit themselves to support financially the missions work in FAMS on a yearly basis. All the support will be used to fund 5 major categories of expenses:

- 1) **Mission field support**
- 2) **Facility rentals**
- 3) **Benefits**
- 4) **Travel**
- 5) **Telephone**

Our new hopeful budget is as follows :

Mission field support (298.000USD)

This includes employee compensation which covers salaries and housing. Almost half of the MFS budget goes to supporting our work in the Ivory Coast. This is reasonable due to the size of the church which represents 60% of the membership of the whole region (2186 out of 3687).

Facility rentals (39.000USD)

Which include both Sunday services and Mid-week in 14 countries.

Benefits (89.510 USD)

This includes Medical insurance and Pension plan (our staff is above 30 years old and does not have any pension plan).

Travel (50.000USD)

Most of the churches have not been visited since 3 years. Flying from one country to another in Africa sometimes costs the same as flying to the States (From Abidjan to Kinshasa for instance). We started a Bible training program for pastoral and leadership training named: Tyrannus Bible School.

Telephone (27.490USD)

The phone budget is mostly for communication between our churches and helps with ongoing training and discipling.

All this put together give us a projected budget of **504.000USD**.

We thank God for the churches in Stone Mountain and the Washington DC who already committed to take a special contribution this month to help us meet this new budget. Thanks also to the North Side community who already sent us 14.596 USD.

Our budget here goes from July 2006 to June 2007. We are desperately praying for new churches that will help fill the gap.

Below is some good news from French Africa:

GOOD NEWS FROM FAMS

1° Special Sunday service on September 03 2006

Due to its impact on the city of Abidjan, the Abidjan Church of Christ is more and more popular and is arousing curiosity in the Media to the point that the national TV has decided to present an one hour documentary in order to show the whole nation what we are doing as a church.

2° Campus ministry

Despite several attempts by Satan to destabilize the Campus in the country by various means such as null year, violent clashes, absence of scholarship, economic problems etc., the Campus students of the Abidjan church are committed and determined to preach the Gospel on Campus. They have attained and gone beyond 500 members on the Campus, for a church that counts over 2000 members, hence representing a quarter of the church.

3° Baptisms

Due to the troubles caused by the social-political situation in the Ivory Coast life is very difficult for the residents. Despite all the difficulties faced, the church in Abidjan baptized forty three people (43) during the month of August 2006.

4° Academically

The church continues to be a haven of excellence with almost 85 % of success academically.

5° Sisters' ministry

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he sisters of the Abidjan Church of Christ set up a spiritual retreat in order to have a special encounter with God. They withdrew themselves from Abidjan and for three (03) days, they fasted, prayed and worshiped God. The theme of the retreat was “**Train yourself to be godly**” (1 Timothy 4: 7-8). All the sermons delivered during the retreat were compiled in a handbook.

6° VPC (Vie Pour Christ) “Life For Christ (LFC)”

VPC is a preteen and teens’ program. An 8 day holiday camp was set and 50 children (10 to 18 years old) participated.

7° The Gospel is preached in war raged countries

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has been raged by war since almost ten (10) years making life very difficult for the residents. The church in DRC has suffered seriously the consequences of this war. The disciples hardly have one meal a day. They are obliged to walk many kilometres to get to church. Nevertheless, despite their precarious situation, the Kinshasa Church of Christ is still growing and counts today over six hundred (600) members.

8° Marvellous deeds of God in a Moslem country

The Bamako Church of Christ is in Mali, a Moslem country. On the occasion of their tenth (10th) anniversary, the sixteen (16) disciples had an attendance of 142 people. To God be the glory!