



# White Fields In Ivory Coast, Africa



Kouame Adjoumani and the African Christians remain very faithful, they are growing in Christ and they are depending on God. The coup that is now several years old has prevented me from returning to the Ivory Coast.:

1. One of the first acts of the rebels was to release prisoners from their prisons, arm them with assault rifles and use them in their "army". Although hostilities have ceased and many of the rebels have gone home, armed gangs still roam the countryside, especially in remote areas (primarily in the north-central and western side of the country). They are active in some of the areas where we have churches.
2. There are riots or threats of riots near every election season, and the Ivory Coast has been promising elections for nearly two years now. I have been waiting for the calm after an election to return.

God has used this time to mature the believers. They have had to depend on the Lord and on one another, rather than looking to Americans for regular guidance. Since the goat program was fully implemented, they have trusted God for the supply of their financial needs rather than turning to American Christians. Through the generosity of a handful of regular supporters, Kouame has been paid a salary monthly that allows him to travel and train leaders and guide the churches. He has been building a fund to purchase a vehicle (when the time is right-that time is nearing. The facts are: price-with government teachers missing pay regularly for the last year, the used car market is becoming a buyers market- and Mr. . Adjoumani's ability to procure a loan for about 30-40% of the vehicle price). Kouame has arranged the service of a Christian mechanic to maintain his car. Travel to outlying areas has become very sporadic; the vehicle will allow greater ministry coverage.

The prison ministry in Oume has been re-opened, with prisoners coming to Christ, and local Christians finding innovative ways to encourage them. The church members have also started a literacy program using the New Testament in various tribal languages as the text. They are reaching new people for Christ in this way. Kouame Adjoumani is a much sought after speaker.. Leaders from many Christian groups are in dialogue with him. The Africans are very interested in the principles of the Restoration Movement.

Things are going quite well. Our African Christian family needs your prayers. They can use some finances to help purchase New Testaments in local dialects.

For Jesus' Sake,  
Tom & Laura Mullenix

## Immersion in 2009



**5,027 have been immersed into Christ during 2009. White Fields world wide ministries now assists 310 native evangelists in 33 different nations. These evangelists, along with our American and Australian team members, report 5,027 souls immersed into Christ for the remission of sins in January thru June. It is a great victory and we give all praise to God. Thank God for His victory and for the souls won to Christ through the power of His gospel.**



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# 68 Souls Converted To Christ In Cuba!



Ever since 1996 when Reggie and Esther made the first historic trip to Cuba to establish the Christian Church in that nation, someone has made a trip every 3 months to teach the Preachers and Leaders of the present "secret house churches" the word of God. In answer to your prayers Evangelists: Boyce Mouton, John Bliffen, Jack Bliffen, Lydia Abbott, and Reggie Thomas traveled safely to Cuba in July and completed our mission. We carried with us 3 of Joe Garman's portable baptisteries. God enabled us to get all 3 into the nation and into the hands of the Christians without any problems. We also used the baptisteries while there to baptize 6 precious souls.

We were also able to take 2 projectors and 2 sets of the Jule Miller filmstrip series into the country without problems. The Christian Churches of Cuba will immediately begin using these as a precious evangelistic tool to win more to Christ.

We were able to successfully teach the Preachers of Cuba in a Preacher's seminar. 17 attending in Havana, 13 in Guinness, and 2 plus all church members in San Antonio.

The Christian Churches of Cuba reported 62 souls baptized into Christ during April, May, and June of this year. We praise God for the faithfulness of all Christians during these times of great difficulty. We praise God for the safe return of all of us. Lydia Abbott who chose to remain for a time is enjoying a new mission in Cuba, that of working with Young People. Quite a number of children and older youth are now attending and Lydia has a special appeal to the youth. Pray for her as she continues in her mission.



We were able to make further progress with our plans of having a permanent Bible Institute in Cuba. Dr. Blythe Robinson is heading up this project. Dr. Robinson will be going to Cuba very soon to work further with the Preachers in the Bible Institute. More news on this later.





## Boyce Mouton Gives His Views On Cuba



(Boyce is the minister of the Christian Church in Carl Junction, Mo. and a wonderful friend of White Fields)

### FRUSTRATION

At one time it was a luxury hotel. It is 20 stories tall with windows facing the sea. It was built in 1957, 2 years before the revolution. At that time, however, the country was run by a right wing dictator. He was known as "el Carnicero", which means "the butcher".

We entered the lobby and found the reception desk. The lady behind the counter was reluctant to make eye contact.

Every phone call and every Spanish speaking customer was given priority.

Finally, we were given keys to room #1103. One of the elevators did not work and the one that did had so many number lights that didn't work it was difficult to tell at which floor the elevator stopped.

The carpet, like the street outside, was full of holes and needed repair. The hallway was hot, but we had hopes that at best our room would have air conditioning. Our hopes were dashed when we opened the door. The room was like an oven. Now we could see that not only did the carpet need repairing, but also the drapes.

The nicest person to us in the entire hotel was the chamber maid. For 14 years she had taught English at the University, and now for some inexplicable reason had been demoted to a life of manual labor.

I told her how disappointed we were with the service. I explained, as best I could, that she was the main person in the entire hotel who consistently treated us with courtesy and respect. When we were sick, she even called a nurse to help us. She even tried to find us a fan to help with the oppressive heat. Rather reluctantly, she tried to explain the behavior of her people. She said, "After all these years..." After searching for the right word, said "frustrated!"

This is the 50th anniversary of the revolution. The people had made great sacrifice for hope and change. One great key to their utopian dreams was the redistribution of wealth. The government confiscated both money & property. Investors, both foreign and domestic, suffered the loss of everything when the government nationalized their businesses.

Yes! Perhaps "frustration" is the right word. It may not fully explain the wide range of emotions that cover the entire country, but at least it is a start in the right direction.



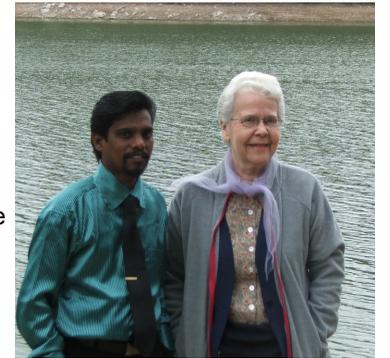
## Evangelist Ezra Gnanaraj Reports From India 128 Souls Saved

The Lord be magnified

Dear Grandpa Reggie Thomas in Christ.

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the last 5 months after you returned home I was travelling to different places. The good news is that Lord has opened doors in new places. I have now started to work in Kerala in a place called Munnar it is situated in hills like Ooty. And I also started works in Andhra Pradesh in different location.

We have celebrated the Beulah Christian Church's 75th anniversary by conducting three days meeting and through that meeting we have won 24 souls. And through the works of all preachers we have won 128 souls up to this month. In Ooty last month 16 persons baptized. Thank God for these precious souls. This has been only through your prayer's and support. We all gathered give our heartiest thanks to you and to the brothers and sisters who helped us to win souls for Lord Jesus Christ. Each and every preacher is working very hard and truthful to Lord and in his works and also truthful to you all, who supports them.



Dear Grandpa I have ready to send this on Saturday. But a young boy of 18 years who is our church member accidentally drowned in a small pond in a village while he is trying to swim and play with his school friend and he died immediately there. We got a call and immediately at the morning we rushed to the place where the family live. And we comforted them and we have to stay there until the funeral service. The boy's mother is already a widow lived with three sons now lost his little son. It is very sorrow to us to see the situation. So we helped our possible to comfort them and to help them.

I'll never forget your love and never leave from you. You are always near my heart and thoughts. Please give my greetings to Grandma Esther Thomas and give my loving kisses to her.

Please pray for the new places Lord has given to me to work. There is no free days to me because I am travelling many new places and preaching the Gospel. Lord is using me more. Please pray for my safe travels and for my strength.

In Christian love your little Grandson seeks your love, mercy and encouragement from you. I know it is for ever to me.

I love you so much Grandpa.

With Love, thanks and prayers,

Yours Loving Grandson in Lord Jesus Christ  
D.J. EZRA GNANARAJ



### White Fields Will Attempt Planting New Church In Mauritius



We need many Prayer Partners to pray earnestly about a thrilling development. While J.D. Miller, Director of Development for White Fields, was in China he met a brother from Mauritius. This is one of the unreached nations populated by a large number of Muslims and Hindus. OPERATION WORLD describes Mauritius as A



FORGOTTEN MISSIONARY FIELD! . J.D. began a thrilling exchange of letters with this brother. The result is that this brother invited J.D. to come and agreed to work with White Fields to establish the Lord's church in the nation..

So J.D. approached Boyce Mouton about going with him and Boyce agreed to go!!!! I know we all shout with rejoicing our praises to God for this positive development. J.D. and Boyce will go in August to Mauritius. I want to request that we all join together in fervent prayer that they will succeed in making the arrangements to start the undenominational New Testament Church in Mauritius.

#### The cost of Following Gods Call to The Uttermost Parts of The World

Here is a news article about Chris Leggett, a Christian American who was killed in the country of Mauritania on June 23, 2009, purportedly for trying to convert Muslims to Christianity." He leaves behind a wife and four children, ages 8 to 15 of Cleveland, TN.

In addition to praying for his family, we should pray for the country of Mauritania in northwest Africa where the Leggett family has lived for several years. Operation World reports on the need for Gospel witness in this country with only about 2,000 known Christians: A popular Cleveland native, Christopher Ervin (Chris) Leggett, was shot and killed Tuesday morning, June 23, 2009, in the West African nation of Mauritania as he resisted an attempt by two men to kidnap him, according to reports from Nouakchott. Leggett, 39, had been living in Mauritania for six years as he did humanitarian work while teaching at a school specializing in computer science in El Kasr, a lower-class neighborhood in Nouakchott, the country's capital.

"Our family is deeply comforted by the outpouring of love and support we are receiving in this very difficult time, Chris's father, said this morning. His mother and I are grateful for the many expressions of concern and for your prayers. It is because of God's grace and the encouragement of friends that we can face the loss of our beloved son."

#### PRAY EARNESTLY AND PRAY DAILY FOR J.D. MILLER AND BOYCE MOUTON

They will leave the US on August 16 bound for Mauritius which is located east of South Africa and east of Madagascar in the south Indian Ocean. Pray that they will be successful in laying the groundwork for a truly undenominational Christian Church to be established in this unreached nation.



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Every year, like the hotel, the physical condition of the country grows a little worse. There are more pot holes in the streets, more leaks in the roof, and more paint peeling off the walls. No wonder there is frustration. Like a cut flower, the passing of time only diminishes the beauty.

In order to keep ambitious people from getting rich, the government has set salary caps for everyone. A pharmacist friend, for example, makes \$15 a month for 40 hours of work. Doctors make a little bit more. Now there is no great disparity between the rich and the poor, now everyone is poor! No wonder the people are frustrated.

Those who visit from other countries own air conditioned houses and have air conditioned cars. They can own a computer, play golf, and take vacations abroad. How frustrating it must be to have nothing?

Perhaps, however, there are some positive spiritual benefits to their frustration.

This world is not our home. We are only strangers and pilgrims here. Jesus promised special blessings for those who hungered and special warnings for those who are full. Jesus once said that unless a man renounced all that he had, he could not be His disciple. This is obviously much more difficult for those who have great possessions.

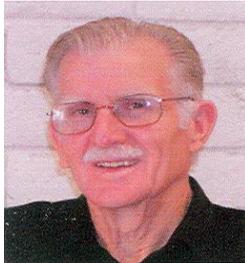
Throughout the history of the world there has always been a steady parade of pilgrims searching for a better life. These frustrated individuals cross oceans of water and deserts of sand in search of



fulfillment. As the poet said, however, these paths of glory only lead to the grave, This, of course, is the ultimate frustration. Our hard earned wealth will ultimately be left to another.

The cure for this frustration is found in Christ. Paul put it beautifully when he gladly renounced all earthly treasures and titles that he might know Christ.

He exchanged the ultimate frustration for the ultimate fulfillment.

**Doug Willis ~ Blessings Abound In India ~ 1,000 Baptized**

Two Americans, Tim Guerino and Leonard Stone and two Australians, Phillip McDonald and I joined forces to preach and teach in South India from 6-20 July. From the first night God's hand was very evident. As a result of four village gospel meetings, 42 souls confessed faith in Christ, including one older man who had been a Hindu priest.

We have seen much poverty and suffering, as the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. We have heard heart-breaking stories of hardships and persecution. We have listened as a brother, with tears in his eyes, told how his father was tied to a post, beaten and stoned for preaching the gospel in a Hindu village.

Occasionally I am tempted to just sit at home in luxury and safety, thinking only of myself and my family, my finances and my physical comforts. But then I think of the countless multitudes that are perishing without Christ. I also think about what I will say on that day when I stand before Christ and give an account of how I used my time, talents and treasures. Please pray that I will continue faithful to my calling.

On 9th July I preached in a thatched-roof chapel little more than 4m x 2m, packed with 40 people sitting on the floor. They have extra land, but no means to extend their building. I was told that many more would come if they had room. With \$3,500 we can construct a good village chapel.

One evening a preacher who had heard of my coming to India, travelled 550 km to take me to his home and churches where he had meetings arranged. The amazing thing to us was the fact that I had planned to be in another area, but on arriving in India I was pressed to change my plans. I reluctantly agreed!

On arrival at the new location, we were given a choice of staying in a room nearby, or a hotel in the city. We opted for the hotel in the city of some five million people. Since we ourselves had no idea we would be in this city, nor where we would stay, it was all the more amazing that a brother we had never met or heard of arrived on our doorstep just a couple of hours after we had. Maybe the Lord used a mutual contact and mobile phones for us to connect, but the brother himself was not able to fully explain how it all unfolded.

My mind went back to Acts 10, when Cornelius sent men to find Peter and bring him to preach to him and those present. I also thought of the occasion when Greeks came to Philip and Andrew asking 'Sir, we would see Jesus!' It was a very moving and humbling experience. With over a billion people in India and possibly 97% or more going to a Christ less grave, I am reminded of the words of Ezekiel 'If we do not warn them, they will go to hell, but God will require their blood at our hands.'

One of our leaders in South India has been asking me for three years to go with him to Vizag, this very same city 550 km north, to teach and preach. Another preacher with a large ministry in the same city 'out of the blue' has been asking Richard Pearce, minister of the Caloundra Church of Christ, to come and teach the 250 preachers that work with him, about the doctrines of the church of Christ. Because Richard asked me to survey the situation, if I had the opportunity to go there, I perceived that the Lord was calling me to go. We need more preachers willing to go and more supporters willing to send us. Please pray for this opportunity to teach, possibly some 1,000 preachers the doctrines and practices of the New Testament church.

On 16th July I flew into Visakhapatnam, (Visag) in the state of Andhra Pradesh. I was met by Dr Theodore Wesley, founder and director of Prayer Mount, a 24-hour 7/12 prayer vigil Centre I gave an exposition from Proverbs 16 to those present, which also included some 12 teenage girls from the Home of Hope I was

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invited to come back in 2010 and conduct a preachers' seminar for 250-plus preachers Then I was driven to Tuni. After teaching on the New Testament order, another similar invitation was extended Both leaders requested our Christ's Evangelical Foundation Bible College courses to train their preachers in New Testament doctrine The minister's wife was anxious to get out on her daily house visitation, to minister to members and help conserve the new converts (such commitment to follow-up is very commendable) The following day I was driven 1.5 hours inland, where extremely gracious hospitality was extended A well attended service saw several enquiries and requests for baptism. It was a humbling experience to be in the presence of preachers who had been tied up, beaten and stoned Following further Bible teaching, I was requested to return and teach all the preachers in the district about the deeper New Testament teachings on the purpose of the Lord's Day gathering At 6.00 pm I was on a bus headed for the rail junction to catch a train to Chennai at 1.30 am. We arrived at 3.00 am. I had to wait for the next train, which left at 6.00 am arriving in Chennai at 1.30 pm, just in time for me to be driven to Orakkadu for the afternoon seminar session. 18th July - once again the power of God was evident as the four of us preached Christ in the villages. All criticism, rumors, false accusations and our own doubts were dispelled as we went into entirely Hindu villages and preached the old, old story to spellbound audiences seated on the dirt road. The look of wonderment in their eyes was amazing, as we told of God's provision for sin, something they have been unsuccessfully searching for all their lives (often between 10-40 persons will eagerly confess faith in Christ and request baptism). One is reminded of New Testament days, when 'many Corinthians on hearing, believed and were baptized' Acts 18:8.

One evangelist, after a two-hour drive, arrived in a village where a national worker had been sowing the seed and preparing the soil for five months. He was amazed to hear the village president use the idol temple's loud speakers to tell everyone to come and listen to the preacher talk about Jesus, salvation and baptism. There, in front of the Hindu temple and idols, he preached the simply gospel message to a large crowd (several came from surrounding villages) and saw over 250 people confess faith and request baptism at the close of the meeting. What a mighty, merciful God we serve!

In another district **Satan has been stirred up from losing so many souls to Christ.** We were reported and brought before the District Inspector of Police and warned to stop preaching and leave the district, or he would cancel our visas and see to it that we would not be allowed back into India. We left quietly, *perceiving* the Lord had called us to other *fields ripe unto harvest.* We continued preaching the following day in another district.

Daily we moved into new areas, especially during the second week, where we conducted preachers' seminars during the day and village gospel meetings in the evening. We believed the effort and expense would all be worth it, for just one soul. However, during these two weeks the national workers reported **over 1,000 souls being baptized into Christ.** The numbers attending the seminars ranged from 50-80. May the Lord, who said He would not give His glory to another, be greatly magnified.

Some Statistics:

In two weeks we preached in 50 villages and locations

**Over 1,000 people were baptized** - an average of 20 souls per village

Total on-field expenses for the four of us was \$AU4,980 or \$US4,034 - thus an average of \$AU4.98 or **\$US4.00 was outlaid for each soul baptized into Christ.** When you add our four international fares to these figures the outlay for one baptized soul is still only around \$12

Eight Preacher Seminars were conducted