

## Prayer points for the Nigeria ACU (Africa Christian University) Project:

I am writing this month's prayer letter from Imala, in the middle of a whirlwind two-week trip. As I was preparing for this trip, I felt God wanted me to share with my team what He was teaching me regarding the cloud and the fire, the way He led Israel and the implications on how we should live. I see two significant principles we can learn from the cloud and fire:

1. We know we are going to the promised land but not the path or timing, we must trust God to direct.
2. We must be ready to move when the Lord moves, and not move before He leads us to move.

Please pray that the project team lives by these principles and specifically that we work to ensure we are ready to move when God moves and that we wait on His timing, not moving ahead of Him.

I am attaching two pictures. The picture on the left is the current state of the training center; we hope to get the roof on next week and have the lab operational in the next four to six weeks. The picture on the right is one of our partners next to our new security fence surrounding the garri plant.

### PRAISE ITEMS:

- ACU foundational activities:
  - Construction of training center ongoing – walls up!
  - Good progress on development of Providence Academy training program and farm (pigs and garden).
- Planned community – 25k-acre Imala Project / Ext Sites:
  - Additional land gifts received including the top of the Mount of Transformation.
  - Cassava planting continues.
- Other Praise Items:
  - New additions to our amazing project team, faithful prayer warriors, and incredible partners.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Establish Africa Christian University (ACU consortium, Providence Academy, partner institution programs)
  - Ongoing development of Farmer and Media certificate programs, programs certified by STAR. Ready by Sept!
  - Continued progress on Providence Academy training farm (fruitful pigs & garden; addition of chickens).
  - Funding for Providence Academy training center and dormitory (additional \$125,000, one of our clouds)
- Develop planned community (securing the land, establishing the commercial foundation and initial city development)
  - Additional family sign-offs. Securing airstrip land. Government permitting (registration and or CoOs).
  - Continued farm progress (land clearing and cassava planting prep; goat farm expansion) – Government grants / loans.
  - Final commitment of hotel investor – payment of commitment fee deposit.
  - Peaceful interactions with the Fulani cattlemen. Peaceful possession of land in Mowe (prior site) - Jordan Estates plot sales.
- Imala community, Project Organizations and Other Items:
  - God's funding through kingdom-minded partners – fully facilitating pursuit of 2020 plan.
  - For expanding team (leaders, staff, volunteers). For wisdom & spiritual protection – that we serve & represent Christ well.

We are thankful for those joining us in prayer; we recognize, pursuant Ephesians 6:12, we are in a spiritual battle that can only be won through prayer! We ask especially that you pray for us on the 20th of each month, in recognition of the ACU project 2020 Master's Plans. Please particularly note underlined priority prayer points and praises.

Thanks for your prayers,

James Rose (CDF President, ACU Project Leader)

## ADDENDUM

ACU background and 2020 Master's Plan:

- ACU Vision and values statement were first developed in 2000 (documents and list of signatories can be found on the CDF website at <http://cdfafrica.org>). If interested in making a contribution or investing, please email us.
- 2020 STRATEGIES and Master's Plan, a phased approach (approved in 2014/15).
  - By 2020, begin building ACU within a planned community, one that attracts quality educators.
    - "Oxford Model" (group of semi-autonomous orgs) -- inter-denominational, shared facilities (e.g., auditorium)
    - Property secured and maintained leveraging large-scale agricultural project
  - Offer existing eLearning programs through church hubs.
    - Establish ACU mentoring program such that students "stand for a life-time".

See January prayer letter for the prayer requests for 2019.