

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

I am writing this month's prayer letter from Nigeria, after arriving a week ago. This is an exciting time for the project as we are busy preparing for the October 17 opening of our first accredited training program at our first purpose-built training facility. A picture of our training room is shown in the upper right of the photos.

The training farm is maturing. The first fruits are shown on the bottom row. We have raised and harvested our first chickens. We have also started harvesting (garden eggs in the front of the picture, corn in the background). The pigs are doing well now that we have addressed some health issues. The top left shows our new automatic cassava fryer.

Although the Academy is going well, the project is having significant challenges in other areas. As many of you are aware we have several business ventures facilitating the project. In the past few months we have had significant issues in each of our major businesses. Please join us as we pray for protection from the evil one's schemes; we know he is not happy with our progress and that our Lord is able!

We greatly appreciate your prayers. Please pray for my two-month stay, specifically for wisdom and direction. Pray also that Denise's visa comes through so she can join me in the coming weeks.



PRAISE ITEMS:

- ACU foundational activities:
 - Construction of training center. First fruits from the training farm.
 - Good progress on development of Providence Academy training program and identification of initial students.
- Planned community – 25k-acre Imala Project / Ext Sites:
 - Cassava planting and harvesting. Garri plant expansion.
- 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 in 4 weeks.
 - Completion of Training Center classroom and dorm room (interior, furnishing, utilities).
 - Funding for several projects (additional dormitory / housing, offices / classrooms), grants pending (see list on page 2)
- Develop planned community (securing the land, establishing the commercial foundation and initial city development)
 - Additional family signoffs. Securing airstrip land. Government permitting (registration and or CoOs).
 - Continued farm progress (land clearing and cassava planting prep; goat farm expansion) – Government grants / loans.
 - 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.
 - Success of facilitating businesses, protection from the evil one.
 - 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

Key Financial needs:

- Providence Academy: Building finishings: \$15k. Utilities: \$12k. Initial furnishings: \$10k. Scholarships: \$1k x 10 students.
- Capital Projects: Dormitory: \$75k. Missionary Housing (2 families): \$130k. Clinic / Training Facility: \$250k

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.